

Dialogue and Research

The OSCE Academy facilitates the dialogue between policy and scholarly communities through conferences and research. One of the major regular events is the yearly Seminar on Security in Central Asia, organized by the OSCE Academy in the partnership with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs and the Near East-South Asia Centre for Strategic Studies (National Defense University, USA). Based on invited papers and following the Chatham House rule, the three-day Seminar annually gathers international and regional experts for a policy-relevant discussion of Central Asian security.

The OSCE Academy jointly with the Geneva Center for Security Policy publishes Central Asia Security Policy Briefs.

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 **OSCE Academy**

OSCE Academy in Bishkek

OSCE Academy in Bishkek is a regional centre for post-graduate education, professional trainings, and research created in 2002 by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The OSCE Academy teaches an innovative curriculum that reflects the latest achievements in the fields of the international relations, political science, economic governance, security and regional studies and public policy.

In all its activities the OSCE Academy strives for the realization of the OSCE standards and principles towards strengthening of democracy, protection of human rights and the rule of law as well as the creation of an enabling environment for personal and professional freedom and development.

The Board of Trustees of the OSCE Academy includes representatives of five Central Asian countries, Germany, Finland, Canada, USA, the OSCE Center in Bishkek, the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat, and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP).

The Academy's Advisory Board includes the GCSP, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, the University of St. Andrews (UK) and the Danish Royal Defense College.



Graduate Education

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek has the following Masters degree programmes:

- Master of Arts in Politics and Security (Central Asia);
- Master of Arts in Economic Governance and Development.

Students are taught by leading academics, experts, and international professionals in politics, economic governance, international relations and development, security and international cooperation. The Programmes enroll university graduates from the Central Asian countries, Afghanistan and other OSCE Participating States.

The programmes are approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic. The MA in Politics and Security is 13 months and the MA in Economic Governance and Development is 15 months programme.

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek covers:

- Round trip travel expenses within Central Asia, plus additional expenses for international internships;
- Monthly stipend of EUR 180 per month;
- Housing allowance of EUR 95 for non-residents of Bishkek.

Professional Trainings

The OSCE Academy pays attention to regionally integrated continuous trainings for high and mid-ranking professionals from public administration, civil service, academic circles, NGO/NCOs and international organizations from all five Central Asian states and Afghanistan, who are encouraged to establish a regional network in their professional spheres. The OSCE Academy welcomes cooperation with interested institutions and individuals from Central Asia and beyond in developing practical and sustainable training projects in the fields of democratization, media, conflict prevention and human rights

The OSCE Academy runs the following professional trainings:

- Central Asian School of Contemporary Journalism aims to give professional journalists the tools and knowledge to produce quality material for print, radio, TV and online media and make news relevant to their Central Asian audience. The goal is to help journalists improve the quality of broadcasts and publications of the Central Asian media organizations.
- Conflict Sensitivity in Project Management Certificate Programme builds the professional capacity of public and non-profit organizations in design, implementation and evaluation of development projects where conflict and human rights sensitivity is required.
- Public Policy Analysis trainings are being conducted for civil servants and policy experts in Central Asia in applied analysis of public policy.

