



Central Asia Master Class



PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY

POZNAN, 10-19 MAY 2019



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## FOREWORD

*This Master Class is quite unique.*

*Of course, there have been such courses before on the topic of CA, but few are of this scale and engage aspiring CA specialists at MA and PhD directly. Likewise, few engage so many esteemed scholars during one event.*

*Therefore, from an organizational point of view, this Master Class has many moving parts, constantly shifting and turning, and that is why we would like the following people for helping us stabilize the mechanics and make our workflow lighter through their active engagement or support.*

*The first big 'Thank You' goes out to our EISCAS partners – many of which present in this Master Class – which have rattled their global networks to help us find some fantastic external experts to give lectures and illuminate some professional sectors beyond Academia.*

*Secondly, we express our gratitude to our own home-base. Different institutions and departments of AMU, all with a different focus on CA, have agreed to support this event by providing courses, advice and work spaces, where we can hold our classes.*

*In particular, we thank the Institute of Eastern Studies for hosting almost all classes, and the Faculty of Political Science & Journalism for letting us use their main auditorium. A special thanks to Professor Beata Halicka for devoting so much of her time to help out with the logistics and to Magda Boniec to joining the organizational fray in this last month.*





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*"For lust of knowing what should not be known,  
we take the Golden Road to Samarkand"*

*- James Elroy Flecker*

*Another thank you goes to all lecturers of this Master Class both from our consortium partners and those of AMU, as well as all experts from beyond, whose names are all in the program. Thank you for making the time in your busy schedules to elevate this Master Class to a top event.*

*My final expression of gratitude is to our students, not only those who are attending, but to all who applied. Without you and students like you, there is no future for Central Asia Studies. Our European landscape increasingly offers opportunities to specialize in CAS, but without the personal spark, the motivation to choose your first elective course on the topic, or the will to finalize a long application form even – the road remains a difficult one.*

*As organizers, we hope that this Master Class will show you the trodden path, provides you with maps and directions of what the future might bring after you graduate, and most of all, can confirm that the journey is worth undertaking.*

*The organizers,*

**Jeroen Van den Bosch**  
**Nune Srapyan**



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**FRIDAY 10 MAY**

Arrival day

**SATURDAY 11 MAY**

08:45  
10:15

Opening Ceremony                      venue: DS Jowita

10:15  
10:45

Travel to Morasko Campus  
venue: Historicum

11:00  
13:00

"Political parties and elections in Central Asia"  
by **Adrien Fauve** (Paris-Sud)

Lunch in Historicum (13:00-14:30)

14:30  
16:00

"Introduction to Kazakh: a guide to self-study"  
by **Henryk Jankowski** (AMU)

16:30  
17:30

"Think strategically of your career (based on  
insights of the Scopus Diaries)"  
by **Abel Polese** (Dublin City University)

Dinner in Historicum (18:00-19:00)

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Venue1: Dom Studencki Jowita UAM, Room B  
Address: ul. Zwierzyniecka 7, 60-813 Poznań

Venue 2: Collegium Historicum, Room 3.130  
Address: Umultowska 89d, 61-614 Poznań

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## SUNDAY 12 MAY

09:00 "Law and/in Central Asia: Discourse and Praxis  
11:00 across the Soviet collapse"  
by **Scott Newton** (SOAS)

11:15 "Classifying informal practices in the former  
13:15 Soviet space"  
"Shaping collective memory in the post-Soviet  
space"  
by **Abel Polese** (Dublin City University)

Lunch in Historicum (13:15-14:30)

14:30 "Migration in and from the Central Asian region"  
16:30 by **Bhavna Davé** (SOAS)

17:50 City walk in Poznan start at DS Jowita  
18:45

Dinner for students (19:00-21:00)

Restaurant: **W Bramie**

Address: Fredry 7, 61-701 Poznań

Dinner for staff (18:00-20:00)

Restaurant: **Papierówka**

Address: Zielona 8, 61-828 Poznań

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Venue: Collegium Historicum

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Classes: 3.130



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# MONDAY 13 MAY

09:00 "Fieldwork in Central Asia: Tips &  
11:00 Recommendations"  
by **Henryk Jankowski** (AMU)

11:15 "Tourism in Central Asia"  
13:00 by **Rafał Dymczyk** (AMU)

Lunch in Historicum (13:00-14:30)

14:30 Seminar 1 & 2 for students - part 1  
16:30

16:45 Seminar 1 & 2 for students - part 2  
17:30

Dinner in Historicum (18:00-19:00)

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Seminar 1: 3.130

Seminar 2: 3.19

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## TUESDAY 14 MAY

- 08:45 *Official Welcome by the Institute of Eastern Studies*
- 09:00 "Political economy and development of and in  
11:00 Central Asia"  
by **Luca Anceschi** (UGLA)

Lunch in Historicum (13:00-14:30)

11:15-13:00: Lectures by External Experts

"Digital Central Asia: Entry points for new career opportunities as the main regional donors change their development cooperation strategies"  
by **Yuri Misnikov**

"How to expand or complement your CA expertise in the area of election observation and reform assessment?"  
by **Dimash Alzhanov**

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Address: Umultowska 89d, 61-614 Poznań

Class & lectures: room 3.130

**OPEN EVENT**





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*Venue: Collegium Historicum (room 3.130)*

14:30-16:30: Round Table Discussion

### "How to thrive or survive as a Central Asia Scholar in the 21st Century?"

Panelists: *(alphabetically)*

- Abel Polese, Dublin City University – Republic of Ireland
- Adrien Fauve, University of Paris-Sud – France
- Bhavna Davé, SOAS, University of London – UK
- Bruno De Cordier, Universiteit Gent – Belgium
- Dimash Alzhanov, Legal Policy Research Centre – Kazakhstan
- Jeremy Smith, University of Eastern Finland – Finland
- Jeroen Van den Bosch, AMU – Poland
- Khalid Nadeem, Founder South Asia and Middle East Forum – UK
- Luca Anceschi, University of Glasgow – UK
- Scott Newton, SOAS, University of London – UK
- Slavomir Horak, Charles University in Prague – Czech Republic
- Stéphane Dudoignon, CNRS – France
- Yuri Misnikov, Senior advisor to European Commission  
(DG Justice and Consumers) – Belarus

17:00-17:40: Lecture by External Expert

"Culture of Islamic sainthood in former popular democracies"  
by **Stéphane Dudoignon** (CNRS)

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Festive dinner (19:00-21:00)

Restaurant: **Pod Niebieniem**

Address: Stary Rynek 64/65, 61-772 Poznań



## WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

11:00-13:00: Lectures by External Experts

"Impact of the Afghanistan Conflict on Central Asia"  
by **Khalid Nadeem** (South Asia and Middle East Forum)

"Police reform in Kazakhstan: A comparative analysis of police reform in post-Soviet countries (Georgia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan)"  
by **Dimash Alzhanov** (Legal Policy Research Centre)

"Research community building through the case of Wikistan"  
by **Stéphane Dudoignon** (CNRS)

Lunch Break (13:00-14:30)  
*(For Master Class participants, lunch in Historicum)*

14:30: *Official welcome by Vice-Rector **Ryszard Naskręcki***

14:40-16:00: Lectures by External Experts

"Career guidance for Political Science Students  
by **Khalid Nadeem** (South Asia and Middle East Forum)"

"Becoming an expert for Central Asia in the changing world? Key lessons learned on how to stay both relevant and competitive."  
by **Yuri Misnikov**, Senior advisor to European Commission

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Venue: Faculty of Political Science & Journalism

Address: Umultowska 89a, 61-614 Poznań

Room Aula

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*Venue: Faculty of Political Science & Journalism (room Aula)*

16:00-17:00: Round Table Discussion

### **"The Rise and Fall of Central Asia Studies – How relevant is Central Asia today?"**

Panelists: *(alphabetically)*

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- Adrien Fauve, University of Paris-Sud – France
- Bhavna Davé, SOAS, University of London – UK
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Dinner in Historicum (18:00-19:00)

*(For Master Class students)*

Dinner for staff (19:00-21:00)

Restaurant: Rynek 95

Address: Stary Rynek 95, 61-773 Poznań

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## THURSDAY 16 MAY

10:00            EXCURSION start at DS Jowita

10:40            Visit to ICHOT, the modern, interactive  
                     museum on the origins of the Polish state

Lunch in Historicum (13:00-14:30)

14:30            Seminar 3 & 4 for students - part 1  
16:30

16:45            Seminar 3 & 4 for students - part 2  
17:30

Dinner in Historicum (18:00-19:00)

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### *ICHOT "Brama Poznania"*

Address: Gdańska 2, 61-123 Poznań

Venue: Collegium Historicum

Address: Umultowska 89d, 61-614 Poznań

Seminar 3:    3.130

Seminar 4:    3.19



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### FRIDAY 17 MAY

09:00 "History and evolution of geopolitics toward  
11:00 Central Asia"  
by **Slavomír Horák** (CUND)

11:15 "Ethnicity, class and clan politics"  
13:15 by **Jeremy Smith** (UEF)

Lunch in Historicum (13:15-14:30)

14:30 "Everyday Islam, shamanism and healing in  
16:00 Central Asia "  
by **Danuta Penkala-Gawęcka** (AMU)

16:30 "Feedback by students"  
17:30 with **Jeroen Van den Bosch** (AMU)

Dinner in Historicum (18:00-19:00)

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## SATURDAY 18 MAY

09:00 "New Silk Utopia: Spatial transformation of  
11:00 Central Asia from "subsistence zone" to "space of  
development"  
by **Ivan Peshkov** (AMU)

11:15 "The imprints of an ideological empire:  
13:15 Dynamics and actors in the islamization of  
Central Asia"  
by **Bruno De Cordier** (UGent)

Lunch in Historicum (13:15-14:30)

14:30 "Final evaluation by students"  
16:30 with **Jeroen Van den Bosch** (AMU)

Goodbye dinner (19:00-21:00)  
Restaurant: **Pod Niebieniem**  
Address: Stary Rynek 64/65, 61-772 Poznań

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## SUNDAY 19 MAY

Departure day



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**Abel Polese** is a Senior Research Fellow with DCU Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction. He has been a Marie Curie Fellow at the Technical University of Dresden, Germany (2006-2008) and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (2008-2011). In 2012-2013 he worked as a policy analyst for the European Commission (DG Research).

In the past seven years, Abel has been awarded funding for nearly 10 million euro and has worked as a consultant for the governmental and non profit sector in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

He is a member of the Global Young Academy, gathering scholars from around the world active in research policy and dialogue with non-academic institutions and he is co-editor of STSS, an open access journal indexed in SCOPUS focusing on governance and social issues the non-Western world.

**Adrien Fauve** is Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations at Paris-Sud University. Previously, he was a post-doctoral fellow at CNRS (2016-2017) and within Bruno Latour's FORCCAST project on active learning (2013-2016). For seven years, he has coordinated the Central Asia seminar series at CERI-Sciences Po with Karlygash Abiyeva, Olga Spaiser, Bayram Balci and Olivier Ferrando (2010-2017). He visited several universities, notably College of Europe (Belgium), Babes-Bolyai (Romania) and Tartu (Estonia).

His research focuses on political sociology and international relations, with fieldworks in Central Asia. Recent publications include articles in the Nationalities Papers, Central Asian Survey and Revue d'Etudes Comparatives Est-Ouest.

**Bhavna Davé** (PhD in Political Science from Syracuse University, NY) is Senior Lecturer in Central Asian Politics in the Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS, University of London. She is the author of the book *Kazakhstan:*

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*Ethnicity, Language and Power* (Routledge: London, 2007). She is editor of *Modern Central Asia* (London: Routledge, 2009), a four-volume reference collection which is part of Routledge's series on *Critical Issues in Modern Politics*. She has published works on issues of language and ethnic identities, minorities, elections and patronage in Kazakhstan, and EU-Central Asia relations, labour migration in Kazakhstan and Russia, the role of the Russian Far East in Russia's 'pivot to Asia' policy, social and security implications of China's Silk Road economic development initiative in Central Asia and India-Central Asia relations.

**Bruno De Cordier** is a professor at the Department of Conflict and Development Studies under the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of Ghent University. Before, he was working for the international humanitarian aid sector, mostly for specialized bodies of the UN, and partly in different countries of the former USSR. He wrote his PhD thesis on Islamic charities. Bruno De Cordier's thematic interests related to the Caspian-Central Asian space include social history, identity and social mobility, the social impact of globalization, the aid economy, and the social role and position of Islam, Christianity and of religious actors in general. He lived in Central Asia for several years. He also runs a course on humanitarian studies and policy, with an historical focus. Geographically, this line of his work focuses on humanitarian crisis areas in Africa, the Arab sphere, in migration crisis-affected parts of Mediterranean Europe, and in Donbass.

**Danuta Penkala-Gawęcka** works as an Associate Professor at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Adam Mickiewicz University. She received her PhD and Habilitation degrees in ethnology and cultural anthropology at the same University. She specializes in medical anthropology and Central Asian studies; her interests focus on contemporary medical pluralism, shamanism and Islam in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.



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*She conducted longitudinal anthropological research in Kazakhstan between 1995 and 2000, and in Kyrgyzstan between 2011 and 2013. Among her publications are books on transformations of traditional medicine in Afghanistan and on complementary medicine in Kazakhstan, as well as edited volumes on medical anthropology. Her articles appeared, among others, in “Central Asian Survey,” “Anthropology & Medicine” and “Curare.”*

**Dimash Alzhanov** holds an MA degree in Comparative Politics (Democracy stream) from the London School of Economics. He has broad experience in the areas of election observation and democratization (NDI Kazakhstan 2008 – 2012). Dimash is a co-founder of Legal Policy Research Centre, an independent research institute established by a group of lawyers and political analysts in April 2008. He has been working as an international observer (Political Analyst) with the OSCE/ODIHR since 2011. As a consultant and election expert, he was involved in the assessment and evaluation of the EU election reform project in Kyrgyzstan in 2017 – 2018 years. Currently, he leads an informal civic initiative “For the reform of MIA” (Ministry of Interior) aiming to establish depoliticized and accountable to the society police service in Kazakhstan.

*Currently, he is affiliated as a consultant/ election expert with the Legal Policy Research Centre in Almaty.*

**Henryk Jankowski** is a full professor at Department of Asian Studies, Adam Mickiewicz University, Chair of the specialization on Turkic Studies, teaches courses as introduction to Turkology, comparative grammar of Turkic languages, fieldwork in Turkology, Old Turkic and Old Uighur texts, monograph courses, and supervises MA dissertations. His study focuses on Turkish, Karaim, Kazakh and the literature of Lithuanian-Polish Tatars. He has authored over 150 publications, including books, articles, reviews and other papers.



**Ivan Peshkov** received his PhD degree in Development Studies from the Poznań University of Economics, Poland, and his MA in Economic History from the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland. He is currently a Head of the Center for Central Asian Studies (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland) . His current research focuses on post-soviet border system in Central Asia, memory work in border areas, frontier biopolitics and investigates the main economic and historical processes that characterize the area.

**Jeremy Smith** is Professor of Russian History and Politics. His previous work has focussed on the situation of non-Russian nationalities in the Soviet Union from the Russian Revolution through to the collapse of the USSR. This work culminated in the monograph *Red Nations: The Nationalities Experience in and after the USSR* (Cambridge University Press, 2012). His current research focus is on the end of the Soviet Union and its aftermath, recent and contemporary issues of relations between the post-Soviet states, the organisation of post-Soviet space, borders, and trajectories of post-Soviet national development. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Congress for Central and East European Studies.

**Jeroen Van den Bosch** is the coordinator of EISCAS. He studied Area Studies (Slavonic Studies) and Political Science (International Relations) at the Catholic University in Leuven, graduating cum laude in 2008 and 2010 respectively. During this time, he studied in Odessa, Irkutsk (IGLU, Russian Federation), Cracow (Jagiellonian University), Moscow (Pushkin Institute) and Pożnan (Adam Mickiewicz University – AMU).

At AMU he obtained his PhD in 2018 on the topic of “Personalist Rule in Sub Saharan Africa. The Impact of Personalism on Regime Transitions after the Cold War” while also teaching on Central Asian and African politics, and doing research in Georgia, Kenya and Ukraine. He was editor-in-chief of the political science journal:





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*“R/evolutions: Global Trends & Regional Issues.” He works on dictatorships, personalist Rule, autocracy promotion and regime transitions.*

**Khalid Nadeem** *is the owner of South Asia & Middle East Forum. He founded the Forum in 1999, and it has become well known for its work on areas like Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel-Palestine and Indo-Pakistan relations, focusing on conflict issues and humanitarian issues. He has been Chairman of the forum since its inception. He has been trained as a lawyer, and has a background in property and finance.*

**Luca Anceschi** *teaches Central Asian Studies at the University of Glasgow, where he also co-edits Europe-Asia Studies, the world’s most established academic journal for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Educated in Napoli and Melbourne, Luca is the author of Turkmenistan’s foreign policy - Positive Neutrality and the Consolidation of the Turkmen regime (Routledge, 2009) and is currently completing a research monograph on the role of Eurasianism in the making of Kazakhstan’s foreign policy. His articles have been published on Europe-Asia Studies, Demokratizatsiya, Nationalities Papers and Central Asian Survey. Before joining the University of Glasgow, Luca lectured in International Relations at LaTrobe University in Melbourne, where, between 2012 and 2013, he held a Discovery Early Career Fellowship awarded by the Australian Research Council.*

**Nune Srapyan** *is a member of the coordinating team of EISCAS. Nune graduated from Yerevan State Linguistic University after V. Bryusov (Armenia), at the faculty of Russian language and literature and Foreign languages (English) in 2008 (BA). She studied Linguistics, Comparative typology at the same University, obtaining her Master’s degree in 2010.*

*Nune worked at Yerevan Northern University as an International projects coordinator (2011-2015), and participated in different trainings, conferences, staff exchange programs at more*

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*than 10 European Universities. She did research at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan within Erasmus-Mundus (2015-2017), Young scientists' program of Polish Government (2017-2018), Thesaurus Polonia program of International Cultural Center in Krakow.*

*Currently she is a junior PhD student at AMU, at the Faculty of Polish and Classical Philology. The topic of research is "Old Armenian prints preserved at the libraries on the former territory of the Polish Commonwealth."*

**Rafał Dymczyk** *currently works at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Adam Mickiewicz University. Rafał does research in Abrahamic Religions, World Literatures and History of Religion and Cultural Tourism. Researcher and specialist on the Holy Mount Athos. Author of 'The Women of Holy Mount Athos'. The most recent publication is 'Święty Tryfon w kulturze Słowian'. He teaches various related subjects in Polish and English to international students of AMU. He is a Visiting Professor of several universities in China, the Philippines, Uzbekistan, Bulgaria, Belarus and Ukraine.*

**Scott Newton** *is a professor of Law at SOAS, University of London. He is Chair of the SOAS Center of Contemporary Central Asia & the Caucasus.*

*Scott works on Post-Soviet law and legal/institutional reform in Central Asia and CIS; law and development (markets and globalisation in developing and transitional states); law, governance and post-conflict reconstruction; human rights. He is author of The Constitutional Systems of the Independent Central Asian States (Bloomsbury 2017).*

**Slavomír Horák** *is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Russian and East European Studies of the Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. His research covers political, social and economic issues*



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*in former USSR, with a focus on Central Asia, particularly on Turkmenistan's domestic issues, especially informal politics and state- and nation-building. He is the author of several books on Central Asian and Afghanistan internal development as well as numerous articles published in Czech, Russian and English scholarly journals.*

**Stéphane A. Dudoignon** *is a former fellow of the Universities of Tokyo (1998-2000), Amsterdam (2009-12), Stanford (2010-11) and Heidelberg (2015), S. A. Dudoignon works since 2000 at CNRS, currently as a Research Professor. Since 2017, he coordinates the Tribes & Scribes collaborative research, on the tribal and religious phenomena in the Middle East and Central Asia, since the early twentieth century; since 2018, the Wikistan e-platform of Central Eurasian studies. His research work deals with the history of intermediary bodies in the south of the USSR and in the Middle East since the early twentieth century, and with the role of Islam in the political structuration of geographically and socio-economically marginal populations, within the nation states of the former USSR and of the Middle East (Tajik mountain dwellers of the higher Qarategin and Matcha Valleys, in Central Asia, Baluch of the Sarhadd Plateau, Kurds of the uplands of the Kermanshah Region, Shahsevan of the Magi Steppe, in Iran). He translates into French modern and contemporary Russian, Iranian, Central Asian and Caucasian literatures.*

**Yuri Misnikov** *is a qualified expert in broad areas of democratic and digital governance, with over 20 years of internationally, professionally and geographically diverse experience, especially in Eastern / South-East Europe, Central Asia, and the South Caucasus. Formerly, the staff member of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in which capacity served as Deputy Head of UNDP mission in Kyrgyzstan (based in Bishkek) and a Regional ICT Policy Advisory based in Slovakia (based in*

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*Bratislava). Undertook numerous consultancy missions across Central Asia and other countries. Worked as an UNDESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs) expert to develop citizen participation strategies and tools. Has been providing, since 2003, expert services to the European Commission on ICT research and innovation. Over the past several years has been playing a key role shaping the EU policies in the six Eastern Partnership countries to harmonize their digital markets with those in the EU by leading the harmonization studies in electronic governance. National of Belarus. Holds a PhD degree in new media and communications from the University of Leeds, UK. Visiting Associate Professor of the Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania. Member of the EMY Consortium to to implement an EU-sponsored project 'Empowerment of Mobile Youth in the EU. The main research interest is citizen- and media-driven political communication. Authored and co-authored academic papers on this and other subjects.*

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## ABOUT EISCAS

*Eurasian Insights: Strengthening Central Asian Studies in Europe is a European Erasmus plus project directed to teachers, students and experts working on Central Asian Studies (CAS) both from and beyond the EU. In order to identify and address the didactic needs of these target groups and improve the quality of CAS in Europe, the project acts in line with the following EU priorities for higher education:*

- *Open education and innovative practices in a digital era*
- *Developing skills – developing curricula relevant to the labor market and societal needs*
- *Supporting the transfer of latest research outputs back into education*

*The objectives of the project range from creating didactic materials, recommendations and organizing events, and their common aim is to improve the quality of teaching Central Asian Studies (CAS) by offering a comprehensive set of innovative didactic tools in an Open Access manner as well with tips and guidelines on how to use them. EISCAS will work toward strengthening the global position of CAS education in the EU.*

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