

DKU Annual Conference:

“Central Asia's Transformations: Politics, Economics, and Society”

Call for proposals

The Kazakh-German University in Almaty cordially invites esteemed scholars and researchers from diverse fields including regional studies, comparative politics, international relations, economics, history, sociology, anthropology, linguistics, and related disciplines to contribute to the upcoming DKU International Conference on "Central Asia's Transformations: Politics, Economics, and Society."

Conference Date: 6-8 September 2024

Location: Kazakh-German University, Almaty

About the Conference:

Central Asia stands at the crossroads of history, culture, and geopolitics, undergoing dynamic transformations that deeply impact its political, economic, and social landscapes. The DKU International Conference serves as a vital platform to engage in scholarly discourse, facilitating a nuanced understanding of these transformations. Our goal is to dissect the intricate interplay of regional dynamics amidst global trends and influences, offering insightful analyses and fostering dialogue on future trajectories.

Themes and Topics:

We invite submissions on the following themes, but not limited to:

- **Political Transformations:**
 - Democratization processes
 - Governance and state-building
 - Political ideologies and movements
 - Regional integration and cooperation
- **Economic Dynamics:**
 - Transition economies
 - Cooperation and geopolitics in the energy sector
 - Development of IT technologies, logistics and trade
 - Prospects and challenges of economic development in the region
- **Social Changes:**
 - Cultural identities and heritage
 - Gender dynamics

- Migration and mobility
- Social welfare and inequality
- **Security and Conflict:**
- Security challenges and responses
- Terrorism and extremism
- Transnational threats
- Conflict resolution and peacebuilding efforts

We welcome proposals for full panels, roundtables, and individual paper presentations that deal with these critical issues, offering diverse perspectives and innovative insights. Participants are encouraged to engage in interdisciplinary exchanges, fostering collaboration and enriching the discourse on Central Asia's transformations.

Submission Guidelines:

Panel and roundtable proposals should include a brief description of the theme, objectives, and proposed speakers.

Individual paper proposals should consist of an abstract (max. 300 words) outlining the research objectives, methodology, and key findings.

Submissions should be sent to conference@dku.kz with the subject line "Abstract Submission - Central Asia's Transformation Conference"

Proposals should be submitted by **30 June, 2024**.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by **15 July, 2024**.

The conference will consider abstracts in English, Russian, German and Kazakh (with English translation).

Important Dates:

DKU Conference: **6-8 September 2024**

Call for proposals opens: **10 Mai 2024**

Deadline for proposal submission: **30 June, 2024**

Acceptance notification: **15 July, 2024**

Conference registration opens: **22 July, 2024**

Preliminary program published: **12 August, 2024**

Registration closes: **26 August 2024**

Final conference program published: **30 August 2024**

Publication Opportunities:

Selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of Central Asian Affairs or an edited volume.

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Travel grants:

The conference organizers are able to provide a limited number of scholarships to cover travel and accommodation expenses of the selected participants for the duration of the conference.