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## TRAININGS

### 4-8 September 2006, Intensive Practical Training on Human Rights for Young Lawyers

This was a follow-up training for outstanding students from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Within the training agenda international human rights standards, judicial practice and legal ethics were examined via group work, case studies, moot court and analysis of legal documents. The Trainers were practicing lawyers, judges, and human rights activists with a strong professional background from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



### 25-29 September 2006, Journalism School on "Media and Democracy"

The OSCE Academy launched the Journalism School, consisting of four intensive training modules to be conducted between September 2006 and June 2007. In principle the Journalism School is a follow up to last years Media and Democracy Training although with a stronger emphasis on practical work. 24 journalists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are enrolled in this training program conducted by Mr. Andre Loersch, Swiss based consultancy network Media4Democracy and the Academy. The Journalism School focuses on standards in journalism and its exercise with



particular attention to the Central Asian countries.

### 9-20 October 2006, Regional Training on the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women, Central Asia

This is a second training course on equal status and human rights of women held in cooperation with Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden. Training brought together 24 participants from all five Central Asian countries. Regional and international experts discussed with participants central issues related to the situation of women and human rights in Central Asia. Moreover, this training gave another opportunity to share national experience on gender and equality issues. Participants were provided with basic human rights documentations.

### 6-9 November 2006, Conflict Prevention Training

Regional Conflict Prevention Training was conducted by Mr. Wilfried Graf and Ms. Gudrun Kramer from Institute of Integrative Conflict Transformation (IICP) to 15 representatives of state structures, international and non-governmental organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Programme included group



works, role games and presentations. Participants contributed to the training course identifying conflicts within their region and searched ways for reconciliation.

Graf and Kramer have mediated conflicts around the world, in regions as diverse as the Caucasus and Sri Lanka.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research finding of the project on Legal Aspects of the Border Management in

Central Asia was published in Russian in August 2006. Project aimed at analyzing existing border legislation and its effectiveness within regional countries. Electronic copy of the publication can be downloaded at [www.osce-academy.net](http://www.osce-academy.net).

OSCE Academy commenced another research project on Oral History of Civil War in Tajikistan on 5th July 2006. Experts from Tajikistan were attracted to contribute to the project. Later on 23-24 October 2006 a small workshop was conducted to set up the schedule of the project for 2007.

## MASTER PROGRAM

We are happy to inform that the Master Program 2005-2006 was concluded with 22 graduates on 30 June 2006. We believe that the OSCE Academy graduates will be of service in their field of interest and wish them all the best!



Master Program in Political Science 2006/2007 officially started on the 1st September 2006 after the Opening Ceremony. After exhausting interview and admission process the Academy selected 25 students from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Poland, Russia and Norway. New students were familiarized with the Study Regulations, Code of Conduct and other rules of the Academy, as well as, issues concerning health insurance, accommodation and personal safety.

It was decided to restructure the MA program in order to strengthen the political science element. Therefore classes on Political Theory, International Relations and Research Methods cover the main part of the curriculum in the first semester. Additionally, the OSCE Academy has invited two fellows, Dr. Claudia Attucci (Italy) and Dr. Connor Dilleen (Australia), for the Fall Semester to teach and supervise the students of the MA class. ➔

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## Curriculum

Autumn Semester started on September 4th 2006. Five continuous semester courses are offered in the Autumn Semester:

– **'Approaches and Issues in International Relations'** continuous course is conducted by the OSCE Academy fellow Dr. Connor Dilleen from Australia. Dr. Dilleen has a PhD in International Relations from the University of New South Wales, Australia. This course provides a broad overview of International Relations theories, and the actors and regimes that comprise the international system.

– **'Approaches and Issues in Political Theory'** course is lectured by Dr. Claudia Attucci, is an introductory course to Political Theory and aims to familiarize students with the main topics that animate debates in Political Theory. Dr. Claudia Attucci recently completed her PhD in Political Science at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.



– **'Academic Writing and Honesty'** class is conducted by the professional Academic Writing and English Language teacher Ms. Diana Biba. The main objectives of the course are to raise students' awareness of the style, form, and organizational structure of academic writing in English; to help them improve the quality of the essays and autonomously write within a chosen academic genre.

– **'Qualitative/Quantitative Research Methods'** course is a general introduction to research methods and covers three broad topics: the structure of social research, data collection, and data analysis. Ms. Mehriqul Ablezova, MA in Sociology, from the American University-Central Asia teaches this class.

– **'Contemporary History & Politics of Central Asia'** class is conducted by Dr. Alexander Knyazev, PhD in History. The course examines the development of the contemporary history of Central Asia.

– Between October 4th and 18th a special course on **'Effective Presentations'** was conducted by the independent trainer on innovative teaching methods and presentations Ms. Jamilya Suerkulova.

– Moreover, modular course on **'Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts'** was offered from October 23rd till November 2nd, 2006. The module was conducted by the long-term partners of the OSCE Academy Ms. Gudrun Kramer and Mr. Wilfried Graf from the Institute for Integrative Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, Austria.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek hosted **Professor Gregory Gleason**, the University of New Mexico on Wednesday, 20 September, 2006. Professor Gleason held seminar/discussion on "The theory of realism and the practice of American foreign policy". Professor Gleason have set out his observations about the American foreign policy differing from the other academicians, scholars and policy makers and gave brief overview on the theory of International Relations, concept of realism, security and energy issues of Central Asia. He also expressed the growing interest of USA in and transformation of its views and foreign policy towards the Central Asian region. You can find further information about **Professor Gleason** on <http://www.unm.edu/~gleason/>.



On 3 October 2006 students had an opportunity to meet with **Lord Roper**, Life Peer since 2000, and Professorial Fellow at the Institute for German Studies of the University of Birmingham. Lord Roper held a discussion with MA students on the co-operation between the European Union and Central Asian states.

**Mr. Miklos Haraszti**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media visited the

Academy on 20 October 2006. Mr. Haraszti delivered lecture on contemporary challenges for the freedom of media and its development in Central Asia.



**The German Foreign Minister, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier**, visited the OSCE Academy on November 4, 2006. During the discussion at the OSCE Academy, Dr. Steinmeier reflected on the European Union's foreign policy towards Central Asia and called for a stronger European engagement in the region. Dr. Steinmeier also underlined the significant role of the OSCE assisting Central Asia in the political, economic and social transition.



The German Foreign Minister responded to questions by students covering topics such as the current political development in Kyrgyzstan, the presidential election in Tajikistan and the question of Kazakhstan's bid for the OSCE chairmanship in 2009.

## New Deputy Director

On September 15 the OSCE Academy in co-operation with the OSCE Centre in Bishkek conducted the final interviews for the position of the Deputy Director of the Academy. The interview panel recommended Mr. Emilbek Juraev (Kyrgyzstan) for the position, which was accepted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the OSCE Academy in an electronic voting later in September. On 2 October 2006 new Deputy Director, Mr. Emilbek Juraev commenced his work at the OSCE Academy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Temirlan Moldogaziev for his great commitment to the OSCE Academy and wish him all the best in his future career!