

Master Program in Political Science (Central Asia) 2006/2007

The second semester of the Master Program in Political Science started on January 22 after a New Year break. In the second semester the Academy offers next to various modules elective seminars on issues in political theory and international relations. For the spring semester the Academy welcomed Dr. Vanessa Ruget (France/USA) to teach and conduct research at the Academy. On January 29, the first module on the OSCE has started with a historical introduction. In the OSCE module Dr. Sabine Machl, the OSCE Centre in Bishkek and Mr. Armands Pupols, the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna taught the Academy students on OSCE issues and developments.

Following the OSCE module, Dr. Nur Omarov (Kyrgyz Russian Slavonic University, Bishkek) lectured on "Global Security Issues" and Dr. Irina Zvyagelskaya (MGIMO, Moscow) on "New Threats and corresponding mechanisms and institutions for security in Central Asia". On 26 February Dr. Pal Dunay (SIPRI, Stockholm) started his module on "Peace & Security Challenges in Central Asia". Parallel to the module the four core seminars on issues in political theory and international relations continued.

On February 21 the OSCE Academy was happy to host a delegation of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Elisabeth Kornfeind, Ms. Ursula Fahringer and Ambassador Hannes Porias discussed with the present MA class recent development in Central Asia and the potential for a stronger co-operation with Europe.

On March 13 Members of German Parliament (Bundestag) visited the Academy. Ms. Marieluise Beck, Greens Party and Patrick Meinhardt, Free Democratic Party, have met with MA students to get acquainted with them and with the OSCE Academy activities. The Parliamentarians replied to a variety of questions prepared by students concerning EU strategy in Central Asia, difficulties encountered by German businessmen in implementation of their investment projects, and recent political changes in the region. The OSCE Academy students had chance to hear special opinions expressed by the representatives of different parties of Germany. The OSCE Academy would like to thank the Parliamentarians for their interest and provided time!

Application process for the Master Program in Political Science (Central Asia), academic year 2007-08 is approaching its deadline on April 15. You may find detailed information under www.osce-academy.net.

Trainings and Research Projects

Between January 17 and 20 the OSCE Academy in co-operation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights in Lund (Sweden) organized a follow-up training and evaluation in which 22 participants from all five Central Asian countries took part. Representatives of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and of the OSCE Academy discussed the future training design for the intensive Human Rights seminars at the Academy. The four days training was kindly financed by SIDA.

On March 16 Media and Democracy Training continued its program commenced in September 2006. Training program, as before, organized in cooperation with the Swiss based consultancy network Media4Democracy.

The planning for the first conference on the OSCE Academy's Project on Oral History of Independent Tajikistan continued throughout February. On March 2 the conference took place in Dushanbe, which was attended by Tajik academicians, social science researchers and officials.

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek aims to develop and expand international and scientific education and expert training within the region and to establish regional network of professionals and researchers.

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