

## News of the Master of Arts in Political Science program

During the fall semester, the MA program hosted two new visiting professors.

Dr. Dieter von Blarer, M-Law, Ombudsman of the Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland taught our two week module on Human Rights and International Law. Within the framework of the course, Dr. Blarer organized a round table "Human Rights in Central Asia". Ms. Natalya Seitmuratova, Human Rights Officer, from the OHCHR and Mr. Emil Kalmatov, local human rights activist participated in it and shared their expertise and experience with the OSCE Academy's students.



Dr. Daniel Herdevsiet, professor from the University of Oslo taught a short module on Psychological Obstacles to Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution.

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A group of MA and PhD students, headed by Dr. Rick Fawn from the University of St Andrews, Scotland has visited the OSCE Academy from 7-9 November, 2010 and organized the following joint events with the MA program of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek:

### 7 November: International Crisis Simulation Game.

The Game simulated an international crisis situation in Central Asia and Caucasus, focusing on the developments around the Northern Distribution Network (NDN) of non-lethal goods to Afghanistan. They simulated the major actors involved in the events in this area, including the regional governments, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, the Taliban, the United States, the United Nations, the NATO (ISAF), the OSCE, relevant regional states (China, India, Pakistan, Iran), the EU and individual European governments, Russia, and major media.



The participants of the Game were 21 students from the OSCE Academy in Bishkek and 9 students from the Middle East and Central Asian Security

Studies programme of the University of St Andrews, UK. The Game was a success, which gave a considerable freedom for

students to play their roles and characters and actively apply their negotiation skills. Additionally, this was an excellent event where MA students of the two universities had a lot of face to face interaction, exchange of information and experience.

### 8 - 9 November: Lectures

Organizers of the International Crisis Game - Dr. Rick Fawn, Ms. Mokhira Syuarkulova, and Ned Conway delivered the following lectures

for the students of the OSCE Academy and St Andrews University:

Dr. Rick Fawn: "Nationalism and Post-communist Countries"

Ms. Mokhira Syuarkulova, (PhD candidate): "Sovereignty and Failed States"

Mr. Ned Conway, (PhD candidate): "Political Risk in the Political Marketplace"

## Alumni Chapter meetings started!

On November 19th, 2010 Tajikistan's Alumni gave a start to the Alumni Chapter meetings. Seven Tajik Alumni had an informal meeting, where they had a nice chat with each other and discussed the perspectives of the Tajikistan's Alumni networking. The alumni were discussing how the Tajikistan's Alumni branch and the OSCE Academy can be mutually beneficial. This meeting resulted in several ideas that will be further developed in December.

One of the points is assistance of Tajik Alumni in promotion, consultation, and support during the enrollment of the new students from Tajikistan as well as data search on potential Lecturer from Tajikistan for the Academy.

Another important query to be discussed during the next meeting related to the PR campaign of the OSCE Academy.



Let's see what December brings!

## The OSCE Academy presented the work of the Academy at the Permanent Council of the OSCE

11 November 2010 the Director of the OSCE Academy presented the work of the Academy at the Permanent Council of the OSCE. The presentation included a film about the Academy.

In their official responses to the Director's presentation, the European Union, the United State, Russia and the Kyrgyz Republic praised the OSCE Academy for its work and expressed support for its programmes and projects, including the initiative to launch a Masters in economic governance and development.

At bilateral meetings with eighteen delegations to the OSCE, the Director and the Deputy Director discussed development of the Academy, including its programmes of graduate education, training and research.

## Certificate Programme on Project Management, Human Rights and Conflict Sensitivity for Central Asia and Afghanistan.



The OSCE Academy in Bishkek in partnership with Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden), Institute for Integrative Conflict Transformation and Peace Building (Austria) and the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute of the London Metropolitan conducted a Certificate Program on Project Management, Human Rights and Conflict Sensitivity for Central Asia and Afghanistan. 199 applications were received for eighteen training places.

The Certificate Programme is aimed at strengthening professional capacity of experts from public and non-profit organizations from Central Asia and Afghanistan to design, implement and evaluate development projects which are sensitive to human rights and conflict issues. The participants went through three weeks of thematic modules on project management, human rights and conflict sensitivity in August-September 2010. Throughout October 2010, participants were designing project proposals distantly, under e-supervision of trainers. On November 2-5, Bishkek, participants presented their project proposals to a simulated Board of Donors comprised from representatives of the OSCE, UN, USAID, WB, DFID, GTZ and Soros Foundation.