



International Conference on Law and Social Sciences (ICLSS - 2025)

Call for proposals

The Central Asian Research Center (CARC) at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, SDU University (Kazakhstan), in collaboration with the Central Asia Program (CAP) at George Washington University (USA), is organizing a bi-annual International Conference on Law and Social Sciences (ICLSS-2025) titled *Central Asia in a Changing World: Agency, Legal Challenges, and Media Landscape*. The conference aims to provide a shared platform for scholars, researchers, practitioners, Ph.D. candidates, and graduate students in the fields of law and social sciences from across the world. This event will bring together distinguished speakers and scholars to deliver keynote speeches and conduct panel discussions.

Conference date: April 17-18, 2025

Conference venue: SDU University, Kaskelen, Kazakhstan

About the conference

The conference highlights the role and agency of Central Asian countries as they navigate diverse challenges within the complex geopolitical landscape that has emerged in the Eurasian region. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, it focuses on political developments, foreign policy, regional cooperation, legal dimensions, gender perspectives, and the media landscape in Central Asia in order to facilitate an in-depth scholarly dialogue. The conference will include parallel sessions on Law, International Law, Media Studies, International Relations, and Gender Studies.

We invite submissions on the following (but not limited to) sub-themes:

- **Law:** public law, private law, international law
- **Society & identity:** decolonization, regional cohesion and identity, human rights, inclusivity
- **Economy & Security:** energy security, connectivity, economic corridors, trade
- **Geopolitics:** regional security, international conflicts
- **Politics:** regionalism, foreign policy and domestic politics nexus, public perception of other nations
- **Social Issues:** gender perspectives, youth empowerment, social and demographic issues
- **Environment:** environmental challenges, sustainable development, renewable energy
- **Migration:** border dynamics and migration trends
- **Media & Disinformation:** disinformation, propaganda, media literacy, data protection, data journalism, information warfare, Central Asian media climate

The conference welcomes proposals for individual papers, full panels, roundtables, and book discussions offering novel insights into significant transformations in the Central Asian region.

The languages of the conference are English, Kazakh and Russian. There is no participation fee.

Submission guidelines

To participate in the conference, please complete the form available on the conference website at <https://sdu.edu.kz/iclss/>. For panel and roundtable proposals, upload a Word file that includes a brief description of the theme, objectives, and proposed speakers. For individual paper proposals, upload a Word file containing an abstract (250–300 words) that outlines the research objectives, methodology, and key findings.

Important dates

Deadline for registration and submission of proposals: **March 17, 2025**

Acceptance notification: **March 27, 2025**

Preliminary conference program: **March 31, 2025**

Final conference program: **April 7, 2025**

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Publication opportunities:

Selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an edited volume by Lexington Books.

Invited speakers



Sebastien Peyrouse is the director of the Central Asia Program and a research professor at in the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (George Washington University, USA), and a researcher at EUCAM (Europe-Central Asia Monitoring), Brussels (Belgium).



Ann-Mari Sätre is a Professor in Eurasian Studies at Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Uppsala University in Sweden.



Rovshan Ibrahimov is a Professor at the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (South Korea), College of Oriental Studies.



Paul Wang is a Professor of public law at Shiliang School of Law, Changzhou University (China) and Associate Research fellow at the Center for Global Security & Governance, University of Aberdeen (UK).



Karlyga Myssayeva is the former vice dean and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Journalism at al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Kazakhstan.



Hans-Joachim Schramm is a Professor of Business Law and the head of the Business Law Program at Wismar University of Applied Sciences in Germany.



Sergey Sayapin currently serves as Professor and Research Director at KIMEP University's School of Law in Kazakhstan.



Maigul Nugmanova is the Head of the Center for Gender Economics Research at NARXOZ University in Kazakhstan.



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