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Call for Applications

International Workshop for Young Academics and Scholars

“Human Rights in Central Asia: Troubled Nexuses between Internationalization, Nation Building and Civil Society”

4 – 6 October 2021,
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

In a joint project the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast Studies (IOS) in Regensburg (Germany) and the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic) seek to develop a better understanding of the tensions between internationalization and nation building in the politics of human rights in Central Asia (e.g. the implementation of international human rights standard and how struggles with reforms impact nation states in this region).

A core objective of this joint project is to build a network of academics and young scholars from Central Asia working on human rights in the region. We will discuss challenges as well as best practice with a focus on human rights and rule of law fulfillment in Central Asia under current political, social, economic, and cultural circumstances and how to approach them from a perspective of academic research.

As part of this joint effort, the IOS and the OSCE Academy will select up to eight emerging scholars from and working in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan to take part in an international workshop at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. We welcome applications from academics and young scholars working on human rights in Central Asia in the fields of political science, law, anthropology, and sociology and related disciplines. During the workshop, we will also discuss different opportunities to publish participants’ presentations.

When? 4 – 6 October 2021

WHERE? OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

WHO? Young scholars (Predoc, PhD students, and early Postdocs, early-stage researchers) with a good command of English (spoken and written)

Organizers Prof. Dr. Anja Mihr (OSCE Academy, a.mihr@osce-academy.net), Dr. Cindy Wittke (IOS, wittke@ios-regensburg.de)

The workshop is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). We will cover the costs for travel and accommodation.

Your application must include:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- One-page letter of motivation introducing your background and work on human rights
- Abstract (max. 500 words) on an academic project related to the workshop’s topic that you would like to present during the workshop

Please send your application in English in one pdf, subject line: “Academic Workshop Bishkek” NO LATER than 15 August 2021 to Prof. Anja Mihr, OSCE Academy in Bishkek: a.mihr@osce-academy.net and Samuel Pavlicek, IOS Regensburg: pavlicek@ios-regensburg.de.

Please note, that the international workshop will be held in a mixed format or entirely online in case Kyrgyz authorities take Covid19 – related measures that would restrict travel to and from Bishkek and ban events including conferences and social gatherings.