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## Call for Applications

Workshop for Civil Society Activists & Practitioners

*“Human Rights Empowerment – Researching and Teaching  
Human Rights in Central Asia”*

6 – 8 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).

As part of their joint project the IOS and the OSCE Academy will invite up to ten civil society activists and practitioners, who engage in Human Rights promotion in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

We invite them to present their human rights and rule of law projects and engagement, and we will jointly discuss whether and how a cooperation between academia and civil society from Germany and Central Asia could help in empowering human rights education and practice, as well as in improving rights awareness and visibility in both politics and society. The goal is to develop – jointly with CSOs – evidence based and informed teaching and training material (in print and electronical) that contribute to human rights empowerment in Central Asia.

**When?** 6 – 8 October 2021

**Where?** OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

**Who?** Civil Society Activists, Members of CSOs, Researchers at think tanks

**Organizers** Prof. Dr. Anja Mihr (OSCE Academy, [a.mihr@osce-academy.net](mailto:a.mihr@osce-academy.net)), Dr. Cindy Wittke (IOS, [wittke@ios-regensburg.de](mailto: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)
- Letter of motivation introducing your background and work on human rights (max. 2 pages)

**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](mailto:a.mihr@osce-academy.net) and Samuel Pavlicek, IOS Regensburg: [pavlicek@ios-regensburg.de](mailto: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.