



Institution Building and Economic Development in Central Asia

International conference

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International School of Economics (ISE)

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Call for papers

Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – is a pivotal region in both economic and political terms. In spite of similar socio-economic characteristics in the early 1990s the region has become diversified inter alia due to the uneven endowment of natural resources, individual approaches to transformation from plan to market economy, and different formal and informal institutions governing economic activity. The conference takes stock on economic transformation and institution building and poses the question of the development prospects of the region.

Keynote speakers and roundtable panellists include:

Prof. Richard Pomfret (University of Adelaide, Australia)
Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh (Sciences Po Paris, France)
Dr. Johannes Linn (Brookings Institution Washington D.C., USA)
Prof. Erik Bergl f (Chief Economist, EBRD London, UK - tbc)

Academics, researchers and advanced PhD students may submit a proposal for a paper including the title of the paper, an abstract of 250 – 300 words, as well as full contact details of the author(s) to the organiser (see details below). The proposal should fit into one of the following issue areas:

Monetary policy, exchange rate policy and the financial services sector
International trade, capital flows and regional integration
Natural resources and economic growth
Poverty, income distribution and social policies
Competition, corporate governance and market structures

Deadline for submission: 31 December 2007

Proposals will be reviewed by the academic committee. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 January of 2008. Finalised papers need to be submitted by 30 April 2008.

Publication of the best papers in a special edition of a refereed journal is considered.

Under exceptional circumstances travel grants may be available to a limited number of advanced PhD students.

Proposals as well as any other enquiry may be directed to Prof. Heiko Fritz, ISE, email: h.fritz@kbtu.kz