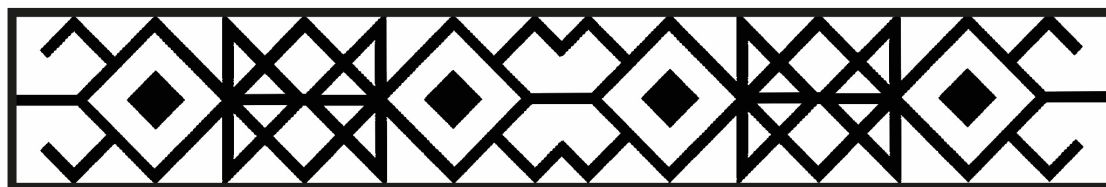


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## **Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and its Implications for Central Asia and the Post-Soviet Space**

21 January 2023 (Time 9.30 to 17.00 pm – GMT (UK Time), online and onsite at the Room 102, Senate House, Malet St, London, WC1E 7HU, UK.

Convened by Dr Dagikhudo Dagiev and Dr Oybek Madiyev

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## **Programme**

### **9:00 – 9:45 Arrival and Introduction**

Welcoming notes from Dr. Gül Berna Özcan (Royall Holloway), Dr Dagikhudo Dagiev (The Institute of Ismaili Studies) and Dr Oybek Madiyev (University of Kent).

### **9:45 – 11:10 Session 1: Shifting Balance in Global Powers Politics /Order, Security and Geopolitics**

Chair: Oybek Madiyev

**Seda Gözde Tokatli**, Assistant Professor/Researcher, Ege University, Turkey.  
'The effects of the Ukrainian War on the International System'.

**Aida Bektasheva**, University of Miskolc, Hungary, PhD candidate.  
'The region's Evolving Geo-Political Relations with Russia, China, USA, Europe and other Major Powers such as India'.

**Anna Jordanova**, Ph.D. candidate at Charles University, Czechia.  
'No vacuum to fill. Central Asian States and their Agency-Driven Foreign Policy during the Ukraine War'.

**Evrin Eken**, PhD candidate. St. Petersburg State University.  
'Impacts of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine on Turkey's Role in Changing Energy Landscape of Europe'.

### **11:10 – 11:25 Coffee Break**

### **11:25 – 13:10 Session 2: Foreign Trade, Migration/Mobilisation, and Economic Security**

Chair: António Eduardo Mendonça

**Dr Gavkhar Sultanova**, Associate Professor, The University of World Economy and Diplomacy  
**and Saodat Umarova**, PhD candidate, The University of World Economy and Diplomacy.  
'Central Asian Countries Foreign Trade Perspectives and Risks'.

**Dr Almaz Akhmetov**, Orizon Consulting, Japan.  
'Russian Aggression against Ukraine and its Effects on Central Asian Agri-food Trade with Russia'.

**Ainur Kenzhetayeva**, PhD candidate, Kent State University, US.  
'Kazakhstan in the Eurasian Economic Union: Impact on Small and Medium-Size Enterprises and Prospects for Withdrawal'.

**Aziz Berdiqulov**, Researcher, the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Germany.  
'Russian "Relocants" and Afghan Refugees in Tajikistan – not Everyone Equally Welcome?'

**Dr Vali Kaleji**, Researcher, The Center for Strategic Studies (CSS), Tehran and The University of Tehran.  
'Banking Cooperation Between Iran and Russia Increases as De-Dollarization Campaign Intensifies'.

**13:10 – 14:10 Lunch Break**

**14:10 – 15:35 Session 3: Political Philosophy, History, Narratives and Identity Politics**

**Chair:** Alisher Khamidov

**Dr. Otambek Mastibekov**, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London.  
'Big Politics in Small World'.

**Sofia Borushkina**, PhD candidate, the Politecnico di Milano.  
'Authoritarian Learning in the former-Soviet Union: Changing Urban Planning Practice in Russia and Kazakhstan'.

**Dr Rashid Gabdulhakov**, Assistant Professor, Research Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.  
'Narrating lies: Sputnik News Agency's Propaganda Strategies in Central Asia'.

**Kamila Smagulova**, Researcher at PaperLab Public Policy Research Centre (Astana, Kazakhstan).  
'Reassessment of "post-soviet": Nationhood and National Identity in Georgia and Kazakhstan'.

**15:35 – 15:50 Concluding remarks** – Alisher Khamidov