



## Call for Papers

for the international conference

### Prospects of EU-Central Asia Relations

The Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) and the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) are organising a high-level international conference on the “Prospects of EU-Central Asia Relations” in Almaty on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

The political framework of the EU-Central Asia relations changes significantly in 2014: “The EU and Central Asia: Strategy for a New Partnership” expired in 2013; the Western troops will withdraw from Afghanistan; the Eurasian Economic Union will enter a new stage; the relations of the EU with Russia have to be reviewed following the Ukrainian crisis; the Central Asian states will draw their conclusions from the crisis; an EU Special Envoy for Central Asia has been appointed; the Development Cooperation Instrument is renewed under the multi-annual financial framework for 2014-2020; and all EU institutions will see new heads, including the High Representative, following the European elections.

With regard to these current developments, the conference is devoted to the discussion of the prospects of EU-Central Asia relations: Which lessons can be drawn from the cooperation from 2007 to 2013? Which new challenges will the region face in the next years? How can the Central Asian states and global actors deal with security challenges in the region? How can the transition of Central Asian states since their independence be assessed? Which role will natural resources (water, oil, gas) play for the economic development of the Central Asian states? Which role will Central Asia have for European energy security? How should the future EU policy for Central Asia look like? Is regional integration a perspective for the Central Asian states?

These questions will be discussed with high-level speakers from Europe and the wider Central Asian region as well as researchers and PhD candidates. They have the chance to present their research projects in the international conference and receive feedback from renowned researchers. The conference offers them networking opportunities with other researchers, university professors and lecturers from Europe and the wider Central Asia. It aims at establishing a European-Central Asia research network.

The project “EU-Central Asia in the International System” (EUCAIS) is organised with significant funding from the Volkswagen Foundation and financially supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme JEAN MONNET of the European Commission.

#### Submission of paper proposals:

IEP and CIFE invite researchers to submit paper proposals, which are related to one of the following topics:

- EU-Central Asia relations;
- Regional integration in Central Asia;
- Security challenges in Central Asia;
- Transition of Central Asian states;



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- Democracy promotion in Central Asia;
- Central Asian trade relations and economic developments;
- Research and academic teaching in Central Asia;
- Central Asian science policy.

**Please submit your paper proposal in English to Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director of IEP, ([info@eucais.org](mailto:info@eucais.org)) by 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. Paper proposals should have a length of 300 words and include full contact details.**

### Invitation to the Conference:

Participants of the four working groups of the international conference will be selected from the submitted paper proposals by a board of reviewers. The selected participants will receive an invitation to the conference by 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. Selected participants do not have to pay a conference fee, food and drinks will be provided. Paper presenters have to submit their papers by 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2014.

### About the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP):

Since its founding (1959), the IEP has been a non-profit organisation Institute dedicated to the study of European integration and of the EU in the international system. It is one of the leading foreign and European policy research centres in the Federal Republic of Germany and serves as a forum for exchange between academia, politics, administration and political education.

More information: [www.iep-berlin.de](http://www.iep-berlin.de)

### About the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)

Established in 1954, CIFE is a private, non-profit international organisation, receiving the support of the European Union and other organisations. CIFE has offices in Nice, Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. The programmes of CIFE encompass educational and research activities concerning European integration, federalism, regionalism and changes within the structure of contemporary society in accordance with a federalist perspective.

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