



NEW DIPLOMATIC HORIZONS?

EU - CENTRAL ASIA RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

14:00-14:15 Opening by Central Asia Barometer & Friedrich Naumann Foundation

- *Kasiet Ysmanova, Director of Central Asia Barometer*
- *Daniil Chubar, Senior Project Coordinator at Friedrich Naumann Foundation Russia and Central Asia in Exile*

14:15-15:10 CAB Survey: Public Perception of the Russia-Ukraine War in Central Asia

- *Tlegen Kuandykov, Communications Officer at Central Asia Barometer*

15:10-16:10 Expert Presentations

- Research presentation: “The Russian World, Export of Propaganda and Internet Media”

Andrey Tkachenko, Assistant Professor in Economics at Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

- PaperLab Survey: Perception of the War in Kazakhstan

Serik Beyssembayev, Director of PaperLab, Kazakhstan

- The Impact of War in Ukraine on Russian-Central Asian Relations

Aijan Sharshenova, Ph.D., Independent political analyst, Kyrgyzstan

- Perceiving the EU in Central Asia: Beauty or Decay?

Zhanibek Arynov, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

16:10 - 17:00 Panel Discussion/ Q&A Session

Moderator: *Elizabeth Woods, Central Asia Barometer*

17:00 - 17:20 COFFEE BREAK

17:20-18:20 Online Session

- A new role for the EU in Central Asia: information, digitalization, and regional connectivity

Samuel Doveri Vesterbye, Managing Director of European Neighbourhood Council, Belgium

- Research presentation: EU and Organization of Turkic States: Opportunities and Difficulties

Dr. Yaşar Sari, Professor of International Relations at Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu, and also the Director of the Center for Eurasian Studies at Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey

- Soft Power or No Power? Media Consumption and Perceptions of the War in Ukraine

Eric Max McGlinchey, Associate Professor, George Mason University, USA

- Disinform and conquer? The threat of Russian propaganda in Central Asia

Rashid Gabdulhakov, Ph.D. Assistant Professor at the Centre for Media and Journalism

Studies at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands

18:20-18:40 Q&A Session

18:40-18:50 Closing Remarks

19:00 DINNER

