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Keynote Speeches

Alexander Gabuev is a senior associate and chair of the Russia in the Asia-Pacific Program at the Carnegie Moscow Center. His research is focused on Russia's policy toward East and Southeast Asia, political and ideological trends in China, and China's relations with its neighbours—especially those in Central Asia.

Prior to joining Carnegie, Gabuev was a member of the editorial board of Kommersant publishing house and served as deputy editor in chief of Kommersant-Vlast, one of Russia's most influential newsweeklies. Gabuev started his career at Kommersant in 2007 working as a senior diplomatic reporter, as a member of the president Dmitry Medvedev's press corps, and as deputy foreign editor for Kommersant. His reporting covered Russia's relations with Asian powers and the connection between Russian business interests and foreign policy.

Gabuev has previously worked as a non-resident visiting research fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and taught courses on Chinese energy policy and political culture at Moscow State University.

Gabuev is a Munich Young Leader of the Munich International Security Conference and a member of the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy (Russia).

Ambassador **Peter Burian** was appointed as the EU Special Representative for Central Asia on 15 April 2015. His responsibilities include promoting good and close relations between the EU and the countries of Central Asia. He earned his degree in Oriental Studies at St. Petersburg State University. He continued his diplomatic and international studies at the University of Cairo, Comenius University in Bratislava and the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. Ambassador Burian held the post of Head of Slovakia's Mission to NATO in Brussels from 1999 to 2003. He was the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations in New York from 2004 to 2008 during which time Slovakia held one of the non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. From 2008 to 2012 he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Slovakia to the United States, in Washington D.C. Prior to this

appointment Ambassador Burian served from 2012 as First Deputy Minister and was responsible for areas of security policy, economic diplomacy, development assistance, international organizations and the territories of the EU Eastern Partnership, Africa, Asia and Pacific, and Americas.

Round table: Assessing the Economic and Geo-strategic Position of the Region

Hannes Swoboda is President of The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw). From 1996 to 2014, Hannes Swoboda was Member of the European Parliament, for the last two years as President of the S&D Group. From 1988 to 1994 he was Municipal Councillor of the City of Vienna, responsible for urban development, urban planning and staff; transport; external relations. He is also President of the FH Campus Vienna and of the Architecture Centre Vienna. Mr. Swoboda holds a PhD in Jurisprudence and Economics of the University of Vienna.

Ambassador **Heidemaria Gürer** has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1982. She has been posted to Belgrade, Prague, Helsinki and Yugoslavia. In 1996 she was appointed Special Attaché for Southern Caucasus and Central Asia. From 1997 she acted as a roving ambassador for the Southern Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) with a seat in Vienna. From 2006 to 2011 she was the Austrian Ambassador to Turkey. In the course of her duties she has received the Order of Merit of Kazakhstan, and holds honorary degrees from the State University for World Languages in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and the State University for Foreign Languages and International Relations in Almaty (Kazakhstan). Ambassador Gürer speaks five languages: German, English, French, Russian and Turkish. She has published articles on Yugoslavia and the Western Balkans, the Commonwealth of Independent States, especially Southern Caucasus and Central Asia.

Alma Sultangaliyeva is Advisor to the Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP) under the Foundation of the First President of Kazakhstan. Previous positions: Director of the Kazakhstan Institute of Strategic Studies, Senior Policy analyst at the Information-Analytical Center to the Kazakhstan President's Office, Research Fellow at the Kazakhstan's Institute of History and the Institute of Oriental Studies. Research interests: role of religion in society and politics, religion and identity in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, Kazakhstan's relations with its neighbours, urbanization. She is the author of four books, and numerous articles and papers. Fulbright scholar at Indiana University (1996-97). She graduated from Tashkent State University, earned Cand.Sc. degree at the Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow.

Armands Pupols has been working for international organizations for the last fifteen years. He started with the OSCE field offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina back in the late 1990s. He then worked in the OSCE Centre in Almaty, Kazakhstan, as an Economic and Environmental Officer and Chief Administrator. He joined the Conflict Prevention Centre in the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna in 2004. Since the end of 2008 he is working as a Political Advisor in the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), particularly covering issues related to the interaction between Central Asian states and Afghanistan. Regarding academic background Armands Pupols studied international relations and economy at the Latvian University, Budapest University of Economic Science and Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia.

Friday, 16.12.2016

Session 1: Barriers to Cross Border Economic Cooperation – What can be done?

Michael Landesmann is Senior Research Associate of wiiw (has been Scientific Director of wiiw over the period of 1996-2016) and is Professor of Economics at the Johannes Kepler University Linz where he is also department head of economic theory and quantitative economic research. His research focuses on East-West economic integration, structural change, economic growth, general topics in international economic relations, globalisation and labour markets and migration. He was a member of the Group of Economic Policy Advisors under the chairmanship of former EU Commission President Romano Prodi and participated in and coordinated a wide range of EU projects on different aspects of European integration. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, was a Lecturer, Fellow and Senior Research Officer at Cambridge University and held visiting Professorships at Harvard University (where he was J. Schumpeter and Pierre Keller Visiting Professor) and a wide range of other universities (Brandeis, Basel, Osaka, Padova, Jerusalem, Central European University, CERGE-EI, Mumbai, etc.).

Pál Dunay received an LL.M in Law and Political Science from the Loránd Eötvös University Budapest in 1982, a so-called Dr. Universitatis degree in Public International Law in 1991 from the same university and a Ph.D. in international relations from the Budapest University of Economics in 2001.

Between 1982 and 1996, he was post-graduate student, assistant and associate professor at the International Law Department of Lorand Eötvös University. In 1989-90 he was legal advisor of the Hungarian Delegation to the Conventional Forces in Europe talks, whereas in 1992, he held the same function at the Open Skies negotiations.

In 1991 for half a year, he was Head of the Security Policy and Disarmament Department of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 1994 and 1996, he was Deputy Director of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. Between 1996 and 2004 as well as between 2007 and 2014, he was course director of the nine

months long International Training Course in Security Policy at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.

Between July 2004 and the beginning of 2007, he was Senior Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). In 2007, he reopened and directed the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs until his return to Geneva. Between May 2014 and June 2015, he was Director of the Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe's Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Pál Dunay's research interest extends to various issues of European security with an emphasis on East-central Europe and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the OSCE, the legality of the use of force, and integration and disintegration in the post-Soviet space.

Nazira Sultanova is Senior Expert Representative of the Office of the Ministry of Economy of Kyrgyzstan on WTO issues. Mrs. Sultanova is as well member of various negotiation groups on Government Procurement, TRIPS, MA, RTA and she is advisor on trade and economic issues in Geneva to the Ambassador of the Kyrgyzstan to UN and other international organisations. Before that Ms. Sultanova was an academic researcher at the Humboldt University Berlin on German and European Law. She also worked for the Trade and Transit Department of the Energy Secretariat (ECS) in Brussels.

Session 2: Economic Integration Projects

Rafael Sattarov is a political analyst. He is a graduate of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He has a Master's degree from the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow. Columnist of several newspapers and magazines in Russia and Kazakhstan and edited articles on economics and politics at Forbes Russia, Lenta.ru, Russia Beyond the Headlines. He was a delegate to the Young Educational Leaders Program of NATO. His research interests include reforms of the socio-political and economic systems in the post-Soviet space, U.S.-Russia relations after the end of the Cold War, U.S. policy in Central Asia, international relations in Eurasia and the geopolitics of Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Nurbek Jenish is Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, and an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics, American University of Central Asia (AUCA). He completed his doctoral studies at the Central European University. Prior to his PhD studies, he obtained an MA in Economics of Development from the Australian National University, an MBA from the Academy of Management under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and a Diploma in Engineering from Kyrgyz Technical University. Nurbek has taught in major economic institutes of the Kyrgyz Republic. His interests lie in modelling monetary and fiscal policy interactions in developing economies. He has also publications in other fields of Economics that are relevant for developing countries.

Sergey Chernyshev has been working on GATT/WTO and regional economic integration issues since 1989. Since 1991 he served as a Head of the GATT unit in the Russian Ministry for Foreign Trade. He was assigned abroad as Trade Policy Counsellor in the Russian Permanent Mission to the EU in Brussels in 1994-1999 and as Head of the Russian Trade Mission in Ottawa, Canada from 2004 to 2006. In 2000-2003 he had been working as an expert to the Russian State Duma on the WTO-related legislation. Since 2006 he had been with the Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, taking DG-level positions in various departments dealing with such Russian partners as the US, EU, Republic of Korea, China, South-East Asia, and CIS countries. He was part of the Russian high-level management team for APEC 2012. Since 2014 he has been with the Eurasian Economic Commission, serving as Aide to the Minister for Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

Session 3: Border and Customs Management in Central Asia – Lessons learned?

Peter Havlik is Senior Economist and former Deputy Director at The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) and Guest research scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). His main research areas currently cover economic transition in Central and Eastern Europe, foreign trade, competitiveness, EU integration, EU-Russian relations and analysis and forecasts of macroeconomic developments. He is also country expert for Russia and the Newly Independent States (NIS) at wiiw. During his career he participated in and coordinated various large projects, for instance 'Industrial Restructuring in the NIS: experiences of and lessons from the new EU Member States (INDEUNIS), funded by the EU Sixth Framework Programme (2005-2007), on 'European energy security' (2008-2010) and 'Trade integration in the CIS' (2011-2012) for the OENB Jubilee fund. He has also contributed to and coordinated various chapters of the EU Competitiveness Reports (2003, 2009, 2012, 2013) and recently coordinated the Work Package 'Economic Developments and Structural Change in the Process of Transition and EU Membership' within the international FP7 research project GRINCOH.

Hana Daoudi is an economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), responsible for research and analysis in the area of trade development with a special emphasis on the economic consequences of non-tariff barriers. Before joining the UNECE, she worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Her research interests include international trade and structural transformation, political economy, war-torn economies, post-conflict social and economic reconstruction. She holds a PhD in economic development from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Bettina Vogl-Lang is Director of the Group Border Management and Trade Facilitation Programs for Central Asia of the Austrian Ministry of Finance. Since 2016 Mrs. Vogl-Lang is also World Customs Council Vice-Chair responsible for the European Region. She holds a PhD in law and Diplomas from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and from the Financial Academy of Vienna. Amongst others Mrs. Vogl-Lang received a Grand Award of the Austrian Government for the modernization of the IT-System of Austrian Customs.

Raitis Tiliks is Regional Manager since September 2015 of the EU-funded, and Latvia and Lithuania co-funded programme 'Border Management in Central Asia – Phase 9' (BOMCA 9). He is officer of the State Border Guard of Latvia and Attaché of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mr. Tiliks is a border guard officer since 1992. During his career he served 11 years at the operational and tactical level (Border Crossing Points; 'green border'), and from 2003 in the Headquarters of the State Border Guard of Latvia. He was temporarily deployed to the Ministry of Interior of Latvia (2008 - 2011) and to the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM

Georgia) in 2012 - 2014. Raitis Tiliks is one of the creators of the national 5-dimensions Integrated Border Management (IBM) concept and of the current national IBM Strategy of Latvia 2013 – 2018, and its Action Plan. Mr. Tiliks is author of several publications in the journal "Lawyers' Word" (annex to the Official Gazette of the Republic of Latvia).

Furthermore he is a member of the Association for Borderlands Studies since 2010 (which include the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada and the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland).

Alexander Eliseev is Head of Education of the OSCE Border Management Staff College (BMSC). Mr. Eliseev is responsible for supervising the activities of the BMSC Education Unit to ensure the unit's proper functioning and high performance. Furthermore he is Senior Lecturer at the Russian Federal Border Service Institute in Kaliningrad. Earlier he was Senior Officer at Kaliningrad Regional Headquarters of the Federal Border Service of Russia.

Mr. Eliseev has a Master's Degree in Border service, Jurisprudence from the Border Guard Academy of the Russian Federation in Moscow.

Session 4: Transport, Energy and Environmental Cooperation

Keun-Wook Paik is senior research fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, and associate fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme, Chatham House (formerly Royal Institute of International Affairs).

Prof. Paik is an acknowledged authority on Eurasian energy, and is author of 'Sino-Russian Oil and Gas Cooperation: The Reality and Implications' (Oxford University Press, 2012) and of 'Gas and Oil in Northeast Asia: Policies, Projects and Prospects' (London: Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1995). The 2012 OUP book's Chinese, Korean and Japanese editions were produced in 2013, 2014 and 2016 respectively by CNPC's Petroleum Industry Publication Co Ltd, KNOC and ERINA.

Prof. Paik was appointed as advisor to the Sino-Russian Oil and Gas Cooperation Committee, under China National Petroleum Corp in late 1990s, and then appointed as advisor to the Chairman of Government, Sakha Republic, Russian Federation in early 2000s. In 2011, Prof. Paik was invited as a visiting professor on Geopolitics of Northeast Asian Energy for the Global Collaborative 2011 Summer Programme at Kyunghee University. In 2012 he became a Part time BP Professor at Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO Energy Centre. In March 2013, he was invited as Adjunct Professor at Yonsei-Seri EU Centre of the Institute of East-West Studies, Yonsei University, and in October 2013 he was invited as Adjunct Professor at China Petroleum University (Beijing). In May 2015, he was invited Guest Professor at Jilin University at Changchun.

Daniel Kroos studied Law, Business and International Relations in Berlin and Washington DC. He has advised Policy Planning Council of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, the European Commission in Brussels and British Petroleum in Baku, Azerbaijan on energy issues.

From 2008-2010 he served as Deputy Director of the German Chamber of Commerce in Baku, Azerbaijan. Before joining OSCE he led the oil & gas practice as Vice President of BTO Management Consulting AG in Berlin and Zürich, managing international projects in M&A, post-merger integration and optimization in the oil & gas industry.

Daniel currently serves as Senior Programme Officer for Energy Security at the Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Affairs (OCEEA) at the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna, advising on regional energy security issues as well as renewable energy.

Vassiliy V. Korolyov is General Director of Freight Company Transal Ltd. and Honorary Professor of the Kazakh-German University. He is Head of study course 'Logistics in International Economic affairs' and author of 14 training courses for logistics companies and Export-import companies. Mr. Korolyov was also Head of the representative office of BTG Messe Spedition GmbH and Vice president of the Almaty Chamber of Commerce responsible for Industry and Crafts.

Session 5: Mobility and Labour Migration

Elena Sadovskaya is the International consultant on migration and migration policies in Kazakhstan and Central Asia based in Almaty (Kazakhstan). She is also an expert of the Research Council on CIS Migration Studies under the Center for Migration Studies of the Institute for Economic Prognosis of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow), and implemented a number of comparative studies on migration in the CIS. In 1998-2005 she worked as an expert affiliated with the International Organization for Migration, and from 2005 onwards produced analytical reports on migration/labour migration and migration policies for IOM, ILO, UNFPA, the European Commission, World Bank and other international organizations. Her research interests include labour and irregular migration; migration between China and Kazakhstan/Central Asia; remittances and development, migrant workers' rights, migration governance, civil society and conflict prevention, etc.

Roman Mogilevsky works at the University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan, in the capacity of Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Public Policy and Administration since 2011. He holds a degree of candidate of physical-mathematical sciences. For more than twenty years he has been working as a researcher and expert in applied economic analysis for governments of the countries of Central Asia and in different programs and projects of the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UN, European Union, and other international organizations. For many years he has been executive director and senior research fellow of the Center for Social and Economic Research CASE-Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Mogilevskii publishes extensively on different topics related to the development of the economies of Central Asia. His research interests include macroeconomics, foreign trade, public finance, labour market and social policy, and agricultural economics.

Bakhrom Mirkasimov currently holds the position of the Deputy Dean of Research and Consultancy and is Senior Lecturer at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT). He is also a Research Affiliate at the International Security and Development Center (Berlin). Previously, he visited CERGE-EI, Duke University and Hanover University as a Research Scholar, worked at the German Institute for Economic Research and served as a consultant to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the Asian Development Bank and International Food Policy Research Institute. He studied economics at Humboldt University of Berlin, Vanderbilt University and Boise State University.

Radim Žák is Programme Manager at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). Throughout his career, Radim Zak has gained extensive experience regarding co-operation amongst CIS countries in the field of migration. Mr. Zak has held various positions with the Czech Ministry of Interior and with the ICMPD, as well as a traineeship with the UNHCR in Geneva. His work for the Czech Ministry of Interior and the ICMPD included bilateral and multilateral cooperation with CIS

countries and EU Member States, as well EU institutions and international organisations. Apart from having worked on the implementation of EC-funded projects focusing on various issues related to migration in the CIS region, Mr. Zak was member of the Secretariat of the Budapest Process (2004 - 2005) and since 2008 has been the Coordinator for the Prague Process - Building Migration Partnerships.