

DAAD-Workshop „*Non-Conflicts*” in Central Asia

Call for Applications



In cooperation with the Kazakh-German University (DKU) and Al-Farabi University (KazNU), Hochschule Rhein-Waal (HSRW) invites applications for participation in the workshop “*Non-Conflicts*” in Central Asia, to be held in June 2020 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The workshop will be funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the Ost-West-Dialog programme.

The research-driven workshop takes up the theme of non-conflicts and applies it to Central Asia, discussing three cases where violence might have occurred, but actually did not: Northern Kazakhstan, Southern Kyrgyzstan and Northwestern Uzbekistan. The overarching academic goal is to find out whether these cases are non-conflicts, i.e. visible or latent tensions that could have credibly led to large-scale violence, up to civil or interstate war, but actually did not, for reasons to be fleshed out by the participants and tutors. In answering this question, participants will improve their knowledge about comparative conflict studies and conflict prevention.

The workshop will include five modules, taught by Dr. Sebastian Mayer (DKU), Dr. Corinna Hauswedell (Conflict Analysis and Dialogue, Bonn), Dr. Niklas Rolf (HSRW), Thorsten Kaesler (KazNU) and Zhulduz Baizakova (KazNU). A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the workshop.

Duration: 15 to 23 June 2020

Location: Hotel Kazzhol, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Benefits: There will be no tuition fees. All participants will be provided lunch during conference days as designated in the final program. Dinners are not included. Participants currently residing outside Almaty will be provided accommodation (shared double rooms) and breakfast. They will also receive a travel allowance roughly commensurate with the distance of their travel and actual costs. Travel must be organized at reasonable costs, e.g. traveling from Bishkek by Marshroutka, not by plane.

Eligibility: To be able to apply, you must be an MA or PhD student currently residing and having an institutional affiliation in Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan, have a strong interest in the theme of the workshop, and have a strong command of English. Exceptionally outstanding BA students (3rd and 4th year only) with a documented proof of research interests (to be specified in the letter of motivation) may also apply.

Application procedure: Please send your application along with the following materials **in one PDF file** (applications with two or more files will be ignored!) to workshop-almaty@hochschule-rhein-waal.de: Proof of strong English language skills (please include test results, if available); letter of motivation which carries a reference to the workshop theme (1-2 pages); curriculum vitae, including list of publications (if applicable); proof of enrollment at a university or university of applied sciences; filled in questionnaire (see next page). BA students must additionally enclose one letter of recommendation (in English) commenting on their research capability.

Application deadline: 8 March 2020 (decisions will be communicated by the end of March)

Contact: workshop-almaty@hochschule-rhein-waal.de

Questionnaire
for the workshop
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Deadline for application: **8 March 2020**

Name: _____

Last name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Private address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Current Status:

☐ **BA-student (3rd year)** ☐ **BA-student (4th year)** ☐ **MA-student** ☐ **PhD-student**

University: _____

Faculty: _____

Discipline: _____

Country: _____

I apply for a travel allowance because I reside outside Almaty.

yes ☐ no ☐

My travel will be funded by own or alternative sources.

yes ☐ no ☐

I will have to travel from the following city to the workshop in Almaty:

Remarks: