



**First Tri-Regional Conference: Central Asia,
South Asia and the Middle East**

14-15 February 2018

Organized by

**Centre for Strategic Research in Central Asia,
South Asia and the Middle East
Faculty of International Relations
L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University**



Information Letter

We are elated to announce that the Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilyov is initiating a new academic center named “Centre for Strategic Research in Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East”. Centre is supporting and expanding opportunities for collaboration among scholars and students from Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East, across academic disciplines. Centre will develop an ample understanding of the security, political and economical situation of the whole region. Centre will also be seeking to strengthen linkages with newly emerging academic institutes in the respective regions. It will be a multi-disciplinary research centre to engage in joint research and publication projects with established network in the region.

The purposed Centre is going to constitute three integrated programmes- Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East. The centre’s academic activity will cover a wide range of subject and premises in teaching as well as in research. The highly distinguished faculty would be able to constantly endeavor to undertake scrupulous research and bring out worthy publication.


With the reference to the inauguration of the purposed centre the faculty of International relations at Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilyov plans to hold a two days international conference on **“First Tri-Regional Conference: Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East”** on 14-15 February 2018. The proposed conference will focus on all three regions, which had shared in their past a glorious relationship especially with the reference of Silk Road as a linkage point between these regions. The regions have been part of the each other’s extended neighborhood. After independence, Central Asian countries have brought new challenges as well as economic and cultural opportunities to the South Asian countries, especially for India and Pakistan. The linkages between Central Asia and South Asia are as important for both the regions especially in the context of the Middle East in the contemporary era as they were in the past. In this context proposed conference will focus on Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

Concept Note:

In the last twenty six years since the collapse of USSR, five Central Asian countries have been transformed from centrally planned economy to market-oriented economy. Kazakhstan, which has appeared as a triumphant model of economic development in Central Asia over the last twenty six years, it also is adherent to deeper economic integration in the region. Kazakhstan is regularly playing a foremost role in nurturing regional cooperation in Central Asia, from strengthening economic ties to functioning with its allies toward security in this region. In recent past Central Asian states are facing serious menaces to their security from various challenges like drug trafficking, religious fundamentalism and water disputes. Geo-strategic location and wobbly socio-political situation is also problematic for the region. In this context purposed conference is going to research on these issues to find out the solutions.

South Asia, now the fastest-growing region in the world, is going to be the most strategic location for regional growth and security in coming decades. India inhabits an inimitable place in the South Asian region. By the virtue of its size, location and economic potential, India presumes a usual leadership position in the region. On the other hand, Pakistan has transitioned from a crisis economy to a stable economy. Increased regional stability is significant for the South Asia region in this context steps towards rapprochement between India and Pakistan and a successful political transition needs to be supplemented by a stable security environment in Afghanistan is essential for the whole region. In this reference, this purposed conference is going to discuss on challenges and prospects for this region especially with the view of Central Asian countries and the Middle East.

The Middle East as a transcontinental region is also significant for Central and South Asia especially in terms of the current politics between the United States and Russia, raises many questions about the impaired role, would play in the Middle East countries. In this reference, this purposed conference is going to deliberate on linkages between Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.



The proposed conference aims at focusing on the following themes:

1. Central Asia-South Asia and the Middle East: Linkages from the Past.
2. Economic and Trade Relations between the Regions.
3. Energy and Transport Linkages between Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.
4. Revival of the Silk Road in the Regions.
5. Emerging Regional organizations in Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.
6. Socio-Cultural Linkages between the Regions.
7. Political issues, authoritarianism, democracy and National building processes.
8. Problems of ethnic minority, border issues.
9. Natural resources, Geo-politics and Geo-economics of the Regions.
10. Influence of external powers in the Region.
11. Traditional and non-traditional threats to the Regions and other security issues.
12. Foreign policy issues.

With this perspective, the Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilyov invite scholars, experts and practitioners to participate in panels and meetings for strengthening our understanding of the dynamics in the respective regions.

The hosts are pleased to provide the local hospitality to the selected participants. There will be no registration fees.

The conference will be held in three languages: English, Russian and Kazakh.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Title:

First Tri-Regional Conference: Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East

Conference Date:

14-15 February, 2018

Conference Objectives:

This international and interdisciplinary conference will bring together a range of academics and scholars to discuss new directions and dimensions about the relations between Central Asia and South Asia and the Middle East besides discusses shared political and economic approaches in the region. The conference will be a golden opportunity for networking, learning about good regional and interregional practices, and presenting the academic research.

Conference Important Dates:

- Deadline for Submitting Panel and Abstracts: January 05th, 2018
- Announcement of Accepted Abstracts: January 10th, 2018
- Deadline for Submitting Final Papers: February 05th, 2018
- Final Participant List: February 10th, 2018

Conference Submissions Rules:

I. Abstract submissions (Deadline January 05th, 2018)

Abstracts of not more than 300 words including keywords should be submitted to punitgaurjnu@gmail.com

All abstracts will be reviewed by a Scholars team, the decision of which will be notified on January 10th, 2018.

The following information is required in the following order:

- Title of the Paper- Bold faced and centre in upper/lower case:
- Name(s) of the Author(s):
- Affiliation(s) of the Author(s):
- Email address(es) of the Author(s):
- Abstract:

II. Full paper submissions (Deadline February 05th, 2018)

Paper submitted to the conference must be original and have not been submitted, presented or published in any academic meetings and publications. Authors will be requested to submit the abstract and paper through email attachment in word 2007 to punitgaurjnu@gmail.com.

The paper should not be more than 15 single spaced pages excluding tables and figures with a font size of 12pt. Papers should be typed on standard A4 paper using Times Roman or equivalent with 1inch margins on the left and right of the page. All accepted proceedings will be published by the Faculty of International Relation, Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilyov, in a volume with ISBN. Accepted papers will appear in the conference proceedings on the condition that at least one of the authors is registered for the Conference.

III. The Following information is required in the following order:

- Title of the Paper –bold – faced and centered in upper/lower case;
- Abstract of the paper;
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