



**Regional Conference on
Preventing Violent Extremism in Central Asia –
Challenges and Responses at Community Level**

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- Speakers' short biographies -

- **Alexey Malashenko, Dialogue of Civilisations Research Institute Berlin**

Prof. Malashenko is one of the leading experts of Islam, orientalist, political scientist. He joined the Berlin-based think tank Dialogue of Civilisations Research Institute (DOC Research Institute) in October 2016 after being Chair of the “Religion, Society, and Security” Program at Carnegie Moscow Center, Professor at Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), Professor at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Head of the Islamic Department at Institute of Oriental Studies RAN (Russian Academy of Sciences). Prof Malashenko graduated from Institute of Asian and African Countries of Moscow State University. He is the author and editor of numerous books (in Russian, English, French, and Arabic) and more than 200 articles.

- **Laurent Vinatier, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue**

Dr Laurent Vinatier has been working with HD as an Adviser on the organisation's activities in Ukraine since 2014. His previous experience includes working as a consultant for the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Small Arms Survey. During his career, Dr Vinatier has undertaken a number of assessments of political risks focusing on Russia and Turkey as well as Islamist movements. He holds a doctorate in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, during which he specialised in conflict management. Dr Vinatier has written four books and numerous articles on his areas of expertise.

- **Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, SciencePo Paris**

Dr Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh teaches courses on Human Security at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Paris and is a research Associate with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) working on regional security complexes around Afghanistan, radicalization, and Afghanistan's neighbours. Since 2010, she has worked as a consultant for the UNRCCA for the preparation and then implementation of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia. She has worked as a researcher and as a UN Advisor in human development and human security issues in Central Asia and in Afghanistan since 1995. Since 2014, she has been the Academic Advisor to the Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) and has provided guidance for the research and publication of a series of papers on radicalization in Afghanistan. She is an author of dozens of publications.

- **Larry Attree, Saferworld**

Larry Attree is Head of Policy at Saferworld. With over 13 years' experience, he is a globally recognised expert on conflict issues. He inputs extensively into global negotiations on peace and development issues including the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, the Busan Partnership and the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. His experience includes project management, advocacy, policy development, advisory and capacity building support, evaluation and extensive research. His expertise covers aid and conflict, stabilisation, counter-terrorism, governance and statebuilding, arms control and armed violence reduction, reintegration, community security, security and justice sector



development and conflict sensitivity. Larry has worked for a variety of UN and international agencies, NGOs and the corporate sector with several years' field experience in conflict-affected parts of Eastern Europe, the Pacific, Asia and Africa.

- **Keneshbek B. Sainazarov, Search for Common Ground**

Mr. Keneshbek B. Sainazarov is the Country Director of Search for Common Ground in Kyrgyzstan. He is a development professional with more than 16 years of experience directing the implementation of large-scale programmes on governance, youth empowerment, education policy, community reconciliation and conflict mitigation with United Nations, and USAID-funded organizations in Central Asia and the Caucasus. He provided technical assistance and operational advice to the Ministries of Education, Ministry of Social Welfare of Central Asian countries on young voter participation and civic education with support from OSCE, Japanese Government and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Mr. Sainazarov's UNV assignment on volunteer development and youth policy improvements contributed to the launch a new participatory-based youth policy of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

- **Indira Aslanova, Expert**

Indira Aslanova is an assistant professor at the Religious Studies Department, Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University (KRSU), and a coordinator of the research and analysis department in the Research Center of Religious Studies - a national think tank which is focused on studying religious situation in Kyrgyzstan. She graduated from KRSU and got additional education in Egypt, USA, Norway and Germany. She is a member of the Public Expert Council on interethnic and interreligious issues under the Kyrgyz President and a member of Consultative Working Group on preventing violent extremism in Kyrgyzstan (SFCG). Her current professional interests focuses on studying religious freedom in Kyrgyzstan, violent extremism, religious minorities, state policy in religious sphere, conflict management and peacebuilding.

- **Tatiana Hadjiemmanuel, IOM Central Asia**

Mrs Hadjiemmanuel is the IOM Deputy Coordinator for Central Asia – Senior Programme Coordinator at the IOM Sub-regional coordination office for Central Asia, Astana, Kazakhstan. She has served the IOM since 2003 and joined the IOM Sub-regional coordination office for Central Asia in 2013. In addition to Central Asia and Kazakhstan her work with IOM included Western Balkans, Brussels and CIS (Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus). Mrs Hadjiemmanuel has also worked for the Business Advisory Council of the Stability Pact/SECI for South East Europe, the World Bank Group/ Private Sector Liaison Office, the Fulbright Foundation and as a project monitoring and evaluation consultant. She holds an MBA in International Business and International Affairs from George Washington University (1996), and a BA, summa cum laude, in Communications from University of Hartford (1994), USA. Mrs Hadjiemmanuel is a Fulbright-Salzburg Seminar scholar on “Migration, Race and Ethnicity in Europe” (2002).

- **Koen Marquering, UNODC Central Asia**

Koen Marquering is the International Coordinator at UNODC based in Kyrgyzstan and responsible for the implementation of Sub-Programme 2 “Criminal Justice, Crime Prevention and Integrity” of UNODC's Programme for Central Asia 2015-2019. Before joining UNODC in 2012, he completed assignments with OHCHR (2005-2009) and UNDP (2010-2012). Koen Marquering holds a Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from the European Inter-University Centre in Human Rights and Democratisation, as well as a



Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

- **Inga Sikorskaia, School of Peacemaking and Media Technology, Bishkek**

Inga Sikorskaya works as the Director of School of Peacemaking and Media Technology in Central Asia from 2012. She is a professional journalist, media expert and trainer. Her areas of expertise include freedom of expression, peace study, hate speech, diversity and language rights, conflict and ethnic journalism. Inga has wide international experience in media, conflict transformation, peace research and peacemaking journalism training. She comments regularly on peace, conflict and media issues and has been heavily involved to creation of the post-conflict policy in Kyrgyzstan. She holds M.A. in Law and B.A. in Mass Communications and Journalism.

- **Deirdre Tynan, International Crisis Group**

Deirdre Tynan is the ICG's Central Asia Project Director since 2012. Based in Bishkek, she oversees research and advocacy activities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan and with the region's international partners including Russia, the EU and the U.S. Her areas of expertise related to Central Asia are security and politics, Russian and Chinese policy, military logistics and water and energy issues. Deirdre worked as an award winning news investigative reporter 1999-2012. She holds a MA in journalism from New York University.

- **Almakan Orozobekova, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**

Almakan Orozobekova is a PhD Candidate at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Research Group – How 'Terrorists' Learn. She received her BA degree in International Relations from the International University of Central Asia with *summa cum laude*. She is also a graduate of the OSCE Academy, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and the University of Geneva where she gained MA degrees with high honors. Previously, she was an intern at the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, Policy Support Service in Vienna, Austria. Her current research project focuses on recruitment of foreign fighters and adaptation of terrorist organizations.

- **Zack Taylor, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub**

Zack Taylor coordinates UNDP's conflict prevention and PVE programming for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, in close partnership with other UN actors active in the field. For the past fifteen years, he has held a number of international posts in the UN both at HQ and in a wide range of mission settings where his technical expertise has spanned conflict prevention processes, arms control and citizen security. Previous to joining the UN, Zack worked with the UK-based NGO Saferworld in the South Caucasus and the Washington DC-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) where he supported governance programming in the former Yugoslavia. Zack has an undergraduate degree in International Relations from Middlebury College in Vermont, USA and a post-graduate degree in Security Studies from University College London.

- **Fejzo Numanaj, OSCE Office in Tajikistan**

Mr Fejzo Numanaj joined the OSCE Office in Tajikistan in July 2015, as Head of Political Military Department. Prior to joining service in Central Asia, he worked with OSCE missions in Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Mr Numanaj worked with the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMMU), heading the Reporting and Analysis Unit of the OSCE office in Donetsk, and before Ukraine, worked at the Political Affairs Section of the OSCE Presence in



Albania. Mr Numanaj's academic background is in Political Affairs, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies.

- **Naida Chamilova, Hedayah Center of Excellence for CVE**

Dr. Naida Chamilova is the Program Manager of Hedayah's EU-funded Strengthening Resilience to Violent Extremism (STRIVE) Global Program. She has more than 20 years of comprehensive experience in international program management, research and analyses in both public and private sectors. Naida has worked as an educator, program manager and strategic analyst. Prior to joining Hedayah, she was a Senior Program Manager with the Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Program at the Department of Global Affairs, Canada and gained significant experience in international security programming, analysis and evaluation of project proposals, formulation of recommendations for programs and stakeholder engagement.