







Participants' Profiles





Madina Abylkasymova was born in 1978. Graduate from the Kazakh State Academy of Management with a degree in "International Economic Relations". In 2002 she graduated from Columbia University with a Master's degree in International Relations with specialization in "Management of Economic Policy". She also graduated from J.F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University as MA in Public Administration.

From 1999 to 2003 worked at the Agency for Strategic Planning of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning.

From 2004 to 2006 worked as the Director of the Department of Public Policy Analysis of JSC "Center for Marketing and Analytical Research".

In February 2006 she was appointed Deputy Head of the Socio-Economic Department of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since March 2008 she worked as Deputy Director of the Center for Strategic Studies and Analysis of the Presidential Administration.

In September 2011 she was appointed Deputy Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



Director General, Institute of Economic Strategies, Department of Social Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences Russia



Mr. Ageev is currently the Director General of the Institute of Economic Strategies at the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is also President of the International Academy for Future Studies, head of the business faculty of the National Research Nuclear University, and director general of the Pitirim Sorokin/Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute. He is Chief Editor of two magazines: "Economic Strategy" and "Partnership of Civilizations." He is a member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the European Academy of Natural Sciences, the Writers' Union of Russia, and the Russian Union of Journalists.

He is a part of the Coordination Council on forecasting of the Russian Academy of Sciences; the working group of the President's Economic Council, specializing in the field of "Development of International Economic Integration;" the Russian Public Council of the Chairman of Military-Industrial Commission, the Expert Councils of the Union State, and the CIS Executive Committee. He also consults with the Russian Ministries of Emergency Situations, Education, and Culture, along with the Russian Chamber of Accounts and Public Chamber.

He has studied at Moscow State University, the Institute of the World Economy and International Relations of the USSR, the Russian Academy of National Economy, and the Kingston Business School (UK), receiving honors from each institution. He holds a Doctorate in Economics. He has also trained in the United States and South Korea. He has more than 500 scientific, journalistic, and literary publications, and has written more than 500 pieces of music.





Theodore Ahlers is an economist with extensive experience in Europe & Central Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and sub-Saharan Africa. Over the last 25 years, he held numerous economist and senior management positions at the World Bank, including Strategy and Operations Director for Europe & Central Asia (2007-12), Maghreb Department Director (2002-07), and Strategy and Operations Director for Africa (2000-02). He holds a PhD in Development Economics from Tufts University, Fletcher School.

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Aktoty Aitzhanova was born in 1985. A graduate of the Eurasian National University and Exeter University in the United Kingdom, she holds MSc in International Management with specialization in entrepreneurship and innovation. She has also completed studies in Political Science at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Italy. Her main areas of expertise are innovation, entrepreneurship policies review, long-term strategic planning, economic research and corporate governance. She is fluent in English and Italian. Ms. Aitzhanova has served in both the private and government sectors. Among them are LLC Synergy, International Relations and Geopolitical Researches institute, and Statistics Agency. She has served as an advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She has been the Deputy Chairperson at the National Analytical Centre of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan since June 2012.





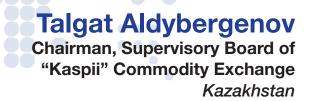
Sebnem Akkaya is World Bank's Country Manager for the Republic of Kazakhstan, providing leadership on the overall policy reform agenda for the country, including managing the delivery of the Joint Economic Research Program, and overseeing the quality and delivery of the work program.

Sebnem took up the position in mid-2010, after serving as a Lead Economist for several Mashreg countries in the Social and Economic Development Group of Middle East and North Africa (MNA) region during 2006-2010. Prior to this, her work focused on transition economies in the Western Balkans and Central Asia in Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Group of Europe and Central Asia region.

She has extensive experience in economic policy formulation and has written on variety of issues, including on economic growth and poverty, trade, public finance, and provision of social services.

Before joining the World Bank in 1989, Ms. Akkaya served as a researcher in the early years of her career at the Statistical, Economic Social Research and Training Center based in Ankara, Turkey.

Sebnem holds a Master's Degree in Economics from Middle East Technical University and studied for PhD in Economics in Bilkent and Middle East Technical Universities in Turkey.





Education: Diploma with Honor, Candidate of Sciences, Almaty Institute of Rail Transport, 1987-1992.

In 2013 graduated with honor from the Russian Academy of Civil Service of the President of the Russian Federation with specialization in Financial Economics.

Currently a PhD candidate at Russian Academy of Civil Service of the President of the Russian Federation

Work experience:

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President of Kedentransservice, JSC in 2008 - 2011

Private business: 2006 -2008

Director of the Transportation Department at JSC Kazmunaigaz Trade Home: 2003 –2006 Director of Kaztransservice (subsidiary company of Kazakhstan Railways): 1999 –2002

Director of Aktobe transportation branch: 1998 -1999

First Deputy Director, Director of Aktobe branch of Center for Firm Transportation Service: 1998 - 1998

Road commercial inspector of West-Kazakhstan railways: 1997 - 1998

Deputy Director of Transportation Division of Ural branch of West-Kazakhstan railways: 1993 - 1997

Deputy Manager of Kazakhstan rail station, cashier, station operator on duty: 1989 -1993



Chairman of the Board, Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG);
Former Minister of Finance
Georgia

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Mr. Aleksishvili has 15 years of working experience in public finance and economic development as a high-level government official, responsible for budgetary and financial policy, tax and customs policy reform, simplification of doing business, and improving the investment climate.

While working as Minister of Finance of Georgia, he successfully conducted a series of reforms in Public Finance, Tax and Customs Policy and Administration, Economic Deregulation, and Liberalization. Georgia was ranked by the World Bank's "Doing Business" survey the world's #1 reformer country in 2005-10. From 2004 to 2007, Georgia improved from 132nd place to 18th on the World Bank's "Ease of Doing Business" index.

As Minister of Finance, he conducted Tax and Customs reforms, reducing the number of taxes from 22 to 7 and reducing tax burden from 45 percent to 27 percent of GDP, while increasing tax compliance rate from 13 percent to 25 percent. In addition, he introduced one of the simplest tax systems in the region. As a result of comprehensive policy reforms in Georgia, FDI has increased from 250 million USD in 2004 to 2,100 million USD in 2007. Georgia's GDP growth rate from 2005 to 2007 was the highest in its history and exceeded 9 percent in each consecutive year (2005 - 9.6 percent, 2006 - 9.4 percent and 2007 - 12.3 percent).

Mr. Aleksishvili was elected as a Chairman of UN Commission for Sustainable Development in 2005-2006. During his chairmanship, the 14th session of the UN CSD focused on progress in the areas: energy for sustainable development, climate change, air pollution, and industrial development.

In April, 2011 Mr. Aleksishvili was elected as a First Vice Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce of Georgia. Since 2007, he has served as Chairman of the Board at Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG).



Professor and Member of Executive Board, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) Turkey



Since 2007, Mr. Arda has been an Executive Board Member of the prestigious Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) in Istanbul. He is also a founding member of SenDeGel, a civil society organization providing development assistance to Least Developed Countries. He acts as an advisor to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations.

He started his career as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University, from 1972 to 1982. He spent the bulk of his career at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, first as a staff member and then as Head of the Commodities Branch, covering international trade, agricultural products, natural resources, diversification and environmental issues. Between 2007 and mid-2013 he was Professor of International Relations and Economics at Galatasaray University, Istanbul, teaching courses and directing research theses, mostly related to global governance and international political economy. He continues to serve as an active member of the University's Economic Research Centre (GIAM). He was the Turkey's national coordinator on substantive issues for the Fourth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul in 2011.

He holds a BA in Economics from Dartmouth College, and a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. During his tenure at the United Nations, he has conducted research and implemented projects all around the world, in particular in Africa and Asia. His areas of interest include the process of development in a globalized world and the governance of globalization; international trade and the WTO; multilateral and regional economic agreements; the respective roles of, and interactions among, states, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society; characteristics of international markets; developing country firms in international value chains; and environmental and natural resource management.



Ksenia Babushkina

Partner, Advisory Services Leader for Central Asia, Ernst & Young Russia



Ksenia Babushkina leads EY's Advisory Practice in Central Asia. She is Risk Compentency Leader for the region, specializing in Risk Management, Internal Audit and Corporate Governance and Compliance Services.

She joined EY in March 2012 and is based in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Prior to joining EY, Ksenia had worked for over 8 years in Risk Practice of a global consultancy firm in Toronto, Canada.

She specializes in managing co-sourcing and full outsourcing internal audit projects ranging from initial function set-up to day to day operational management and project oversight. She provides quality assurance reviews for Internal audit functions and advises on improving communication and operational processes. Ksenia's other areas of expertise include development and implementation of regulatory compliance and internal controls programs (FCPA, UK Bribery act, SOX, etc) and anti-fraud regimes as well as advising on risk and corporate governance.



Najia Badykova Executive Director, Antares Strategy LLC Turkmenistan



Dr. Badykova has long professional experience in areas of international energy, trade and investment, business intelligence and government relations.

She is Executive Director of the consulting firm Antares Strategy L.L.C. based in Washington, DC with local representation in the Caspian region. She also has a Blanket Purchase Agreement as a senior economist with USAID and serves as a senior energy adviser for IP International Consulting LLC and Infratrans Group.

Dr. Badykova has taught courses on the geopolitics of Eurasian energy, contemporary Central Asia, and Russian and Easter European studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University. She has also lectured at Colombia, Harvard and Oxford Universities, and at the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State.

She is a two-time Senior Fulbright Scholar in the United States, at the Johns Hopkins, the George Washington, and the Pen State Universities.

She served as a senior advisor at the Institute of Developing Economies of the Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Tokyo, and at the European Research Center of the George Washington University Business School.

As a long-time official of the Turkmenistan government, she held several responsible positions and served on a number of high level interstate trade and energy commissions in the Former Soviet Union.

Following her government service, she worked as a project leader and an adviser for a range of major institutions and firms, including the EU, the EBRD, the UNDP, JETRO, the Japan Association for Trade with Russia & NIS (ROTOBO), Nippon Petroleum Gas, Marubeni Energy, COSMO Petroleum Gas, the Kubota Corporation, Price Waterhouse, Louis Berger International, BCEOM, TRACTABEL, Ernst & Young, Enereco Spa and many others.

She holds a Ph.D. in Resource Economics from the Institute of Economics, the Russian Academy of Sciences and a Master's degree in International Relations from the Elliott School of International Affairs, the George Washington University.

Antares Strategy LLC provides unique expertise in developing tailored market entry strategies for businesses, political and business risk assessment, and analysis of regulatory and commercial factors crucial to investment decisions in the Caspian region. Antares also provides strategic intelligence and advice to investors going beyond usual channels of information.





Levon Barkhudaryan is a chief advisor of the AVAG Solutions consultancy and an advisor to the Chairman of the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia.

Previously, he held the positions of the Vice Rector of Armenian State Economic University (2010-2011) and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Armimpexbank CJSC (2001-2008). Prior to that, he had worked for another 10 years in the Government of Armenia as a Deputy Minister of Economy (1990-1993) and as a Minister of Finance (1993-1997 and 1999-2000).





Ambassador Aurélia Bouchez has been Head of the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan since 2011. For the previous twenty years, Mrs Bouchez served first at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then as a member of the European External Action Service. She received her degrees from l'Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris in 1979 and l'Ecole Nationale d'Administration in 1984. Throughout her successive assignments she has focused on European Union issues, CIS countries, and multilateral (UN) and security-related (NATO) matters. She speaks French, English, German, and Russian.





Mr. Dossayev has served as Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of the Republic of Kazakhstan since January 2013. Prior to this, he has held numerous minister-level positions, including Minister of Economic and Development and Trade, Minister of Health, and Minister of Finance. He has also served as an advisor to the Prime Minister and Vice Minister of Finance and of Energy, Industry, and Trade.

His financial background includes time spent as Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction of Development in Kazakhstan and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of KazlnvestBank, JSC "ATF Bank," and the Development Bank of Kazakhstan. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Kazakhstan, Chairman of the Agency on Regulation of Natural Monopolies Regulation and Protection of Competition, and Deputy Chairman of JSC "BTA Bank."

He is a graduate of the Almaty Energy Institute and the Bauman Moscow State Technical University.



Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) Belgium



British (1940), since 1998 is Associate Senior Research Fellow at CEPS, working on European foreign, security and neighbourhood policies. A graduate of Balliol College, Oxford. Career: OECD, Paris, 1966-1973; European Commission, 1973-1996, including positions of Economic Adviser to the President (Roy Jenkins), and of EU ambassador to Moscow (1991-1996); Senior Research Fellow at the London School of Economics, 1996-1998. Numerous publications on EU integration, EU foreign and security policies.



Hemisphere Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Argentina



Employment

International Monetary Fund

Served at the IMF for some 30 years, progressing from economist to Deputy Director. Key roles included leading missions to surveillance countries, such as Brazil, Israel, Russia, and South Africa, as well as to countries with economic programs supported by the IMF, such as Brazil (early 1990s), the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Malawi, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Department (WHD), 2004-2009

Deputy Director, European Department, 2003-2004

Assistant Director and Deputy Director, African Department, 1995–2002

Advisor, Division Chief and Assistant Director, WHD, 1989-1995

Deputy Division Chief, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, 1987-1988

Economist, Senior Economist, and Deputy Division Chief, WHD, 1982-1986

Assistant and Advisor to an Executive Director, 1979–1980

World Bank

Economist/lecturer in the Economic Development Institute, 1981

National University of Cuyo, Argentina Researcher and Professor, Economics Department, 1972-1976

Education

University of Chicago, completed studies for PhD in economics, 1979 University of Chicago, MA in economics, 1978 National University of Cuyo, Licenciado en Economia, 1972





July 2012 - European Union Special Representative for Central Asia, Brussels

2010 - 2012 Ambassador, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

2006 - 2010 Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia, Tbilisi

2002 - 2006 Director, Parliament and Cabinet Division, Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2000 - 2002 Political Officer, Parliament and Cabinet Division, Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

1999 – 2000 Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly "Women 2000"

1998 - 2000 Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

1996 - 2000 Political Officer, mainly responsible for the Third Committee of the General Assembly, Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations

1995 - 1996 Master of Public Administration (MPA), Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA

January 1995 Dr. phil., University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, East European History, Economics, Philosophy; PhD dissertation entitled "The Soviet Union during the Great Depression. Foreign Trade, Foreign Economic Relations and Industrialization,

1927 - 1933", published by Duncker & Humblot, Germany, 1995

1993 - 1995 Political and Press Officer, German Embassy Almaty, Kazakhstan

1992 - 1993 Attachée, Diplomatic Academy of the Federal Foreign Office, Bonn

1989 - 1992 PhD studies on Soviet history and economics; supported by a scholarship for post-graduate studies of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany

1991 Research scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), assigned to the Academy of Sciences for research in Moscow, Soviet Union/Russian Federation

1990 Research studies, Centre of Russian and East European Studies, Birmingham University, UK

June 1989 Master's degree (Magister Artium), University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, East European History, Philosophy, M.A. thesis: "Total War and Totalitarian System. The Soviet Union and the Third Reich in World War II. A Sociohistoric Comparison", received the 1991 Award of the German Society for East European Studies

1987 - 1989 Graduate student, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, East European History, Philosophy, History of the Middle Ages

1985 - 1987 Undergraduate student, University of Bamberg, Germany, History, Philosophy, Slavonic Studies

1985 Freelance journalist in the USA

1983 - 1984 Journalist, Nürnberger Nachrichten (Nuremberg News), Nuremberg, Germany

1981 - 1983 Journalist in professional training, Nürnberger Nachrichten

June 1981 General University Maturity, Helene-Lange-Gymnasium Fürth (High School)





Mr. Ganiev holds a master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University (USA) and a Ph.D. in Economics from Tashkent State University of Economics (Uzbekistan). He teaches economics at Westminster International University in Tashkent and works as an consultant on international economic issues.

From 2002 to 2010, Mr. Ganiev worked for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as an economist. He was the team leader for the ADB studies on Central Asian regional cooperation in trade, transport and transit, remittances and poverty in Central Asia and the South Caucasus. He also served as ADB's country economist for Azerbaijan and Vietnam.

Prior to joining the ADB, Mr. Ganiev worked as a staff member and consultant for the resident missions of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Uzbekistan and taught economics at Tashkent State University.

Mr. Ganiev has authored or contributed to a number of publications on regional economic cooperation and integration in Central Asia and on economic developments in Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Southeast Asia.





Klaus Gerhaeusser is the Director General of Central and West Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He assumed office in April 2012. Mr. Gerhaeusser oversees the definition and execution of the departmental strategy and business plan, as well as the day-to-day management of operations in seven divisions/units. They are responsible for regional cooperation and strategic/economic research; transport and logistics; energy; environment, natural resources and agriculture; public management and financial sector; and portfolio and safeguards.

The department operates and has offices in 10 countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The sector or industry work revolves around transport and irrigation infrastructure, energy, urban services and financial sector, and financial management reforms.

Mr. Gerhaeusser has been working for ADB since 1996 in various capacities including as Senior Economist for India; Director for Governance, Finance and Trade in South Asia; Deputy Director General of the Regional and Sustainable Development Department; and previously, as Director General of the East Asia Department, with responsibility for ADB operations in the People's Republic of China and Mongolia, as well as ADB relations with Hong Kong, China, Republic of Korea, and Taipei, China. Prior to ADB, Mr. Gerhaeusser worked at the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC on macroeconomic and structural policy issues in the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere Departments, and was part of the IMF's team working on Argentina during the 1994–1995 debt crisis.

Mr. Gerhaeusser holds a Ph.D. in Economics and a post-graduate degree in Business Administration.





Alfred Gusenbauer
Former Federal Chancellor of Austria

Austria

Born in St. Pölten (Lower Austria) on February 8th, 1960

Studied political science, philosophy and law at the University of Vienna (Dr. phil. 1987)

From January 1981 till September 1990 was executive secretary for Youth of the Social Democratic Party of Austria

Federal Chairman of the Socialist Youth (SJ) from 1984 to 1990

Vice president of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY) from 1985 till 1989

Senior research fellow in the economic policy department of the chamber of labour from 1990 - 1999

Chairman of the Social Democratic Party in the district Melk (Lower Austria) since 1990

Member of the Austrian Parliament since March 1991

Chairman of the Committee for development cooperation of the Austrian Parliament 1996 - 1999

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1991

Chairman of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Council of Europe 1995 - 1998

Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party in Lower Austria from November 1999 till February 2000

Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party of Austria in February 2000

Leader of the Social Democratic Group in the Austrian Parliament since February 2000

Leader of the Social Democratic Party of Austria since April 29th 2000

Chancellor of Austria from Jan 2007 to Dec 2008



Germany



Bernd Hallier, born at July 28, 1947 in Hamburg, Germany. He studied at Hamburg University and graduated with a MA degree in Economics.

He then worked in distribution where he became assistant to the Board and Key-account-manager of an international cigarette company. During that time additionally as a part-time student he wrote his PhD thesis about the response to high-tech-innovation in wholesale/retail versus the relationship between trade and consumer-products industry. His analysis of cigarette-sales via vending machines (included in his thesis) could be seen as a first ECR-project applied already between 1979 and 1982 (Hallier, B., Organisation und Marktstrategie im Tabakwarenfachgroßhandel, Göttingen, 1983).

In 1985 he became head of the Institute for Self-Service (ISB) in Cologne/Germany which he first transformed into the German Trade Institute (DHI) and then in 1993 into the European Trade Institute (EHI) today labeled as EHI Retail Institute. Already during his studies he gained international experience due to traineeships in Turkey, Israel, South Africa, Japan, China. Later he traveled and lectured in all continents of the world.

Beside his activities in Prague he had also supported Budweis University as a visiting professor from 2006-2009.

In Kazakhstan in 2010 Mr. Hallier was appointed as a member of the Association of the Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists. This organization was established in 2008 by the president of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbayev and is backing the annual Astana Economic Forum in Kazakhstan. Among its speakers in 2010 had been three Nobel Prize Winners of Economics: Prof. Dr. R. A. Mundell (1999), Prof. Dr. F. E. Kydland (2004) and Prof. Dr. R.Y. Aumann (2005) and additionally in 2011 the Nobel Laureats John Nash (1994), Sir James A. Mirrless (1996) and as a Nobel Laureat for Chemistry Roger D. Kornberg (2006)

In 2011 Mr. Hallier was awarded with the "Star of Eurasia" and the title "Honorary Ambassador of Peace" by the Eurasian Economic Youth Forum. In 2012 it was labelled at the Astana Conference into the I World Economic Youth Forum - being attended by the Nobel Laureates Prof.Dr. Aumann and Prof. Dr. Maskin.

In 2012 within the framework of the International Year of Cooperatives declared by the General Assembly of the UN - the Republic of Moldova awarded Prof.Dr.Hallier the title "Honorary Member of the Moldavian Academic Cooperative Community". His publications cover themes of macro-economics as well a micro-economics especially in trade, but he also covers the intertwine between commerce and culture. His book "Culture and History of Commerce" is published in the German, Korean, and Russian tongue. The Chinese version is under preparation. His book "EuroShop" (German/English) became an international standard for shopfitting and was translated into Russian with the title *Modern Stores: a History of Technical Development*.





Peter Havlik was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1950. He studied economics, economic statistics, computer sciences and sociology in Prague, Moscow and Vienna. He worked as a researcher at the Institute of Sociology, part of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. After moving to Austria in 1980, he completed post-graduate studies at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna and started to work as a researcher at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW). He held the position of Deputy Director at WIIW for more than 20 years. He currently serves as the Staff Economist at WIIW and as a guest research scholar at IIASA in Laxenburg, Austria. His research focuses on issues related to European and Eurasian integration, competitiveness, and economic developments in Former Soviet Union. Peter Havlik has also consulted with the OECD, the World Bank, the European Commission, the Czech and Slovak governments and a number of private companies. He was previously a visiting professor at the Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo and the chief economist at the Russian-European Center for Economic Policy (RECEP, TACIS) in Moscow.

Among his recent publications are "Economic Restructuring and Integration in Eastern Europe" (Nomos, Baden Baden, 2008, together with R. Grinberg and O. Havrylyshyn), "EU and BRICs: Challenges and opportunities for European competitiveness and cooperation" (2009, Brussels, EU DG Enterprise, together with W. Urban), "European energy security in view of Russian economic and integration prospects" (2010, Vienna), "European Neighbourhood – Challenges and Opportunities for EU Competitiveness" (with Vasily Astrov, Mario Holzner, Gabor Hunya, Isilda Mara, Sándor Richter, Roman Stöllinger and Hermine Vidovic), 2012, Vienna, "Economic Transitions in Central and Eastern Europe: Any Lessons for the Arab Spring?", 2013, Tokyo.

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Werner Hermann is a Director of the Swiss National Bank. Currently he is Head of International Research and Technical Assistance. He served in several groups at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Mr. Hermann was a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Prior to joining the Swiss National Bank he was a member of the Basle Business Cycle Research Group (BAK). Mr. Hermann received a doctorate in economics from the University of Basle.





Biliang Hu is the President of the Emerging Markets and International Development Institute in China. Previously he was a Professor of Economics at Beijing Normal University and the Dean of School of Economics and Resource Management of the University in China. Before his professorship, he co-founded a Delaware-based IT offshore outsourcing company – DoubleBridge Technologies Inc.; before that, he was the chief China economist of SG Securities Asia, as well as the chief representative of the company in Beijing for four years. Before his investment bank experience, he worked with the World Bank Beijing Office as an economist for three years. He also taught Economics of Development in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences for some years.

His latest publications include Informal Institutions and Rural Development in China (London and New York: Routledge, 2007) and A Village Economy in Central Thailand: Testing Chayanov's Model (Bangkok: Thai Watana Panich Press, 2007). His works twice won the Sun Yefang Economic Prize which is the highest economics research award in China. He also won Zhang Peigang Development Economics Award in 2009.

He received his Doctorate of Economics from the School of Economics and Management, Witten/Herdecke University in Germany, and he conducted a two and half year post-doc research program at Harvard Kennedy School. His main academic interests are development economics, institutional economics and Chinese macroeconomic analysis.

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Dr. Ishrat Husain took over as the Dean and Director of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi on March 12, 2008. Immediately before that he had been holding the office of Chairman, National Commission for Government Reforms (NCGR) in the Prime Minister Secretariat at Islamabad, with the status of the Federal Minister. In that capacity he completed a comprehensive report on the re-organization of the Government's structure, processes and human resource management policies.

Dr. Ishrat Husain became the Governor of Pakistan's Central Bank in December, 1999. During the next six years, he implemented a major program of restructuring of the Central Bank and steered the reforms of the banking sector, which are now recognized by the World Bank and IMF to be among the best in developing countries. In recognition of his meritorious services he was conferred the prestigious award of "Hilal-e-Imtiaz" by the President of Pakistan in 2003. The Banker Magazine of London declared him as the Central Bank Governor of the year for Asia in 2005. He received the Asian Banker Lifetime achievement award in 2006.

For over two decades, between 1979–1999, he served in various capacities at the World Bank in Washington DC. Among the positions he occupied at the Bank were Country Director for Central Asian Republics; Director, Poverty and Social Policy Department; Chief Economist, East Asia and Pacific Region; Chief Economist, Africa Region. Division Chief, Debt and International Finance and Resident Representative, Nigeria.

Dr. Ishrat Husain was selected to the elite Civil Service of Pakistan in 1964 and served in the field and also held mid-level policy making positions in Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) and in the Finance, Planning and Developing Departments in the Government of Sindh until 1979.

Dr. Husain has maintained an active scholarly interest in development and globalization issues. He is the author of a dozen books, contributor of 15 chapters in edited books and more than 25 referred journal articles. Two of his books "Pakistan: The Economy of an elitist state" and "Economic Management in Pakistan: 1999–2002" published by the Oxford University Press are widely read in and outside Pakistan. He is regularly invited as a speaker, resource person, discussant, panelist or chairperson at International Conferences/ Seminars/ Workshops in different parts of the World held under the auspices of the World Bank, IMF, UN agencies, research institutions, think tanks. He has so far attended 100 such events.

Dr. Husain is Higher Education Commission's (HEC) Distinguished National Professor of Economics and Public Policy and is also the Chairman, HEC Social Sciences Council. He is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University, the Senate of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Board of Governors, National School of Public Policy and Mahbub-ul-Haq Centre for Human Development. He was a member of the Steering Committee on Higher Education appointed by the President of Pakistan in 2003.

Dr. Husain received his M.A. in Development Economics from Williams College and was at the top of his class and Ph. D in Economics from Boston University receiving International Student Award for outstanding academic achievement. He is a graduate of the Executive Development Program jointly sponsored by Harvard, Stanford Universities and INSEAD.





Lyazzat Ibragimova has served as Chairwoman of the Board of the "Entrepreneurship Development Fund "Damu" JSC since April 2011. In 1994, she graduated from the Akmola Agricultural Institute with honors, majoring in Economics and Management and focusing on agro-industry. In 2003, she completed graduate work at the Eurasian Humanitarian Institute.

She began her career in 1995 as a professor in the Economics Faculty of the Gumilev Eurasian State University. In 2004 she worked as a National Expert on economic development projects with the UN Development Programme in Kazakhstan. From August 2004 to January 2009, she headed the Departments of Analysis and Strategy Development, Training and Consulting, and Corporate Development of the Entrepreneurship Development Fund "Damu" JSC. Since January 2009, she has worked as the Chief Manager of the Department of Special Programs, within the Directorate on Management of Financial Institutions and Development Institutions of the "NWF Samruk-Kazyna" JSC. Since 2003, she has studied the effectiveness of state support of small and medium enterprises, publishing more than 30 scientific publications and 3 training manuals. Independent Director, Member of the Board of Directors of the non-profit Holding "Kasipkor" JSC.





Born on April 28, 1959, graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (International economic relations), Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of USSR (history of foreign politics and international relations). Speaks English, Hindi, Urdu, French languages.

Has been on diplomatic service since July 1985 in Consular Service, Protocol and Political, Press and Information and Foreign Economic Relations branches of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Mr. Idrissov has held posts of 1st Secretary of Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to UN, Head of the Department of America of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ambassador-at-large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Assistant of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since June 2002 – Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Sweden, The Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Ireland.

Since July 2007 – Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States of America with concurrent accreditation to the Federal Republic of Brazil.

On September 28, 2012 was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Decorated with the "Kurmet" and "Parasat" Orders, "10 years of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan" Jubilee Medal, "Astana" Jubilee Medal, "10 years of the Constitution of Kazakhstan" Jubilee Medal, "10 years of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan" Medal, "10 Year Anniversary of Astana" Jubilee Medal and "20 Years Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan" Jubilee Medal.

Diplomatic rank - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary





Born in 1967. Graduated from Department of Philosophy of Saint Petersburg State University as a sociologist. Obtained her degree of science with thesis "Social Aspects of Formation and Development of Political Elite of Kazakhstan" (1997).

From June 2011 till present - President of the Center for Social and Political Studies "Strategy".

Previously worked as a teacher in tertiary education, in the Ministry of Information and Public Accord of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Central Asian Agency for Political Research, Kazakhstan Institute of Strategic Studies of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Center for Communication Technologies "Reputation".

The main sphere of her activity – scientific research based on sociological projects on social and political agenda.

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Mr. Inozmetsev was born on October 10, 1968 in Nizniy Novgorod in Russia. In 1984. he entered the Moscow State Lomonossov University Department of Economics, from which he graduated with distinction in 1989. In 1989 and 1990, he was served as Chairman of the University's Student Scientific Society. From 1989 to 1992, he enrolled in postgraguate courses, obtaining his PhD in economics in 1994. In 1999 he wrote a second dissertation and obtained a Professorship at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Since then, I have taught at various universities, including Moscow State Lomonossov University, MGIMO and the Higher School of Economics.

From April 1991 to September 1993, he worked as a junior editor in the Kommunist monthly, which until August 1991 was the official publication of the Central Committee of Soviet Communist Party, and later became an independent journal. From 1993 to 1996 he acted as an entrepreneur and business manager in various banks, and became a founder and a principal shareholder of the Moscow-Paris Commercial Bank, incorporated in Moscow in 1994. He served as CEO of the bank from 1999 to 2002. In 2011, he served as the Director-General of the Global Political Forum annually held in Yaroslavl under the authority of President Dmitry Medvedev. Since June 2012, he has been a member and deputy Chairman of The Green Alliance, a newly established Russian ecological party.

In 1996, he founded the Centre for Post-Industrial Studies, an independent, not-for-profit institution currently employing 11 people and specializing in organizing conferences on global economic issues and publishing various books. More than 20 volumes by Daniel Bell, Ulrich Beck, Henry Kissinger, Fareed Zakaria, Zygmund Bauman, Immanuel Wallerstein, Paul Krugman, and more were published by the Centre. From 2003 to 2011, the Centre published the Svobodnaya Mysl, a monthly presenting different views on ecological, cultural and political issues. In 2002, he organized (together with Mrssrs. Serguei Karaganov and Fyodor Lukianov) the Russia in Global Affairs journal, serving there as the Chief of the Scientific Advisory Board and regularly contributing to it financially.

Since 1991 he has authored 14 books, translated into English, French and Chinese, and more than 250 articles published in Russia (all major academic journals), the US (National Interest and Foreign Policy), the UK (Prospect), France (Politique internationale, Courrier international, Le Debat), Germany, Holland, and some EU-wide journals (Revue du Marché commun et de l'Union européenne and European Energy Review). He was a regular columnist in Russian weekly magazines such as Profile, Vedomosti, Nezavissimaya Gazeta, and BusinessWeek (Russia) from 2004 to 2009. His most recent volume, Democracy vs. Modernization: A Dilemma for Russia and for the World, was published by Routledge in June, 2012.





Mr. Jandosov is currently the director of the RAKURS Center for Economic Research, serving in this role since 2008; Chairman of the Board of Association of Economists of Kazakhstan; and Advisor to the Board and member of the Presidium of the National Economic Chamber of Kazakhstan "Atameken Union."

He has held a number of prominent roles in Kazakhstan throughout his career, including Chairman of the Agency for Natural Monopolies Regulation and Protection of Competition, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Air Kazakhstan, Chairman of the Board of Association of Financiers of Kazakhstan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Chairman of the National Bank of Kazakhstan, and President of JSC KEGOC. He has served as an assistant to the President, a member of the Higher Economic Council and National Council for Sustainable Development, and as co-chairman of Akzhol and True Akzhol, Kazakh political parties.

He graduated from Moscow State University as an economist-cybernetician in 1987.

Abdoulie Janneh

President, African Governance Institute; Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Former Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Senegal

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Mr. Abdoulie Janneh was Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). ECA is the regional arm of the United Nations in Africa. Since Mr. Janneh joined ECA, he has taken steps to strategically re-position the organization to better support Africa's development agenda. He has also overseen the articulation of the ECA Business Plan 2007-2009 to operationalize the new strategic vision. Before joining ECA, Mr. Janneh served as Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Regional Director for Africa from June 2000 to October 2005. In that capacity, he managed UNDP's largest Regional Bureau, covering 45 countries in sub-Saharan Africa with a complement of over 1,500 staff. Prior to that, he held a number of senior positions in UNDP and its affiliated funds, including Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative in Ghana (1996-1999) and Niger (1993-1996), as well as Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (1990-1993). As a senior UN manager, Mr. Janneh has been a strong advocate for development efforts that respond effectively to Africa's national and regional priorities. Under his leadership, ECA has taken significant steps to support African countries in the area of regional integration, poverty eradication, trade, financing for development, ICTs, governance, climate change, the fight against HIV/AIDS and natural resources management. Mr. Janneh remains particularly interested in the institutional transformation of the African Union and the successful implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), including the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), as critical initiatives for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Mr. Janneh has been striving to enhance partnership-building for Africa, as a necessary vehicle to mobilize support and build inclusiveness for shared development objectives. In this regard, he has been able to cultivate strong partnerships at the highest levels between the ECA and governments, the private sector, civil society, and national, regional and international organizations. He also serves on the advisory panels of a number of organizations involved in Africa's development and has delivered over the years a number of keynote addresses, policy statements and written articles on issues germane to Africa's development.





Saroj Kumar Jha took up the position of the World Bank Regional Director for Central Asia on February 1, 2012. He is based in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Prior to this position Mr. Jha has worked as the World Bank's Global Manager for Disaster Risk Management Practice and Head of the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR). He played a major role in establishing disaster risk management global practice. Mr. Jha worked with donors, governments, UN, and civil society organizations to establish GFDRR in 2006 which is now world's largest global fund for disaster prevention and post-disaster recovery operations. He has led international response to many catastrophic disasters around the world.

Mr. Jha, an Indian national, joined the World Bank in 2005 as a Senior Infrastructure Specialist in the Sustainable Development Network, after significant experience with the Government of India and UNDP as a senior executive in the field of public sector management, infrastructure financing, natural resources management, natural disaster prevention, and sustainable environment. He is credited for innovations in regional cooperation, social safety nets, and grievance redressal mechanisms in various countries of the world. He has since held various positions of increasing responsibility in the World Bank.

He holds dual degree in civil engineering and development economics from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India.

Mr. Jha speaks Hindi, English, Arabic, French, Maithili, Oriya, Urdu.

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Current position: Deputy director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF, since March 2012. Oversees the department's work on Egypt and the CCA (Caucasus and Central Asia) countries.

Previous positions: In the IMF since 1986. Has previously worked in the Research, Asian, Policy Development and Review, and European Departments. Past assignments include period as resident representative in India, work on advanced and emerging market countries in Asia (Japan, Singapore, Poland, Thailand), heading IMF missions to Albania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and more recently Germany and Russia, and reviewing IMF work on some 50 countries representing all continents.

Prior to joining the IMF, in 1982–86 worked as assistant professor at New York University, associate professor and professor at Helsinki School of Economics, and research advisor at the Bank of Finland.

Education: Ph.D., University of Michigan in 1982

Nationality: Finnish

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Shigeo Katsu joined the World Bank as a Young Professional in 1979, and soon moved to the Western Africa Projects Department as an economist, first in the Energy, Water & Telecom Division, and later in the Water Supply & Urban Development Division. In 1985, he was appointed the Bank's Resident Representative in Benin until Fall 1989. From Fall 1989 to the end 1991, Mr. Katsu worked at the Export-Import Bank of Japan as Deputy Director of the Country Economic Policy Analysis Department. Between 1992 and 1995, Mr. Katsu served as the World Bank's Principal Operations Officer for the Industry & Energy Operations Division, China Department, East Asia & Pacific Region, and subsequently was appointed Chief, and then Country Director, of the Bank's Regional Mission in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Katsu assumed the position of Regional Director for Operations in 1999 where his responsibilities broadly consisted of assisting in the management of the ECA Region's operations, and serving as the Regional Liaison with the corporate center. In August 2003, he became Vice President of the ECA Region, serving in this capacity for six years. He subsequently took on an assignment as Special Advisor to the Managing Directors of the World Bank, and retired from the Bank in December 2009.

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Chief Executive, Emerging Markets
Forum; President and CEO,
Centennial Group
United States



Born in 1945, Harinder Kohli studied Mechanical Engineering at the Punjab University (India) and graduated with high distinction from Harvard University in 1972, with a Master's in Business Administration.

Mr. Kohli started his career as a production engineer at Prestolite, an automobile components manufacturer before joining Union Carbide India where he worked in its chemicals and metals division between 1967–1970. In 1970, he came to the U.S. to study management and finance.

After graduating from Harvard, he joined the World Bank at its Washington DC headquarters as a Young Professional. During his 26-year career at the Bank, he held a series of senior managerial positions involving technical, strategic and country relations responsibilities and worked in over 50 countries in all continents of the world. These positions included leading: the Division responsible for the Bank's worldwide operations in the chemicals, fertilizers, refining and petrochemicals industries; the Group responsible for formulating and overseeing the Bank's policy and strategy on Industrial and Financial Sectors Development; and the Information, Technology and Facilities Department—as one of the Bank's youngest directors.

While Mr. Kohli was in this latter position, the Bank created one of the first global corporate communications networks, pioneered the concept of universal access to personal computers for all staff, became the largest corporate user of electronic mail amongst non-technology companies and built an award winning new headquarters building. In 1990, he went on to become the Director of the Technical Department that housed senior technical experts who advised all Bank borrowers in Europe and the Middle East. In 1993, he became the Director responsible for country strategy and all lending decisions for Maghreb countries and Iran. Between 1994 and 1998, he was Senior Advisor, East Asia and Pacific, when he led the Bank's work in private participation in infrastructure. Mr. Kohli started the Centennial Group in 1998, a strategic advisory company based in Washington, D.C., specializing in emerging markets.

He has been a major shareholder, President and CEO of the parent company since its inception. The group now consists of five companies, including subsidiaries in Asia and Latin America. Its work is focused on: Economic and Political Research; Corporate Strategy for Emerging Markets; Financial Sector, Energy, Infrastructure and Urban Development; and Procurement Systems and Governance Reforms. Its clients include major international corporations, governments, and multilateral and bilateral development institutions. Mr. Kohli is a Founding Director and the Chief Executive of the Emerging Markets Forum.





Academic Education

Master of Arts (Linguistics and Literature), University of Eastern Finland
 Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics and Literature), University of Joensuu
 Master of Sciences (Law), University of Joensuu

Main Working Experience

2012-	Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland in Astana, Kazakhstan
2011-2012	Desk Officer for Tanzania, Ruanda, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo, Department of Africa and
	the Middle East, MFA
2010-2011	Attaché (International Criminal Courts), Unit for Public International Law, Legal Service, MFA
2006-2010	Teacher and Researcher (Law and Legal Linguistics), University of Joensuu/University of Eastern Finland
Spring 2006	Trainée, Embassy of Finland in Nicosia, Cyprus
2005-2006	International Affairs Coordinator, Department of Law, University of Joensuu

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Kosonen, Henna: Oikeuskielen kiemuroita. p. 30-33. Ostiensis, Tiedettä ja tutkimusta Joensuun yliopistosta 2/2008.

Language Skills

Finnish, English, French, Swedish





Date of birth: 20 January 1984

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Place of birth: South Kazakhstan

Education: Graduated from the H.A. Yasavi International Kazakh-Turkish University in 2005 with a degree in Economics. He also received a master's degree in State and Local Government from the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2009.

Place of work: Chairman of the Association of Young Entrepreneurs of Kazakhstan.

Career: Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning; Ministry of Finance.





Aleksander Kwasniewski is the former President of the Republic of Poland (1995 - 2005). He was born on the 15th of November, 1954 in Białogard, Poland.

Poland

He participated in the famous "Round-Table" negotiations in Poland that finally brought the peaceful transition of Poland, and the whole Central and Eastern Europe, from communism to democracy. He is a co-founding member and first chairman of the Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Poland. He won the presidential elections for the first time in 1995, running against Lech Walesa. He is co-author of the new democratic constitution of Poland, which he signed into law on July 16th, 1997.

He is a great advocate of Poland's membership in both NATO and the European Union. It was under his leadership that Poland finally joined NATO in 1999. He is an active supporter of further alliance enlargement under the "open door" policy and a strong proponent of European integration, Kwasniewski campaigned for approval of the European Union accession treaty in 2003, and saw Poland become a member on May 1st 2004.

Aleksander Kwasniewski was one of the leading figures in European Politics. He is an author of numerous local and regional initiatives; he decisively joined the global war on terror and backed the decision to send Polish troops to the war against Saddam Hussein. A long-standing supporter of Ukraine's independence and sovereignty, Aleksander Kwasniewski inspired the international mediation efforts during the Orange Revolution, helping the young democracy in Ukraine to prevail.

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Mr. Linn studied law at the Free University, Berlin, Germany. He received his training as an economist at Oxford University, England (BA, 1968), and at Cornell University, USA (PhD, 1972). He is a German National. Mr. Linn joined the World Bank in 1973. For nine years he worked in the Bank's research wing on issues of urban development policy. Based on his research, he published various articles on urban development and urban public finance, and also two books: Cities in Developing World: Policies for Their Equitable and Efficient Growth (Oxford University Press, 1983) and (with Roy Bahl) Urban Public Finance in Developing Countries (Oxford University Press, 1992). In 1978, Mr. Linn spent six months at the University of Munster, Germany, as a visiting researcher. Subsequently he served as country economist and economic advisor in the Bank's East Asia Regional Staff.

In 1988, he published, with Amarendra Bhattacharya, a study entitled "Trade and Industrial Policy in the Developing Countries of East Asia" (World Bank Discussion Paper No. 27). In 1987/88, Mr. Linn was Staff Director of World Development Report 1988 which dealt principally with issues of public finance in development. Between 1988 and 1991, he served as Senior Economic Advisor in the Bank's Development Economics Staff, as the Director of its International Economics Department and as Director of its Country Economics Department. In 1991, Mr. Linn was appointed the World Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization. In that capacity, he was in charge of overall financial policies and prudential management of the World Bank (IBRD and IDA) and in charge of mobilizing capital resources for IBRD and donor resources for IDA and for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). From January 1996 through September 2003, Mr. Linn held the position of the Bank's Vice President for Europe and Central Asia (ECA). A collection of his speeches were published under the title Transition Years – Reflections on Economic Reform and Social Change in Europe and Central Asia (World Bank, 2004). From September 2003 to June 2006, Mr. Linn was a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

From July 1, 2005, Mr. Linn serves as Senior Fellow at Brookings. He has been engaged in research and advisory work on global governance, on transition issues in Central and South-East Europe, the CIS and Turkey, on transatlantic relations, and on cultural heritage preservation. During 2004-5 Mr. Linn also served as Project Leader and Lead Author for the UNDP Central Asia Human Development Report (December 2005). He edited (with Colin Bradford) Global Governance Reform: Breaking the Stalemate (Brookings, 2007).



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Claudio Loser is a well-known authority on Latin American economies and institutions. During his career at the International Monetary Fund he held many senior positions, including Director of the Western Hemisphere Department. Under his leadership, the Department was actively involved in a wide range of surveillance, technical assistance, and research activities. Recently he has worked closely with the G-24, the Andean Finance Corporation (CAF), the Rio Group of Latin American Cooperation, and with a number of other financial corporations, dealing with developments in Latin America and the evolving relations between these countries and the IMF. He is a Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based forum for opinion leaders and policymakers on Western Hemisphere affairs. He teaches international economics and finance at the George Washington University. He has published in many journals, mostly on Latin American economic issues. He graduated from the University of Cuyo, Argentina and received his Masters of Arts and PhD from the University of Chicago in 1967 and 1971, respectively.





Meruert Makhmutova is Director of the Public Policy Research Center (PPRC) in Almaty, Kazakhstan. In 1985, she graduated from the Faculty of Physics of Kazakh State University. In 1997, she graduated from the National Higher School of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan with a postgraduate diploma in Public Administration (with honors). In 2000 she attained her PhD in Economics from the Kazakh State Academy of Management with a focus on intergovernmental fiscal relations.

She has worked on projects in Kazakhstan and greater Central Asia with the Asian Development Bank, UNESCAP, UNDP, the World Bank, the OECD, and the European Commission Delegation to Kazakhstan.

She has published more than 100 articles on various dimensions of economic policy, budget and local government reforms, and oil revenues.

She is a co-founder of the Association of Economists of Kazakhstan and a member of the Expert Council under the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From 2008 to 2012, she was a member of the Council of Economic Advisers under the Government of Kazakhstan and of the National Jury of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Kazakhstan award.





Mr. Mamashev graduated from the Kazakh State Academy of Management as a specialist in international currency and financial relations and Gumilev Eurasian National University as a lawyer. He holds a Master's degree from Anglia Polytechnic University's Department of International Business Economics in Cambridge, UK. He currently studies at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, progressing towards an MBA.

Mr. Mamashev worked as a chief expert of the Division of Social and Economic Analysis of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Director of the Department of Methodology, Accounting and Audit; and Director of the Department of Methodology and Public Assets Management of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He has also held the following managerial-level positions: Financial Director, Executive Director for Corporate Development, Adviser to the President for Development at KEGOK, JSC.

Since 2010, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Medical Holding and Vice President of the Nazarbayev Fund. Since 2012, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kazakhstani Geographical Society and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Corporate Social Development Fund.



United States



Tamar Manuelyan Atinc is a visiting scholar at Brookings on leave of absence from the World Bank, where she has worked in various capacities since 1984. In her last position, she was Vice President for Human Development, overseeing the Bank's work in the areas of education, health, nutrition, population and social protection, and labor. She represented the Bank in many global fora, including as a member of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Lead Group.

In her previous assignments, Ms. Manuelyan Atinc was Director for Human Development in the Bank's Europe and Central Asia region for four years and served as a member of the Board of the Roma Education Fund (REF). She served in the East Asia and the Pacific region in a number of positions during a 13-year period, including Acting Director for Human Development, Sector Manager for the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, and Senior Economist on China. In the Africa region, she worked for eight years as Country Economist for Cameroon and Guinea, including three years in Yaounde. She was also a co-author of the 2006 World Development Report on Equity and Development.

Before joining the Bank, she worked in Geneva at the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. A Turkish national, Ms. Manuelyan Atinc has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She speaks Turkish, Armenian, English, and French.



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Karim Massimov was born in 1965. A graduate of the Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University and Kazakh State Academy of Management, he studied Chinese at the Beijing Institute of Languages and Culture and completed further studies at the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University and at Columbia University. He is a specialist in international law, with a doctorate in economics; he is fluent in English, Chinese and Arabic. Mr. Massimov has served as Minister of Transportation and Communications, as an aide to the president of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as Minister of Economics and Budgetary Planning, and as Deputy Prime Minister. He has been the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan since January 2007 and head of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Kazakhstan since September 2012.

Fernando Montes-Negret

Former Director, Finance & Private Sector
Development ECA Region, World Bank; Former
Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Colombia
United States



I retired from the IMF in December, 2012. Since then I have been doing consulting for the World Bank and the IMF (see list of assignments below).

During 2010-2012 I worked at the IMF as Sr. Financial Sector Expert Staff (Monetary and Capital Markets Department, Financial Oversight Division) involved in crisis and distressed countries (Ireland and Hungary), leading several FSAP Missions (Peru, Mexico, Poland and Uruguay), reviewing multiple FSAPs and other MCM products, reviewing Article IV reports, and assessing IMF programs in crisis countries (Ukraine Ex-Post Program Evaluation).

Before joining the IMF, I was for over six years Director at the World Bank in charge of the Finance and Private Sector Development Department of the Europe and Central Asia Region. I was competitively selected to the position to turn around the Department and provide leadership in the areas of policy advice, economic sector work, technical assistance, and lending to client countries in the ECA Region. Prior to this assignment I was, for four years, Sector Manager in charge of financial policy, crises management and lending in the Latin America Region, including dealing with the Mexico and Argentina crises. Before joining the World Bank I was Deputy Governor of Colombia's Central Bank, Advisor to the Monetary Board (the highest civil servant job in the Government at the time) and Under-Secretary of Finance. In the latter capacity I chaired or was member of Board of Directors of publicly-owned banks and state companies.

I have strong quantitative and managerial skills with advanced studies in Economics, with a long record of publications in areas of finance, payment systems, risk management and country advisory services, as well as recognized track record of independence, professionalism and integrity.

After more than thirty-five years of professional experience at the World Bank, IMF and Colombian Central Bank and Government, I am seeking new challenges in the public and private sectors as a Sr. Consultant in financial sector policy and development.





Yuri Moseikin has been director of the Institute of Global Economics and Business since 1999. Since 1989 he has been a professor at the People's Friendship University of Russia, teaching courses focusing on the Russian national economy, social and economic forecasting, strategic planning and management, Latin American economics, and environmental sustainability. He is currently in charge of the University's Macroeconomic Regulation and Planning Division.

In the past, he has served as a Russian-Spanish and Russian-Portuguese interpreter. He is also Vice President of the Russian Association of Business Education and Chair of the International Cooperation Commission of the Association of Leading Economic and Management Schools.





President of the Economic Research Institute from 2011

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Graduated from Kazakh State Pedagogical University named after Abai in 1991 and National Higher School of Public Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1997.

Mr. Mukhanov started his career as a teacher in secondary school, then worked in the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan as an assistant to the Minister, the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, National Security Council, Economic Research Institute.

He has held several positions in the Administration of the president of the Republic of Kazakhstan. During two years (2006-2008) worked in Kazyna Fund as Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board, Corporate Secretary, Managing Director.





Mr. Rajat M. Nag is the Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He has been with the institution for more than two decades and assumed his current position in December 2006.

With broad experience across Asia, Mr. Nag plays a critical role in providing strategic and operational direction to ADB, so that it achieves its mission of helping its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people. He also oversees the risk management operations of ADB.

Mr. Nag's work has given him wide-ranging insight into several issues and challenges relevant to Asia, including infrastructure financing, public-private partnerships and regional economic integration. His particular interest is in working to enhance regional cooperation and integration in Asia and bridge the gap between the region's thriving economies and the millions of poor people being left behind.

He has held several top positions in ADB. Prior to his current post, he was head of ADB's Southeast Asia Department and Special Advisor to the President on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration.

Mr. Nag began his professional career at the Bank of Canada and held senior positions in a leading international consulting firm before joining ADB. He holds engineering degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and the University of Saskatchewan (Canada). He also obtained Masters degrees in Business Administration from the University of Saskatchewan and in Economics from The London School of Economics.





Dr. Beatriz Nofal was, from October 2006 until the end of August 2010, Head of Argentina's National Investment Development Agency, with the rank of Secretary of State. Under her leadership, the Agency ProsperAr was built, generating significant results in terms of investment attraction. The work done won wide international recognition among the private sector, international organizations (OECD, World Bank, UNCTAD), and her peers in other investment agencies, being elected and re-elected as regional Director for South America in the Directive Committee of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA).

Dr. Nofal received her Ph.D from Johns Hopkins University in 1983, with a specialization in development economics and planning. She received postgraduate diplomas in development planning from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, University of Paris, France (1977) and the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, Netherlands (1976). Presently, Dr. Nofal is considered to be one of the main experts on Mercosur, trade, and development issues.

She is at present President of Eco-Axis, an economic consulting firm she founded specializing in Mercosur and international trade, Director of Business & Development of KPMG Argentina, President of Argentina's Chapter of the International Women Forum (IWF), and a board member on IWF's Global Council. Since 2005, she has been a professor in the Applied Economics Master's and Doctoral Program at the Catholic University of Argentina. Since 2007, she has served as Member of the Americas Cabinet of the Global Advisory Board of the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago. Dr. Nofal is also a member of the Inter-American Dialogue, a counselor of the Centro Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI), and an external consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

She was Undersecretary of Industry and Trade in the Ministry of Economy of Argentina during from 1986 to 1988, playing a main role in the opening of the economy and in the formulation and negotiation of the Economic Integration Program between Brazil and Argentina. She was also the editor of a quarterly publication called "Mercosur Journal" from 1995 to 2000. Dr. Nofal also served as a Member of the House of Representatives in Argentina and a Member of the Mercosur Interparliamentary Commission from December 1999 until February 2002. She was Managing Director of Arthur D. Little in Argentina from May 1999 to December 2000.

Dr. Nofal has authored several publications (including books) in Argentina, Brazil, and USA. She has received international honors from Brazil, Chile, and France.





Mr. Orynbayev has served as Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan since October 2007. Mr. Orynbayev received his LL.B from Moscow State University in 1993 and his MA in International Development Policy from Duke University in 2002.

Starting in 1996, Mr. Orynbayev has held various positions with the Kazakhstani civil service. These positions included, among others, Deputy Akim (Governor) of South Kazakhstan, division head at the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, Department Director of the Agency for Civil Service, Vice Minister of Economy and Budget Planning, and Head of the Prime Minister's Office.





Born in 1976 in East Kazakhstan region. Graduated from Department of Economy of Moscow State University named after Lomonosov.

Mr. Oshakbayev started his career at Kazagrofinance, JSC as chief accountant, and then was appointed to be the Managing Director, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board for credit and leasing operations, since 2002 – Chairman of the Executive Board.

In 2003 Mr. Oshakbayev headed the Project of the World Bank International Financial Corporation on development of leasing in Kazakhstan. In 2004-2008 worked as a general director of a private firm.

In 2009-2011 he led the Analytical Center for Economic Policy in Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since 2010 till present Mr. Oshakbayev is head of the Social Foundation "Association of Economists of Kazakhstan".

In 2011-2012 he worked as the managing director of Samruk Kazyna Fund.





Elsa Pilichowski is Deputy Head (a.i.) of the Eurasia Competitiveness Programme at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. In addition to her programme responsibilities, she is also in charge of the project "Kazakhstan Sector Competitiveness through Better Regulations and Institutions."

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Jorge Quiroga is a former President of Bolivia. His public sector experience includes serving as Leader of the Opposition (2006-10), Woodrow Wilson Scholar (2002-03), President of Bolivia (2001-02), Vice President and President of Congress (1997-2001), Minister of Finance (1992), and Vice Minister of Planning for Public Investment and International Cooperation (1990-92). In the private sector, he has worked as Vice President and Board Member of a large private bank in La Paz (1993-97), with Mintec in the mining sector in Bolivia (1989-90), and as a Systems Engineer with IBM in Texas (1981-88).

Bolivia

He is currently active in the private sector and many international organizations, including serving as Vice President of "Club de Madrid," as a Board Member of the "Inter-American Dialogue" and "Results for Development-R4D" in Washington D.C., as a member of the International Advisory Council of the China Economic Club; and in different capacities on the "Global Adaptation Institute," the "Foro Iberoamericano," and many others. He has presided over FUNDEMOS since 2002, a Bolivian public policy foundation.

His areas of expertise include the management of international aid and cooperation for developing countries; macroeconomic policy; constitutional, legal, and institutional reforms; private and official external debt restructuring and relief; programs to reduce drug trafficking and cocaine production; and Latin American economic policy in general.

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1992	Diplomatic Collaborator at the General Secretariat – FDFA
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1996	First Secretary in charge of Cultural Affairs - Embassy of Switzerland in Buenos Aires
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2002	Adviser for Political Affairs - Embassy of Switzerland in Madrid
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Kyrgyzstan



Mr. Sarbanov is Head of the Project Department of the EurAsEC Anti-Crises Fund at the Eurasian Development Bank, holding this position since 2011. He has also served as a Board Member of the Demir Kyrgyz International Bank and as Governor and Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In addition to his primary work, he has also served as a Member of the Board at the American University of Central Asia, a lecturer at Kyrgyz National University, Chairman of the Board of Directors at JSC Ecobank, and a researcher at the Novosibirsk Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering of the Siberian branch of the Russian/USSR Academy of Sciences. He received a PhD in Economics from the Russian University of Management in 2001 and attended Georgetown University on a Pew Economic Freedom Fellowship in 1997.



Director, Z. Shahidi Museum of Musical Culture; Chair, Z. Shahidi International Foundation for Culture Tajikistan



Dr. Munira Shahidi is the founder of the Ziyodullo Shahidi International Foundation, NGO (1992), organisation, which works for peace and development via culture and arts through the last two decades of independence of Tajikistan. She is a graduate of the Department of Foreign Languages of the Tajik National Pedagogical University, and received her Ph.D. at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Science of the USSR in Moscow. As a specialist in the field of comparative literature, she is an author of a number of books, including "Ibn Sina and Dante" (1986), "Art and an Outlook of Muhammad Iqbal" (translation of Said Abdul Vahid's, with commentary and glossary, 1984), "The Idea of Peacebuiding in Tajik-Persian Literature" (2005) and numerous other articles, published in different special issues and collective monographs in Tajikistan, Russia, Great Britain, Japan, Malaysia and other countries. She has also been involved in Eurasian studies, cooperating with various institutions in that space.

Dr. Shahidi has received fellowships at the Swedish Institute (1996), Maison de Science L'Homme (Paris, 2004), and EHESS (2005). She is affiliated with Cambridge University in the UK. Dr. Shahidi has participated in numerous conferences, symposiums, and round tables in different countries, regarding Eurasian studies in USA, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, and Russia.





Date and place of birth: October 3rd ,1957, Moscow

Education: 1973 - 1978 Moscow State University, Economics

Academic degree: PhD in Economics

Career: 1978 - 1989

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Research officer and senior research fellow of the Africa Institute (the USSR Academy of Sciences)

1989 - 1991

Director of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies of the Africa Institute (Russian Academy of Sciences).

1991 - 2006

World Bank expert in most of Europe and Central Asia, and some countries in Eastern Asia, the Middle East and Africa, supporting governments in the formulation and implementation of sustainable macroeconomic and fiscal policies and developing public finance institutions

2006 - 2010

World Bank Country Manager for Kazakhstan

February 2010

Appointed Managing Director of the EurAsEC Anti-Crisis Fund Department

December 2010

Appointed Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of the EDB. Dr. Shatalov coordinates and supervises the Bank's management of the EurAsEC Anti-crisis Fund





Born in 1962 in Moscow. In 1984 graduated from the Department of Psychology of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Social Psychology Chair.

Russia

From 1984 to 1998 worked in Russian Academy of Sciences, specializing in psychology of teams working in arts and science, as well as conducting research projects and consulting projects for various organizations.

From 1998 to 2009 headed a number of commercial organizations and projects in research, information, and social development.

From 2009 – Executive Director of the "Post-crisis World" Foundation – an independent analytical center created in Moscow at the initiative of several eminent Russian organizations: Public Opinion Foundation, Center for non-profit partnership "Business Solidarity", Center for Development of Stock Exchange.

The activity of the Foundation is aimed at promoting a dialogue between expert and business communities, civil society, government for effective anti-crises decision-making.

During the period of its existence the Foundation has conducted a number of international researches on the basis of global expertise principle. In total more than 1,000 experts from 80 countries took part in the researches. These experts have influence on decision-making and formation of public opinion.

Research of the Foundation provides a feedback to the governments from expert community.





Arun Shourie is among India's best known commentators on current and political affairs. Born in Jalandhar, Punjab (1941), he studied at St. Stephen's College in Delhi and then obtained his doctorate in Economics from Syracuse University, USA.

Among other portfolios, he held the office of the Minister of Disinvestment, Communications and Information Technology in Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's cabinet. He was acclaimed as a "Star of Asia" by Business Week in 2002 and as "The Business Leader of the Year" by The Economic Times for his pioneering and dogged work on privatization. In a poll of Indian CEOs, he was acclaimed as "The Most Outstanding Minister" of Mr. Vajpayee's Government in early 2004.

He is the recipient of numerous national and international awards, including the Magsaysay Award and one of India's highest civilian awards, the Padma Bhushan. He has been an economist with the World Bank, and Editor of the Indian Express. He is widely regarded as the father of investigative journalism in India. The International Press Institute, Vienna, acclaimed him as one of 50 "World Press Freedom Heroes" whose work has sustained freedom of the press in the last half-century.

He has written 26 books on a variety of topics ranging from constitutional law, to modern Indian history, religious fundamentalism, governance in India, and national security. His 26th book, "Does He Know a Mother's Heart? How Suffering Refutes Religions" was published by HarperCollins in 2011. It examines explanations for suffering in the basic religious texts; shows how they do not stand up to scrutiny; and explains why his own experience in serving his spastic child for 35 years has led him to the Buddha's teaching.





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Member of the Board; Minister of Economy and Financial Policies, Eurasian Economic Commission

Russia



In February 2012 Mr. Suleimenov was appointed by the Presidents of Russia, Belorussia, and Kazakhstan Dmitry Medvedev, Alexander Lukashenko, and Nursultan Nazarbayev accordingly to be suprational official – Member of the board (Minister) for economy and financial policy of Eurasian Economic Commission.

At present Timur Suleimenov ensures implementation of the Commission's functions in the following spheres: business climate for entrepreneurship and investment; protection of the intellectual property; labor migration; financial markets; currency exchange policy; banking; securities; insurance; custom duties for import; and taxation policy.

Previously, from March 2010 to February 2012 worked as the Vice-Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan. At this position was responsible for international relations, including international economic integration, public policy for regulation and development of the internal and external trade.

From March 2009 to March 2010 served as Vice-Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Mr. Suleimenov started his career at Ernst&Young audit company. After that he worked as the director of Department for tax accounting and planning at Kazmunaigas Exploration and Production, JSC, in the subsidiary company of the largest national enterprise of Kazakhstan in the oil and gas sector.

Timur Suleimenov graduated from Pavlodar State University as BA in Management and BA in Law, Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland as MBA in Finance.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS:

TQM for State Bodies: opportunity and perspectives of implementation (2011), HR system in Civil Service of Kazakhstan (2011), ways of improving public service (2009), central and local state bodies activity assessment system (2009); Post-Soviet Institutionalism: the Authority and Business (2005-2006), the Effectiveness of State Support Small Businesses (2007-2009), the cooperation of small business (2006-2008), building effective implementation mechanisms of property in corporate and small business (2007), improving of the Economic Mechanism of Small Businesses (2000), strategy of formation of a mixed economy in the Kazakhstan (1999), etc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of the International Association of Institutional research – 2006-present days Expert of the Institute Post crises Development (Russia) – 2008-present days





Yuri Tsarik is a political analyst and leader of the Belarusian Development Group. He works as the head of the Internet Communications Department in Zvyazda Publishing House and is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Center for Strategic and Foreign Policy Studies, an independent non-partisan think tank in Minsk, Belarus.

Mr. Tsarik studied International Law at the Faculty of International Relations in the Belarusian State University and is now a PhD student in International Public Law.

Mr. Tsarik worked for the Information-Analytical Center of the Administration of the President of Belarus, Ministry of Information of the Republic of Belarus. He also ran a number of analytical, PR and GR projects with Russian state bodies, think tanks, and civil movements. He is a non-staff research fellow at the Institute for Demography, Migration and Regional Development (Moscow, Russian Federation).

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Evgeny Vinokurov earned a Ph.D. from Pierre Mendes-France University (Grenoble II) and a PhD (doktor nauk) from the Institute of the World Economy of International Relations of the Russian Academy of Science. Following several years of experience in applied economic research projects in Germany, Belgium, France, and China, he has worked as head of the Economic Analysis Division of the Eurasian Development Bank from its inception in 2006. He was responsible for developing macro- and microeconomic analysis, as well as the bank's research program. Since 2011, he has served as the founding director of the EDB Centre for Integration Studies, an applied Russian think tank specializing in quantitative research on regional integration.

His current research focuses on integration processes spanning not only the post-Soviet space, but also the whole Eurasian continent. Evgeny Vinokurov has authored a number of monographs, including "A Theory of Enclaves," "The EU, CIS, and Russia: Challenges of Integration" (with K. Malfliet and L. Verpoest), "Holding-Together Regionalism: 20 Years of the Post-Soviet Integration" (with A. Libman), and "Eurasian Integration: Challenges of Transcontinental Regionalism" (with A. Libman). He has published numerous research papers in the Review of International Political Economy, the Journal of Common Market Studies, Post-Communist Economies, European Urban and Regional Studies, Voprosy Ekonomiki, and Russia in Global Affairs. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of the annual EDB Eurasian Integration Yearbook and the quarterly Journal of Eurasian Economic Integration.



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Feb 2012 - Present Director, Central Asia and the Caucasus Division, East and Central Asia and the Caucasus

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April 2000 – June 2002 Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Uzbekistan

October 1999 Establishment of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

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April 1994 Joined Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF)

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Throughout the professional career, much of the work was dedicated to the ODA loans for infrastructure projects (Electric Power, Transportation, Water Supply, Education etc.) in Central Asia and the Caucasus, as well as private sector investment finance operations.





Arystan Yessentugelov is a Kazakhstani economist with more than 50 years of professional experience.

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He helped author and guide the 1990 transition to a market economy, implementation of the national currency, privatization and economic liberalization, management of fiscal policy, and development of major joint projects, such as Tengiz-Chevron. He led development of free economic zones in Kazakhstan and participated in the development of crisis management policies in 1998 and 2008. He took part in development of a number of bedrock policy documents, such as the Conception of Territorial Development, Small Cities Development, Industrial-Innovation Strategy, Astana City Development Strategy and Economic Forecasting for the Capital Development through 2030.

He is the author of more than 250 books and articles on economic reform processes. His major research interests are diversification, improvement of the business climate, and national economic competitiveness.





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