

## **Between Stability and Transformation: Regional and Transnational Cooperation in Central Asia and between Central Asia and Europe**

Initiative: Zwischen Europa und Orient - Mittelasien/Kaukasus im Fokus der Wissenschaft

Ausschreibung: Ausschreibung: Strukturell orientierte Maßnahmen

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The project focuses on the younger generation of Central Asian scholars and aims at contributing to their academic careers with a specific 'professionalization- through-research'-approach. The thematic frame focuses on the simultaneity and tensions between transformation and stability patterns in the region and particular emphasis shall be put on the interrelation between institutional structures and societal initiatives and dynamics. The following interrelated activities are planned: 1) an international Summer School on the topic "Stability, Transformation and Regional Cooperation: Approaches from Central Asia and Europe" at OSCE Academy in Bishkek/ Kyrgyzstan addressing mainly master-students and PhD-scholars from the wider Central Asian region, and including lecturers from Central Asia as well as from Germany and Europe; 2) a seminar-series of three succeeding training seminars/workshops at the German- Kazakh University (DKU) in Almaty/Kazakhstan on a) theories, b) methodologies and methods, and c) techniques and skills in social science research, addressing in particular advanced master-students, PhD-scholars and post-doc researchers; 3) an international research conference at University of Central Asia in Dushanbe on the topic "Prospects and Limitations of Concepts of Stability, Transformation and Regional Cooperation for Central Asia and Europe" bringing together PhD-scholars, postdoctoral scholars, and senior scholars, both from Central Asia and neighboring countries and Europe. The professionalization activities (Summer School and seminar-series) and the international conference will lead to scholarly publications: a major book publication in English language that is to be published at a renowned publishing house as well as additional articles and papers.

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