
CHRISTOPHER J GERRY BRIEF BIO

Before joining the University of Central Asia (UCA) in August 2022 as Dean of the Graduate School of Development (GSD), Professor Christopher J Gerry (52) was Head of the School of Global and Area Studies and a Full Professor at Oxford University (2017-2022), where he also served as Dean of St Antony's College. Prior to that, he spent 15 years at University College London (UCL), progressing from Assistant Professor in 2002 to Associate Professor in 2007. From 2014 to 2017, he was Professor of Health Economics at HSE University in St Petersburg, establishing a research laboratory and developing the University's first Internationalisation Strategy.

Professor Gerry is a distinguished academic researcher and leader. His research focuses on health, welfare, inequality, and labour markets in Eurasia. He has published widely in leading journals and taught various economics courses. He has secured grants from the Open Society Foundations, the British Medical Council, and the European Union. At UCA, he is involved in projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals and Women's Economic Empowerment in Afghanistan.

Professor Gerry is the Acting Rector, Dean of GSD, and a Full Professor at UCA. Based at the University's Central Administration Office in Bishkek, he frequently travels to UCA campuses in Naryn, Almaty, Tekeli, Dushanbe, and Khorog. As Acting Rector and Dean, Professor Gerry is dedicated to UCA's mission of promoting Sustainable Development in Central Asia by achieving excellence in research, education, and capacity building across multiple disciplines.

As Dean of GSD, Professor Gerry has integrated research units into a school of development studies, introduced a new five-year strategy, advanced Executive Education, and implemented new policies in academic operations and communications. He has led UCA's involvement in the Naryn and Khorog Urban Resilience Programmes, collaborating with local governors, mayors, and university rectors, as well as AKDN, AKF, and AKAH. Additionally, he has overseen the Office for Research and Development and the International Office and chairs the Management Executive Committee.