

Graduates Rejoice at Historic First Convocation of UCA



UCA graduates celebrate with hats in the air.

Against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains, the University of Central Asia (UCA) celebrated the achievements of its inaugural cohort of graduates: the Class of 2021. The live-streamed Convocation brought together students, family members, faculty, and well-wishers across multiple countries and time zones around the world.

At this historic milestone event on 19th June 2021, UCA celebrated its First Convocation. Graduates and faculty dressed in the newly designed academic regalia added a colourful and festive mood to the Convocation proceedings amid the picturesque mountain landscapes of Khorog, Tajikistan and Naryn, Kyrgyzstan.

Historically, this part of the world is well-known for the renowned Silk Route – a trading passage that once connected China with the Mediterranean via the high mountains of Central Asia. This borderless journey led to an exchange of ideas and knowledge, and the region soon became a hub of invention and innovation.

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UCA to Provide Executive Education Training for TCell

The University of Central Asia (UCA), in collaboration with the Cambridge Judge Business School (CJBS), has designed a unique Executive Education Programme on “Thought Leadership” to support Tcell, a mobile network brand in Tajikistan, to position for growth in a post-pandemic environment. Key aspects of the course include business and innovation, digital transformation, and business resiliency.

As more businesses ‘go digital’ and educational services move online, the pressure on telecommunication providers to expand services, cultivate connectivity, and harness the future of technologies is ever growing. In order to address these and other future challenges in the telecommunication industry, UCA with its partners has developed a ground-up custom programme

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At the agreement signing, Muzaffar Jorubov (left), Chief Operating Officer of UCA, and Ozodkhon Davlatshoev, CEO of Tcell.

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Graduates in Naryn break into a spontaneous celebration.



Proud parents admiring their daughter's UCA Degree.



Photo left: Rector Sohail Naqvi presenting the UCA Degree to Jonbegim Mukhtor.

Photo above: UCA Faculty and Students during the Convocation in Khorog, Tajikistan.



Photo above: UCA Faculty and Students during the Convocation in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan.

Photo right: Dean Maxim Khomyakov and Galina Baiterek, Head of Education Department of the President's Apparatus of the Kyrgyz Republic, present UCA and State Degrees to Alisher Kukanbekov.



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Delivering the Chancellor's address, His Highness the Aga Khan spoke of the strong bonds forged by UCA across frontiers, and the potential for addressing the challenges of development in the region.

"Students of world history remind us how Central Asia, a thousand years ago, led the world in cultural and intellectual achievements," said His Highness. "This region is where medicine was founded, where algebra got its name, where the Earth's diameter was precisely calculated, where some of the world's greatest poetry was penned."

"This happened because the societies were open to new ideas, open to change, open to scholars and people from many backgrounds. That kind of openness can again unlock the doors to the future, and



His Highness the Aga Khan, Chancellor of the University of Central Asia, addressing the Convocation. Read full speech in [English](#) and [Russian](#) or watch the video in [English](#).



His Excellency Sadyr Japarov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, conveying his message of congratulations to the graduates. Read full speech in [English](#) and [Kyrgyz](#).

allows us to take on the great questions of our time and place."

UCA is now well positioned to unlock these doors and address these great questions. The University employs an open-access philosophy, in which students are accepted solely on merit. The vast majority receive financial support. Typically, 70 per cent of students come from rural areas and small towns, and 50 per cent are women.

As part of the ceremony, the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr Sadyr Japarov, delivered a congratulatory address to graduates: "The future of any country depends on its intellectuals and educated youth. The younger generation has a responsibility to lead the country into the future,

which requires true patriotism, quality education, hard work, and dedication that inspires the country's development goals."

The University's campuses play a vital role in this process, nurturing small communities of responsible citizens and future leaders. In his remarks, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha, focussed on these communities and their potential to positively transform the towns of Naryn, Khorog, and Teke-li. "Our long-term joint vision led by the town municipalities is to see these communities transformed into thriving University Towns where economic, social, and cultural opportunities abound for everyone," he said. [Continued on page 4](#)



Dr. Kholiknazar Kuchakshoev, Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in Khorog, holding the UCA flag at the Convocation Ceremonial Procession in Khorog, Tajikistan.

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UCA trustee Dr. Nurlan Omurov (left) and the Governor of Naryn Mr. Ashymbayev Sabyrkul, share the spotlight with graduate Beknazar Jumabayev.

UCA Rector, Professor Sohail H. Naqvi, paid special tribute to the resilience of students, who in recent months have been tested not only academically but also emotionally, due to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. “You are pioneers, adventurers, leaders without peers, and this region’s hope for the future,” he said. “The beautiful environments of this campus, the phenomenal work of the faculty, the support of all your family and peers -- it has all been about your development.”

Class valedictorian Karlygash Kussainova highlighted the role of the Chancellor for his vision and wisdom in creating a World-Class University in the remote mountain regions of Central Asia. She also thanked the University’s management for their support throughout their academic journey, helping them grow from timid teenagers to courageous and confident adults.

Looking ahead, the mountain communities of Central Asia continue to face a



Graduates circle a camera.

number of complex challenges, including climate change, poverty alleviation, economic development, and technological advancement. The Chancellor expressed hope that the graduates, as ambassa-



Dr. Odinzoda Ramazon Safar, representing the Ministry of Education of Tajikistan, presenting the State Diploma to Sadaf Sutaria.

dors and alumni of UCA, would play a special role in addressing these challenges, “This is a special responsibility that I am certain you will be able to fulfil admirably.”



Full video of speeches and events at the Historic First Convocation of UCA.

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to provide training in digital disruption, leadership and culture, and innovation management.

The programme will be hosted at UCA’s Khorog Campus and attended by Tcell’s top executives from across Tajikistan. It will offer an innovative portfolio with new experiences and diverse perspectives in a range of subjects and formats. Various teaching methods and pedagogies will be employed to ensure content from each

partner university can be applied in practice, including case studies situated in global experiences.

The course will be delivered through a rich and blended mix of daily in-person programmes and a live online course, conducted by faculty members from partner universities, and keynote addresses from various global CEOs of communication companies.

In addition to providing high-level education, UCA seeks to contribute leadership, ideas, and innovations to the transitioning economies of the region, bringing value through its modern educational and research programme and global network of partnerships. These partnerships are formed to enable joint research for the benefit of scholars at both institutions and agencies of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) globally.

From Cattle Herder to Valedictorian - *Story of Karlygash Kussainova*

"It was hard. My life was never easy. I was a girl from a small village and forced to achieve everything on my own. But...," Karlygash could not take her eyes off the grass. However, her eyes were visibly sparkling as she looked across the road.

It was almost midnight when she started talking, "I was raised by my grandparents, working tirelessly during the day herding cattle across the steppes of Kiima during my free time. I was involved with herding for most part of my childhood."

Though the pain was visible she could not deny that her life was taking another new turn. Having graduated from the University of Central Asia in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude, she has been admitted to the Masters Programme in Computer Science and Machine Learning at Simon Fraser University in Canada. She is preparing to leave Central Asia for the first time to pursue her dream career.

"I will come back. Although life has always been challenging, I believe the tables have turned. Life is not always unfair, and your challenges lead you to a purpose." With her extraordinary academic records and undeniable brilliance, she has a steely determination to succeed.

Watching a man across the street handing a chocolate to a young boy, she shrugged off her smile, "My mother got divorced when I was about two years old, and left me with my grandparents. She moved to the city to pursue her higher education. I had no one except my grandparents, and had to fend for my own life, interests, and achievements."

Tugging at the grass with her freshly painted nails and small fingers, she continued: "I was an extraordinary child. Throughout my schooling I worked hard and was always at the forefront of my class, and after a while people around me started taking it for granted."

Being a high achiever was evident during her five year stay at UCA. "Growing up, I used to stay upset at my mother for not being around to look after my needs. However, I now realize how difficult it is for single moms in Central Asia to provide for their children. I see her in a different



Karlygash Kussainova, Valedictorian of the Class of 2021, addressing the Convocation.

light now, and have deep appreciation and respect for her."

The story took a slight turn when she continued with her childhood memories.

"I cannot say that I have not been suppressed for being a girl in Kazakhstan. Gender inequality is a reality around the world. I was forced to drop Physics by a female teacher in High School because she believed that I will end up as a housewife, and this major is for boys anyways."

Karlygash smiled, "For a second, I believed her. I gave up so many times on my own self-worth because..."

"Because I was a girl."

"Because I was not cared for enough."

"Because..."

She wanted to continue her list of woes, but changed her mind and said all this was a blessing in disguise. Instead, "I chose to change my life. I chose to stop pitying myself."

"Throughout my life in school, I studied for approval. I was outstanding because I believed it would attract attention from my loved ones. My family would be proud of me."

Her smile was more rigid in the moon

shadow of leaves on her face in the dark. A tear glistened as it rolled down her cheek, "That is when I decided to apply to the University of Central Asia, and move on with my life."

"I came to Kyrgyzstan in 2016, and created a family at UCA – full of fun, laughter, and honesty."

She looked around a while and took a brief pause. Her eyes were still looking for words. "I have no words to describe these five years. I got all I could ever want. I received unconditional support. Utmost care. Undenied attention. Unimagined approval..." Every word coming out of her mouth was full of emotion.

"These are tears of gratitude. I got approval from everyone. I am so thankful to have been at UCA, and for turning my courage into an instrument of resilience."

"I have changed schools seven times, and at every school the experience was better than the previous one."

She looked up to the moon – it was almost 3 am. "The Moon does not have its own light. It reflects the sun. Even though our lives may be dark, light can enter through our suffering and show the way. But you have to make the right choice, and I made mine by coming to the University of Central Asia."

UCA Graduation Regalia Scores Big at the Convocation



His Highness the Aga Khan in the Chancellor's gown, and Princess Zahra Aga Khan and Prince Rahim Aga Khan wearing trustee gowns.

One of the highlights of the First Convocation of UCA was the newly designed graduation gowns and caps. The gowns, reflecting UCA colours of light and dark blue, were the result of over a year of research, design, and refinement. Special attention was given to the motifs incorporated into the design to ensure they reflected the rich decorative traditions of Central Asia as a whole. These were blended into bands and other embellishments so that the gowns and caps are unique to the University of Central Asia.

In an open competition announced in March 2020, over 50 designers from 8 countries submitted their initial concepts. After three stages of shortlisting, Adam Usupov from Kyrgyzstan was selected the



Dr. Soheil Ashrafi in the faculty gown.



Graduates of the Class of 2021 show off their newly designed gowns.

winner. He worked closely with UCA to refine and blend the design which resulted in the final presentation.

Gowns of the graduates are trimmed in silver, and faculty and trustee gowns in gold.

Hierarchy within each category, such as graduates with diplomas, bachelor's, master's, and PhDs are distinguished by additional embroidery or piping. Faculty gowns of lecturers, associate professors, and professors have a similar hierarchy. The trustee

gowns are embellished with additional decorative bands, while the Chancellor's and Patron gowns have a similar design on a white and dark blue base respectively. Patrons of the University are the Presidents of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan.

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The Mirdom of Wakhān in the Nineteenth Century: Downfall and Partition

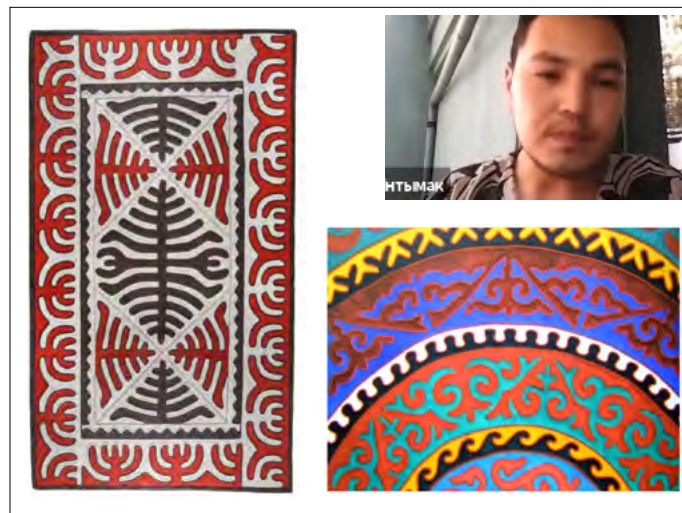
Examining the geopolitics of Wakhān in the last two decades of the nineteenth century, this paper advances a broader argument concerning the role and significance of the local powers in shaping the modern political landscape of the region. The later Wakhī rulers, especially Raḥīm Bek, Faṭḥ 'Alī Shāh and 'Alī Mardān Shāh were instrumental in this endeavour by trying to save their mirgdom, which was already on the eve of collapse and colonialization. Its downfall and later division into Afghan and Bukhara domains, was followed by a dark era of ethnic and religious persecutions, displacement of hundreds of Wakhī families, and the emergence of new migrant communities in China (Xinjiang Province) and British India (Northern Areas of modern Pakistan). This publication is available for free [download in English](#).

Finding Inspiration in Traditional Culture

Yntymak Abdylbaev, artist-designer, fashion producer, and head of the clothing design department at the Academy of Arts of the Kyrgyz Republic, discussed the “Influence of Traditional Culture on Modern Design: New Trends in Kyrgyz Fashion,” at a webinar organized by UCA’s Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit (CHHU).

Abdylbaev discussed how designers often turn to traditional culture in search of inspiration for new designs. Creative people, bearers of traditional knowledge and keepers of folk wisdom, play a huge role in making the new generation pay attention to the beauty and value of their traditional culture. He noted that some world-famous designers and luxury goods manufacturers, such as Hermes, have tapped into Kyrgyz culture and artists to create new designs for them.

Watch the [webinar](#).



Examples of new rug designs based on traditional motifs.

Making Digital Education More Inclusive – An Example from Latvia



Dr. Ineta Kristovska, during her online presentation.

It’s a vicious cycle, “Vulnerable groups become even more vulnerable,” stated Dr. Ineta Kristovska, head of administration at the Republic of Latvia’s Ministry of Education and Science, during a Public Lecture arranged by UCA on May 25th, 2021.

She added, “In the midst of an ongoing digital revolution, the need for being digitally inclusive is obvious. However, people also need to be digitally competent in today’s world, otherwise they will find themselves increasingly excluded from society’s social, economic, and political life.”

Kristovska presented Latvia’s 2021-2027 digital education plan, which reflected their efforts in building an economy alongside a digital society. The government plans to embed basic digital skills among its citizens, by increasing the technological capacity of schools through infrastructure, connectivity, and using digital technologies in the teaching process.

Within this time period, Latvia expects to see its Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) grow by increasing basic skills from 43% to 70%, and high-level digital skills from 24% to 33%.

Watch the [full lecture](#).

Supporting Museum Initiatives in Kyrgyzstan



Musical concerts at museums can be an attractive way to draw audiences.

Covid-19 has had an impact on all sectors of the socio-economic spectrum, including museums. UCA’s Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit has been exploring ways to enhance the experience of visiting museums, and organized an online conference on May 17th, 2021, “The Future of Museums: Experience and Development Trends.”

International museum specialists from Iran, Sydney and Moscow participated in the conference highlighting the challenges faced by the sector during the COVID-19 outbreak and outlined creative ways of attracting audiences.

While celebrating International Museum Day on the following day, May 18th, CHHU proposed a new sub-theme along with the Ministry of Culture of the Kyrgyz Republic “Museums and Music”, and supported the state museums of Naryn and Osh cities, and Dobolu village, to organize cultural events and music exhibitions.

CHHU supports museums by organizing training and seminars to assist museum management with best practices and marketing products.

Celebrating High Achievers of the Class of 2021



Jonbegim Mukhtor, BA, Global Economics '21, was presented the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award.

The Awards Night, held the day before UCA's First Convocation, kicked off the festivities for the graduating Class of 2021. Faculty and family members were in attendance as the academic and extracurricular achievements of the graduates were highlighted. The graduates graciously accepted their honours on stage and briefly shared their thoughts with their colleagues and family. This special night was held simultaneously at the Khorog and Naryn campuses.

Among the many awards granted, notable was the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Awards presented to graduates who secured the highest cumulative grade point average within the cohorts of their respective majors:

Sehar Naz Janani	Pakistan	BA, Communications and Media
Karlygash Kussainova	Kazakhstan	BS, Computer Science
Saif Ur Rehman Mughal	Pakistan	BS, Earth & Environmental Sciences
Jonbegim Mukhtor	Tajikistan	BA, Global Economics

The next day, at the Convocation, additional academic awards of distinction for 23 out of 57 graduates were announced celebrating their extra-ordinary performance and achievements:

Sehar Naz Janani	Pakistan	Summa Cum Laude	Jahanzaib Khan Danish	Pakistan	Cum Laude
Karlygash Kussainova	Kazakhstan	Summa Cum Laude	Gulnoza Dilloeva	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
AlyNa Rahim	Pakistan	Summa Cum Laude	Gul Meeri Irfan	Pakistan	Cum Laude
Ozar Aini	Tajikistan	Magna Cum Laude	Dias Kabykenov	Kazakhstan	Cum Laude
Zarrina Gafurova	Tajikistan	Magna Cum Laude	Uzma Khan	Pakistan	Cum Laude
Faridun Mamadbekov	Tajikistan	Magna Cum Laude	Zulfiqor Khojazoda	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
Saif Ur Rehman Mughal	Pakistan	Magna Cum Laude	Alisher Kukanbekov	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
Jonbegim Mukhtor	Tajikistan	Magna Cum Laude	Firuzai Muzaffar	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
Sadaf Sutaria	Pakistan	Magna Cum Laude	Risolat Okhironazarova	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
Anisa Abibulloeva	Tajikistan	Cum Laude	Nozanin Sadulloeva	Tajikistan	Cum Laude
Iskender Berdiev	Kyrgyzstan	Cum Laude	Burulsun Taalalibekova	Kyrgyzstan	Cum Laude
Suyuna Dadybaeva	Kyrgyzstan	Cum Laude			

Congratulations to all the Award winning UCA graduates of the Class of 2021 for their extraordinary achievements and academic performance.

Full video of the [Awards Night Ceremony](#) on UCA's YouTube channel.

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Trends and Determinants of Newborn Mortality in Kyrgyzstan: a Countdown Country Case Study

Kyrgyzstan has made significant progress in reducing child mortality compared to other countries in the region, despite its relatively low income. However, maternal mortality is still high. Using the available birth registration system, the authors sought to comprehensively assess trends and determinants of reproductive health and the health of mothers, newborns and children under 5 years in Kyrgyzstan. To meet and exceed targets necessary for the survival of newborns and stillbirth reduction (Sustainable Development Goal #3), Kyrgyzstan needs to expand the help system for young sick infants, ensure quality care at all health facilities with regional perinatal care, and create an integrated national registry for mothers and newborns with rapid feedback mechanism and accountability. The publication is available for free [download in Russian](#).

Inclusive IT Park in Tajikistan

“Digital literacy is more important than how many IT developers you have,” said Anatoly Motkin, president of StragEast Center for a New Economy, during a panel discussion on June 23rd, 2021 while presenting ideas on “How to Create an Inclusive IT Park in Tajikistan.”

Motkin highlighted the significance of digital skills, and providing equal opportunity to help build “an equal society in the Eurasian region.”

Panelist Bagrat Yengibaryan, director of Enterprise Incubator Foundation in Armenia, presented his country as a benchmark for Tajikistan, encouraging the country to make technology an ongoing learning process because “tech is changing so fast.”

Firuz Saidkhadzhaev, Project Manager and Economic Development Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme, said UNDP has been actively involved in Tajikistan’s start-up ecosystem since 2016.



He said the development of an IT park can be a model for developing the digital skills of the country’s young people, who comprise 60% of the population.

The discussion portrayed hope and gratification that Tajikistan has been able to locate reliable partners such as UCA, the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), StrategEast and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in its goal of achieving digitization.

Watch the [full discussion](#).

Inspiring Potential Entrepreneurs



Participants at the entrepreneurship training.

The Naryn Centre for Entrepreneurship (NCE), the Aga Khan Foundation Kyrgyzstan, and the Mountain Societies Development Support Program (MSDSP) organized an entrepreneurial training for the Naryn State University’s rector, management, faculty, and staff to initiate an open public dialogue with potential entrepreneurs. The objective was to provide them with technical training on how to seek grants and write project proposals, and to inspire them by available sources of financing as well as resources at NCE.

To kick-start the journey of potential entrepreneurs, business proposals prepared by the participants of Investment Readiness Training in April at the Naryn State University will be awarded start up grants.

NSU Inaugurates Digital Library



Inauguration of NSU’s digital library.

Working towards a vision of developing mountain communities, Naryn State University (NSU) inaugurated a digital library in April as part of UCA’s Mountain Universities Partnership (MUP) programme.

The digital library is fully equipped with 12 workstations to allow students and faculty to access digital resources. Based on expert recommendations from the Higher School of Economics, Dr. Elena Rogova, and UCA’s Dr. Marzhan Aikimbaeva, around 400 books in Economics, Management, and Entrepreneurship were purchased and donated to NSU’s Economics Faculty.

SPCE Grad Becomes Math Teacher - A Dream Come True



Mahbegum teaching SPCE students in Afghanistan.

A young girl receives her dream education, succeeds, and supports their parents financially in Ishkashim, Afghanistan. Truly a dream come true.

With female literacy in Afghanistan at only 29.81%, it is a challenge for women to become financially self-sufficient. In 2019, Mahbegum completed the Mental Math programme at the SPCE centre in Ishkashim, and was later selected to become one of the mental math instructors. She now teaches children from 7 to 14 years of age.

SPCE in Badakhshan, Afghanistan, is the only educational organization offering mental math courses, and has made Mahbegum's parents proud of her achievements.

SPCE Students win FLEX Awards



SPCE Naryn students selected for FLEX program, (L to R): Elaiym Samatbekova, Akylai Sydygalieva and Adinai Temirbekova.

Sydygalieva Akylai, Temirbekova Adinai, and Samatbekova Elaiym – three SPCE Naryn students have been awarded an opportunity to participate in the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) spending one academic year in the United States attending an American high school.

Each year, SPCE students take part in this highly competitive program and have many winners.

SPCE Students Learn About Digital Security



SPCE students and staff listen intently to a lecture on Internet security and privacy.

The fear of someone hacking into your bank accounts, or wiping out your hard drive, increases every day as new horror stories come to light. The pace of digital fraud appears to be keeping pace with digital innovation.

To protect students from getting into the traps of digital trolls, SPCE Naryn organized an informative session on May 4th, 2021 on Internet security, along with social and digital media frauds.

Senior Security Guard Mirbek Zhumagulov and Office Coordinator Kazybek Kuikeev shared their insights on digital fraud with students, faculty and staff.

First IELTS at SPCE Tekeli



Students taking IELTS exam at SPCE Tekeli.

The UCA's SPCE in Tekeli, Kazakhstan, has signed an agreement with InterPress international language centre to hold International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams at SPCE. This is the first time such an initiative has been implemented at Tekeli.

The first IELTS exams in April were taken by 13 graduates of Nazarbayev Intellectual School who plan to study abroad. The IELTS certificate is accepted as confirmation of English proficiency by educational institutions in Europe and the United States.

SPCE is also an Authorised Cambridge Assessment English Centre, and last March, eight teachers from Taldykorgan passed the Cambridge English Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT).

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Understanding Gold Mining and Social Conflicts in Kyrgyzstan

While the development of the mining sector continues to be a strategic priority for Kyrgyzstan, local resistance against gold mining exploitation has been on the rise. Additionally, the industry has attracted criticism for its lack of transparency, trust and corruption, and environmental damage. This paper examines the root causes of conflict dynamics related to mining activities in Kyrgyzstan with a focus on Chinese mining operations in the country. This study was motivated by indications that conflict incidents associated with Chinese mining operations in Kyrgyzstan have increased dramatically in recent years. The study is based on observations in the mining sector and draws its analysis from interviews conducted in Chatkal, Ala Buka and Naryn sites.

The publication is available for free [download in English](#).



Social Entrepreneurship and Challenging Geographical Areas

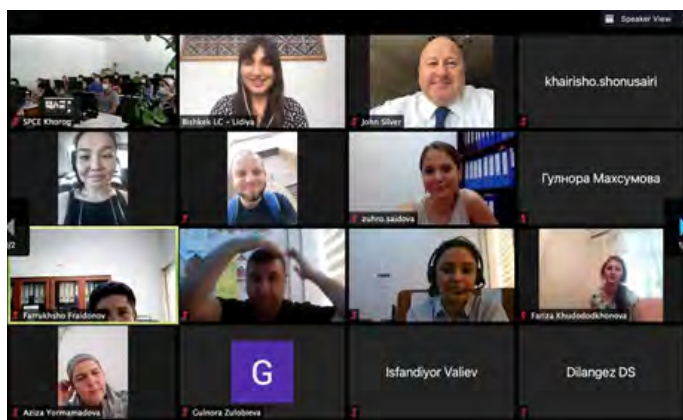
This working paper discusses the concept of social entrepreneurship as applied to operating enterprises in challenging geographical areas of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic. The paper provides the classification of social entrepreneurship. It allowed us to identify the most effective forms of enterprises involved in solving acute social issues of the target social groups.

The result of this working paper was a description of the concept of social entrepreneurship in challenging geographical areas.

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Tajikistan Media Literacy Project Enters Third Phase



Considering the significance of media literacy in the age of disinformation and misinformation, UCA's School of Professional and Continuing Education, Kyrgyzstan, with the financial support of the Regional English Language Office (RELO) rolled out the third phase of its Media Literacy Project in Tajikistan.

More than 30 participants and facilitators attended the online opening ceremony. Studies will take place online for participants from state universities in Dushanbe, Khorog, Khujand and Bokhtar.

The course is open to pre-service and in-service teachers across Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. So far 365 participants have been trained across Kyrgyzstan, and 100 more will continue studies in Tajikistan.

UCA Donates Books to KSU Economics Faculty



More than 400 books on Economics, Management and Entrepreneurship have been donated to Khorog State University's Economics Faculty. The books were identified based on expert recommendations from Dr. Elena Rogova of the Higher School of Economics, and Dr. Marzhan Aikimbaeva of the University of Central Asia.

The donations are part of the Mountain Universities Partnership programme, which aims to uplift higher education in strategic priority areas, such as Economics, across selected mountain universities in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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