

Call for Papers:

International Research Conference

"Central Asian Regionalism in the Vertex of the EU, Russia, and China"

with Publication Opportunity in

Special Issue of Economic Diplomacy Journal

China & Central Asia Studies Center ([CCASC](#)) and the College of Social Sciences at KIMEP University of Kazakhstan are delighted to announce the upcoming conference, "[Central Asian Regionalism in the Vertex of the EU, Russia, and China](#)", to be held in Almaty in November 2024 as a key event within the EU-supported Jean Monnet Project "*EU — Central Asia Relations: New Horizons for Regional Integration, Partnership, and Cooperation*" ([Project ID: 101127257](#)).

This 2-day event is dedicated to showcasing cutting-edge research on the issues and prospects of regional integration in Central Asia. The Call for Papers is jointly issued with the support of the [Economic Diplomacy](#), offering selected authors the opportunity to have their work peer-reviewed and published in a special issue of this prestigious journal.

Background

Central Asian regional integration has been a long and challenging journey, marked by internal divisions and significant external influences. In recent years, however, there appears to be a growing momentum towards integration, influenced by various factors. The EU, Russia, and China play pivotal roles in this process, each bringing distinct approaches and historical experiences to bear on regional integration efforts.

Call for Papers

We invite scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to contribute to the Conference and a forthcoming special issue of the Economic Diplomacy journal titled "**Central Asian Regionalism in the Vertex of the EU, Russia, and China.**" The conference and the special issue aim to address the complexities and dynamics of Central Asian regionalism and to examine its challenges and opportunities within the greater geopolitical landscape as shaped by the neighbouring and external powers, including the European Union, Russia, and China.

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Central Asian Regionalism in the Vertex of The EU, Russia, and China

Call for Papers	March 21
Deadline for Abstracts	May 15
Invitation to Submit	June 15
First Draft Submission	September 15
Presentation & Conference	November 14-15
Final Paper Submission	December 15



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Themes and Scope

This special issue seeks to explore the multifaceted aspects of Central Asian regionalism, focusing on its potential, challenges, and the impact of major external actors. Apart from focusing on how the great powers shape regional development in Central Asia (outside-in approach), we believe that it is also necessary to consider perspectives that examine the region from within (inside-out approach), viewing Central Asia as an independent or interdependent regional entity and actor within the international arena. Therefore, we welcome submissions that cover, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- 1. Comparative Regionalism: Theories and Methods**, including but not limited to:
 - Analyzing Central Asia in the context of other regional integration models.
 - The EU's Regional Integration Model: Implications and lessons for Central Asia.
- 2. Regionalism and Regional Governance in Central Asia**, including but not limited to:
 - Regional Integration in Central Asia: Current status, challenges, and future prospects.
 - Regionalism and International Organizations.
- 3. Central Asia as the Grand Chessboard: The EU, China, Russia's Regional Strategies and the C5's Responses**, including but not limited to:
 - Competing Regionalisms: The roles and strategies of Russia, China, and the EU in Central Asia.
 - The Triangle Relationship: Dynamics among the EU, Russia, and China in Central Asia.
 - C5+1 initiatives.
- 4. Central Asian Regionalism: Implications and Lessons in the Transition to a Multiplex World**, including but not limited to:
 - The implications of the greater international conflicts and reshuffling of alliances such as Ukraine-Russia War in shaping the regional order (region-making) in Central Asia.

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstract Submission: Authors are invited to submit an abstract of **300-500 words** by **May 15, 2024**. The abstract should clearly outline the **research question, methodology, and main findings**. Abstracts **should be submitted via email** to: euca@kimep.kz and ZhangXiaotong@kimep.kz
- Announcement of abstract acceptance and invitation to submit the first Draft: Decisions on abstracts will be communicated by **June 15, 2024**.
- Draft Paper Submission: Authors who are invited for draft paper submission are expected to submit their full draft papers by **September 15, 2024**. Papers should adhere to the submission guidelines of the [Economic Diplomacy](#), and should be submitted via the journal's submission platform: <https://sciendo.com/journal/ECDIP>
- Presentation at the Conference: Authors will be invited to present selected papers at the conference taking place in Almaty on **November 14-15, 2024**.
- Final Paper Submission: Following presentation at the conference, authors are expected to submit final papers within 1 month by **December 15, 2024**.

Timeline & Important Dates



We look forward to receiving your submissions and contributing to a deeper understanding of Central Asian regional integration and its significance in the global geopolitical arena.

Why Submit to this Special Issue?

- **Impactful Research:** Contribute to a growing body of scholarship on a region at the heart of Eurasian geopolitics.
- **Interdisciplinary Audience:** Reach a diverse audience of economists, political scientists, policymakers, and practitioners.
- **Expert Feedback:** Benefit from rigorous peer review and enhance your work's visibility and impact.

Enquiries:

For further information about the conference and the special issue, please visit the call page on CCASC's website, or the website of the [Economic Diplomacy](#) journal. For questions and concerns, you may contact:

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