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## < Opening Session >


### Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Liang</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ziqian</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director One		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Liang Ziqian is the Deputy Director One of the CAREC Institute. Prior to this, Mr. Liang has been a senior official of the PRC, Ministry of Finance since 1992 until 2015. After serving as a senior advisor to the board of the World Bank in 1992-2001, Mr. Liang took the Board Member post for the China Development Bank in 2008. Since then, he has been engaged as a Council and Committee member and Vice Chair of high profile funds and boards including Global Environmental Facility and Green Climate Fund. Mr. Liang holds a Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Taiyuan Industrial University, MBA from Zhongnan University, and Ph.D. in Economics from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He is a distinguished fellow of H.J. Heinz scholarship under the University of Pittsburgh (USA).</p>				

## Opening Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Shah</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Syed Shakeel</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master’s degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad - Pakistan. His areas of expertise, include WTO law (Dispute Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.</p>				

## Opening Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sonobe</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Tetsushi</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Before joining ADBI on April 1, 2020, he was Vice President of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). He received his BA from the University of Tokyo and his PhD in economics from Yale University. His research interest is in development economics, especially field studies of the processes of industrial development, human resource development, social development, poverty reduction, and sustainable economic growth in developing countries. At ADBI, he exercises intellectual and strategic leadership to make ADBI’s policy research and capacity building activities more relevant, timely, and evidence-based and reach a wider audience</p>				


## Opening Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Parvez</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Safdar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Safdar Parvez, a national of Pakistan, has 27 years of experience including 19 years at ADB. He holds Master's degrees in Economics from Cambridge University, United Kingdom and Quaid- E-Azam University, Pakistan and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Government College, Pakistan. Prior to joining ADB, he was a Programme Manager/Economist at Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Pakistan where he conducted policy research, analysis and led overall direction for strategic planning, particularly in areas of growth, equity and sustainability. He joined ADB in June 2002 as Programs Officer in the Pakistan Resident Mission (PRM). He was appointed as an Economist in PRM in July 2007 and was later assigned to the ADB Headquarters in the Central and West Asia Department's Operations Coordination Division in July 2010. In October 2012, he transferred to the Strategy and Policy Department on a promotion as Senior Planning and Policy Economist and was promoted to Principal Planning and Policy Economist in April 2015. He was appointed Director for Central and Asia Department's Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division in November 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Parvez is a senior economist who has broad experience in the Bank covering strategy and policy development, country programming and operations, economic and sector work, and supporting regional cooperation and project processing and implementation both in HQ and RM. He has been a team leader on a number of strategy reforms and initiatives such as the Midterm Review of ADB Strategy 2020, Approach to Upper Middle-Income Countries, Reform of Country Partnership Strategy Business Process, and was a lead member of the team which prepared the ADB Strategy 2030. He has also led the preparation of country partnership strategies for Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Since assuming his position as Director, CWRC, he has led the formulation of the CAREC 2030 Strategy, the new long- term strategic framework for the CAREC Program leading to 2030 and supervised and led economic and sector work and preparation of country partnership strategies. He has extensive knowledge and experience in Central and West Asia region, and his operational and research background supports ADB's knowledge and regional cooperation work in the region.</p>				

## Introductory Notes

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Abbas</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Qaisar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Abbas acquired the Ph.D. degree in Human Resource Development from the Nankai University Tianjin, the PRC, in May 2000. He performed a post-doctoral research at Cardiff Business School (UK) in September 2007. He also holds M.Sc. and M. Phil. in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University of Islamabad. He has worked as Dean of the faculty of Business Administration at Comsats University Islamabad (CUI) and Director of CUI Lahore campus. Over the years, he has assumed various responsibilities at CUI, including Provost, Convener of Campus Selection Committee, Convener Board of Studies of Management Sciences, and Convener Board of Faculties of Business Administration and Board Member of Governor CUI in Pakistan.</p> <p>Dr. Abbas has produced numerous research outputs including 38 publications in national and international journals, nine conference proceedings, and seven conference presentations. Dr. Abbas has also completed two research projects funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and CUI. Five students have completed their Ph.D. works under his supervision. He was instrumental in launching an international research journal “South Asian Journal of Global Business Research” published by Emerald Publications. He has been actively involved in organizing a number of international workshops/seminars/conferences/forums.</p>				

## Keynote Address

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Pomfret</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Richard</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	The University of Adelaide		
	<i>Department</i>	Institute for International Trade		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Economics		
Short Bio				
<p>RICHARD POMFRET holds the Jean Monnet Chair on the Economics of European Integration at the Institute for International Trade and has been Professor of Economics at the University of Adelaide since 1992. From 1979 to 1991, he was Professor of Economics at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He has acted as a consultant to the United Nations, World Bank, OECD, IMF and Asian Development Bank. He has published over a hundred articles and twenty books, including <i>The Economics of Regional Trading Arrangements</i> (Oxford UP, 2001), <i>The Central Asian Economies since Independence</i> (Princeton UP, 2006), <i>The Age of Equality: The twentieth century in economic perspective</i> (Harvard UP, 2011), <i>International Trade: Theory, Evidence and Policy</i> (World Scientific, 2016) and <i>The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century: Paving a New Silk Road</i> (Princeton UP, 2019). His book <i>The Economics of European Integration</i> (will be published by Harvard UP in 2021).</p>				

# < Session One >

## Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Ziyang</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Fan</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	World Economic Forum		
	<i>Department</i>	Digital Trade		
	<i>Position</i>	Head		
Short Bio				
<p>Attorney and policy-maker with over a decade of experience from both the public and private sectors, with a focus in the Asia Pacific region. Expert in digital trade, e-commerce, cross-border data flows, sharing economy, and TradeTech. Former positions include Senior Legal Counsel, Airbnb; Assistant General Counsel, US Trade and Development Agency; and Corporate Associate, law firm of Shearman &amp; Sterling. Currently runs the Digital Trade programme at the World Economic Forum Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in San Francisco. Undergraduate degree, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Juris Doctor degree, George Washington University Law School. Speaks fluent Chinese.</p>				


## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Khakimov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Farrukh</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Development Strategy Center, Uzbekistan		
	<i>Department</i>	Foreign policy and security		
	<i>Position</i>	Head of Department		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Farrukh Khakimov is Head of Department on foreign policy and security at the Development Strategy Center, Uzbekistan. He holds International Master's degree in International Relations and Security Studies from the University of Glasgow jointly awarded with Dublin City University and Charles University in Prague. Prior to joining the Development Strategy Center, Mr. Khakimov lectured World Politics and Geopolitics at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy and also worked as a research fellow at the</p>				

Academy of Public Administration and at the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan during 2010-2016. Mr.Khakimov's areas of research interest are world politics, geopolitics, Central Asian region, cyber security, informatization and digitalization processes of public administration.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Alimbekov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Shavkat</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Development Strategy Center, Uzbekistan		
	<i>Department</i>	Liberalization and Development Economy		
	<i>Position</i>	Project Coordinator		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Shavkat Alimbekov is a Project coordinator on liberalization and development economy at the Development Strategy Center. He holds MBA degree from the Tianjin Normal University in China. Before starting to work at the Development Strategy Center, Mr. Alimbekov worked as a specialist at the National Agency of Project Management under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Mr. Alimbekov's areas of research interest are digital economy, transport corridors in Central Asian region and BRI projects.</p>				


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Yoshino</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Naoyuki</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University (Economics)		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor Emeritus		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino is Professor Emeritus at Keio University (Economics), Tokyo, Japan and until March 2020 was Dean/CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University under supervision of Sir Alan Walters who was an economic advisor to PM Margaret Thatcher of UK. He received honorary doctorates from University of Goteborg (Sweden) and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany). Dr. Yoshino has been a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States) and a visiting professor at various universities including the</p>				



University of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France), and University of Gothenburg (Sweden). He has also been an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an economics professor at Keio University (1990-2014). Dr. Yoshino's professional career includes membership in numerous government committees. He was appointed as Chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007. He has served as Chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange as well as its Fiscal System Council (Fiscal Investment and Loan Program Section). Additionally, he has been a Board Member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan and President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan. He was named Director of the Japan Financial Services Agency's (FSA) Financial Research Center (FSA Institute) in 2020. He is currently a visiting Professor at GRIPS and visiting Lecturer at University of Tokyo.

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Zeshan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Muhammad</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	World Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	EMFMD		
	<i>Position</i>	Consultant		
Short Bio				
Dr. Muhammad Zeshan works for the World Bank. His area of interest is Environment, Climate Change, Input-Output Tables, Social Accounting Matrices, and CGE Modeling. He holds a vast research experience with the government as well as with non-government think tanks and teaching experience with multiple universities.				

## Discussant


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mikkelsen-Lopez</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Inez</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Social Sectors and Public Sector Management Division, Pacific Department		

	<i>Position</i>	Health Specialist
Short Bio		
<p>Ms. Inez Mikkelsen-Lopez is currently Health Specialist at the Pacific Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She works on health systems strengthening, digital health, new vaccines introduction and health network infrastructure. She is a health economist with experience working in management consulting, the pharmaceutical industry and the World Bank. Ms. Mikkelsen-Lopez has a Ph.D. in Public Health from the Swiss Tropical Institute at the University of Basel, Switzerland.</p>		


## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Milogolov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Nikolai</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)		
	<i>Department</i>	Laboratory of Tax policy research at the Institute of Applied Economic Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Head		
Short Bio				
<p>Nikolai Milogolov (ADIT, Cand. of Sc. (econ.)) is an academic researcher focusing on tax law and tax policy. He is currently employed as Head of Laboratory of Tax policy research at the Institute of Applied Economic Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) and as Principal academic researcher at Tax Policy Center at the Financial Research Institute under the Ministry of Finance of Russian Federation. Nikolai prepared tax policy proposals and lectured to the staff of the Ministry of Finance &amp; tax authorities in Russia, Central Asia, and Caucasus states. He collaborates as an external consultant with the IBFD, UNDP, IMF FAD. His area of expertise &amp; research includes international taxation of MNEs and double tax treaties, tax system design in the developed and the developing states and challenges of digitalization for taxation.</p>				


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Lee</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Minsoo</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Minsoo Lee is a senior economist at the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is currently acting as the focal point of knowledge management at the CWRD, overseeing the department's knowledge management function and promoting the generation and dissemination of knowledge products and services. Before joining CWRD, he served as the head of the Knowledge Hub at the People's Republic of China (PRC) Resident Mission of the ADB in Beijing and he was responsible for undertaking policy research, operations support, and management support on key development issues to generate and disseminate knowledge products and services. Prior to that, he has also worked in the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of the ADB, where he supported the Asian Development Outlook, ADB's flagship publication and other publications. Before joining ADB, he was an associate dean and full professor at Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen, PRC.</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Khalid</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Dr. Umer</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Policy Research, Innovation, Development and Education (PRIDE)		
	<i>Position</i>	Director Research		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Umer Khalid is an economist by profession, with a broad ranging experience of over two decades in economic policy formulation &amp; reforms, research &amp; advocacy with key economic policy making organizations in Pakistan, in positions of progressive responsibility, including the country's central bank (State Bank of Pakistan) and the Ministry of Finance. His working experience also encompasses engagement with policy think tanks and the civil society sector in the country and he has also carried out consulting assignments for international donor agencies, both in Pakistan as well as abroad. Dr. Khalid has a PhD in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan and has earlier obtained Masters in International and Development Economics from the Australian National University. During the course of his professional career, he has provided high quality policy advisory services in a number of areas, including finance and private sector development, employment/ labour markets and public sector enterprise reform. Dr. Khalid has also authored numerous papers on different socio-economic issues in peer reviewed journals.</p>				

## Discussant


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Suryadarma</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Daniel</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow / Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				

Daniel conducts applied econometrics research on development issues, including education, labor, poverty, and social protection. His work has appeared in international journals, including American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, and World Development. He has provided advice to the Indonesian Vice President's Office, Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture, Australian Aid Program, and World Bank. He has a doctorate degree in economics from the Australian National University. Prior to joining the Asian Development Bank Institute, Daniel held appointments at the SMERU Research Institute, the Palladium Group, the Center for International Forestry Research, and the Australian National University.

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Lee</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Minsoo</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Minsoo Lee is a senior economist at the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is currently acting as the focal point of knowledge management at the CWRD, overseeing the department's knowledge management function and promoting the generation and dissemination of knowledge products and services. Before joining CWRD, he served as the head of the Knowledge Hub at the People's Republic of China (PRC) Resident Mission of the ADB in Beijing and he was responsible for undertaking policy research, operations support, and management support on key development issues to generate and disseminate knowledge products and services. Prior to that, he has also worked in the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of the ADB, where he supported the Asian Development Outlook, ADB's flagship publication and other publications. Before joining ADB, he was an associate dean and full professor at Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen, PRC.</p>				

## Discussant


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Trinh</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Quang Long</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Consultant		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Long Trinh is a research consultant at the Asian Development Bank Institute. His current research interests include financial development (including fintech and financial inclusion in Asia), small and medium-sized enterprise development, international trade, structural change, and economic growth. Before joining the ADBI, he had worked as an economist at the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Viet Nam's leading think-tank for more than 10 years. He received his PhD from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan.</p>				


# <Session Two>

## Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Akbar</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Saeed</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Bradford, United Kingdom		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Management		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Accounting and Finance and Head of Accounting, Finance and Economics		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Prof. Dr. Saeed Akbar is Professor of Accounting and Finance, and Head of Accounting, Finance and Economics, at the University of Bradford School of Management. He holds a PhD in Accounting and Finance from the Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, an MA from the University of Liverpool, and a BBA and MBA from the University Peshawar. He is a Qualified Accountant and member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants [CIMA], with the titles 'ACMA and CGMA'. Prior to joining the University of Bradford, he was a Professor in Accounting and Finance, and Head of Accounting and Finance Subject Group at the Hull University Business School, and Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance at the University of Liverpool, He has also worked at the Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester during his doctoral studies. His research output has been published extensively in leading international journals, such as, British Journal of Management, Journal of Business Finance and Accounting, The British Accounting Review, Accounting Forum, The International Journal of Accounting, International Review of Financial Analysis, International Journal of Finance and Economics, Journal of Business Research, and International Journal of Management Reviews, amongst others. His main research area covers the relationship between accounting information and stock prices, while his other broad areas of research expertise include performance measurement, corporate governance, risk management, empirical finance, and accounting regulation.</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Arduino</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Alessandro</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	National University of Singapore		
	<i>Department</i>	Middle East Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr Alessandro Arduino is the principal research fellow at the Middle East Institute (MEI), National University of Singapore. He is the co-director of the Security &amp; Crisis Management International Centre at the Shanghai Academy of Social Science (SASS-Polito) and an external associate at Lau China Institute, King's College London.</p> <p>His two decades of experience in China encompasses security analysis and crisis management. His main research interests include China, Central Asia and Middle East and North Africa relations, sovereign wealth funds, private military/security companies, and China's security and foreign policy.</p> <p>Alessandro is the author of several books and he has published papers and commentaries in various journals in Italian, English and Chinese. His most recent book is China's Private Army: Protecting the New Silk Road (Palgrave, 2018). He has been appointed Knight of Order of the Star of Italy by the president of the Italian Republic.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Rangsimaporn</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Paradorn</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Royal Thai Embassy, Nur-Sultan		
	<i>Position</i>	Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Paradorn Rangsimaporn is a Thai diplomat and independent researcher. He is Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Royal Thai Embassy in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan, which also covers relations with the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan. He was previously Head of Section for Russia, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. He is also an Associate Research Fellow at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. His research interests are in Russia's relations with Asia and ASEAN, and Central Asia's relations with Southeast</p>				



Asia. He has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals and a book entitled *Russia as an Aspiring Great Power in East Asia: Perceptions and Policies from Yeltsin to Putin* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). He is currently working on a book on Central Asia-ASEAN relations, also for Palgrave Macmillan. He holds a BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, an MPhil in Russian and East European Studies and a DPhil in International Relations, all from the University of Oxford.


The views expressed are his own and do not represent those of the Royal Thai Government or any other organisation.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Aitkuzhina</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Inkar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Apple South Asia		
	<i>Position</i>	Database Specialist		


Short Bio

Inkar Aitkuzhina is a Master in Public Policy graduate and a Lee Foundation Scholar at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. She is currently based in Singapore and works as a Database Specialist with Apple South Asia. Inkar does data analysis and market research for public transit and traffic systems. She is passionate about technology and innovation's impact on trade, economic cooperation and development. She is among 8% of selected participants and finalist of the Financial Times and Bocconi University Talent Challenge 2021. Prior to attending LKYSPP, Inkar obtained her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science at Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan and was an active member of the debate community there. Inkar founded and convened the first ever debate school in English in Central Asia and did an internship with the UNDP office in Astana working on gender equality projects.

## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Azhgaliyeva</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Dina</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy's special issue "Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy" Previously, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex. She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association. More information is available here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva">https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva</a></p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Lv</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Zhiping</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics		
	<i>Department</i>	School of finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
Short Bio				

Associate Professor, Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics.


Postdoctoral Research at Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange, Wuhan University

Doctor, Central University of Finance and Economics


Research interests: financial markets, Industrial Economics

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Li</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Jinhang</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics		
	<i>Department</i>	School of finance		
	<i>Position</i>	First year of Master of Finance.		
Short Bio				
First year of Master of Finance.				
Research interests: financial markets, Industrial Economics				


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Samad</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ghulam</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Ghulam Samad is a Senior Research Officer at Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute. Before joining CAREC Institute, Dr. Samad was Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Dr. Samad also served as an Economist at Planning Commission of Pakistan. Dr. Samad graduated with a Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University, USA. He brings together an experience spanning over 15 years of high-level research and teaching, along with providing valuable contributions to peer reviewed national and international journals, and several international books on key economic themes.</p>				

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Siddiqui</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Muhammad Moaiz</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	State Bank of Pakistan		
	<i>Department</i>	Financial Stability Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Muhammad Moaiz Siddiqui is currently working as Deputy Director in the Financial Stability Department at State Bank of Pakistan (central bank). Mr. Siddiqui has been assessing credit risk of leading large borrowing groups and key sectors of the Pakistani economy from a macro-prudential perspective for the last 5 years. Mr. Siddiqui was also a leading member of State Bank of Pakistan's team mandated with assessment of banking and financial stability in the wake of COVID-19. He is currently part of the project team working on adopting Risk-Based Supervision (RBS) framework for the State Bank of Pakistan. Mr. Siddiqui has also contributed to State Bank of Pakistan's Annual Financial Stability Review over the last few years on different topics such as 'Risks to the Household Sector' - which was the first study of its kind on the household sector - and 'Credit Riskiness of Listed Non-Financial Corporate Firms'. Prior to working in the Financial Stability Department, Mr. Siddiqui worked in the Finance Department looking after different aspects of banknote and cash management. He has a Master's degree in Economics from the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Lahore University of Management Sciences. Mr. Siddiqui is interested in different aspects of systemic risk and financial stability policy and the role of the banking system in financial and economic development.</p>				


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Volz</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ulrich</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Founding Director		

### Short Bio

Ulrich Volz is Director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance and a Reader in Economics at SOAS, University of London. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the German Development Institute and Honorary Professor of Economics at the University of Leipzig. At SOAS, he previously served as Head of the Department of Economics and Member of the University's Executive Board. Ulrich is a director of the Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment and serves on the advisory board of the International Sustainable Finance Centre. Ulrich was the 2017 Banque de France Chair at EHESS in Paris. He also taught at Peking University, Kobe University, Hertie School of Governance, Freie Universität Berlin, Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, and the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO) in Tokyo. He spent stints working at the European Central Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and held visiting positions at the University of Oxford, University of Birmingham, ECB, Bank Indonesia, and Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo. Ulrich holds a PhD from Freie Universität Berlin and was a Fox International Fellow and Max Kade Scholar at Yale University. Ulrich was part of the UN Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System and has acted as an advisor to several governments, central banks, international organisations and development agencies on matters of macroeconomic policy, sustainable finance and development. Ulrich is a lead author of a recent study on Climate Change and Sovereign Risk as well as a 2018 UN report on Climate Change and the Cost of Capital in Developing Countries. He is a co-editor of a recently published NGFS volume on Case Studies of Environmental Risk Analysis Methodologies and the Routledge Handbook of Banking and Finance in Asia.

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Faraz</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Naseem</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)		
	<i>Department</i>	Macroeconomics		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Economist		
Short Bio				

Dr. Naseem Faraz is Research Economist and a former Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Faraz hold a PhD degree in Economics from Clark University in the USA, Dr. Faraz brings nearly 10 years of experience in economic policies, and policy research. Her research has published in peer-reviewed journals such as Journal of Development Economics and Singapore Economic Review. She is also working as a liaison of the PIDE and Government Agencies to build the in-house capacity and assist in evidence based economic policy.


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Beirne</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>John</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute( ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>John Beirne has been a Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute since March 2019. His research interests are centered on international finance and macroeconomics. Previously, he worked at the European Central Bank for over ten years mainly on research and analysis of global financial market developments, commodities, and financial stability, as well as global governance issues. He has also worked for a shorter period at the IMF, in academia, and as an economic consultant in the private sector. He holds a PhD in Economics from Brunel University in the United Kingdom, and has published over 25 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals.</p>				


# DAY TWO


## <Session Three>

### Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Abbas</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Qaisar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Abbas acquired the Ph.D. degree in Human Resource Development from the Nankai University Tianjin, the PRC, in May 2000. He performed a post-doctoral research at Cardiff Business School (UK) in September 2007. He also holds M.Sc. and M. Phil. in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University of Islamabad. He has worked as Dean of the faculty of Business Administration at Comsats University Islamabad (CUI) and Director of CUI Lahore campus. Over the years, he has assumed various responsibilities at CUI, including Provost, Convener of Campus Selection Committee, Convener Board of Studies of Management Sciences, and Convener Board of Faculties of Business Administration and Board Member of Governor CUI in Pakistan.</p> <p>Dr. Abbas has produced numerous research outputs including 38 publications in national and international journals, nine conference proceedings, and seven conference presentations. Dr. Abbas has also completed two research projects funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and CUI. Five students have completed their Ph.D. works under his supervision. He was instrumental in launching an international research journal “South Asian Journal of Global Business Research” published by Emerald Publications. He has been actively involved in organizing a number of international workshops/seminars/conferences/forums.</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Junussova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Madina</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Central Asia		
	<i>Department</i>	Institute of Public Policy and Administration		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr Madina Junussova is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Policy and Administration of University of Central Asia and a CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Fellow. Madina holds a PhD in Public Policy from Carleton University and degrees in architecture, urban and regional planning awarded by the Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Dr Junussova was awarded a fellowship with UCA's Central Asian Faculty Development Programme (CAFDP) in 2012. She is an active member of the International Public Policy Association (IPPA), the International Society of City and Regional Planners (Isocarp) and the Kazakhstan PhD Association in the United Kingdom (KPAUK). Her research interests include urban policy, local economic and community development, rational use of local resources, governance and sustainability.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Soltybayeva</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Saniya</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Economic Research Institute under the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan		
	<i>Department</i>	Centre for Scientific Economic Expertise and Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				




Mrs. Saniya Soltybayeva has been working as a leading research fellow at the Economic Research Institute under the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan since 2010. Saniya has been involved in assessing the Republican bills in public administration, budgetary process, business, investment and industry development, social security, and other fields. As a result of her expertise, a number of the deficient bills was sent for revision, which has had a positive impact on lawmaking quality. She has led the workshops on assessing the socio-economic impacts of bills organized for government agencies. She also participated in conducting a dozen research papers in macroeconomics, industry, and business development. She is a holder of a Master degree in Local Economic Development from the London School of Economics and a Specialist degree in Public Administration from the Lomonosov Moscow State University. She was awarded the Bolashak International Scholarship (Kazakhstan) to study abroad twice.


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Ayoobi</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Eisa Khan Ayoob</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Eisa Khan Ayoob Ayoobi is a former Fulbright Scholar and Oxbridge Fellow at Stanford and Georgetown University, respectively. With a combined BA degree in Economics and International Relations, an LLM (Master of Laws), and currently ABD in Government and Public Policy, Mr. Ayoobi brings nearly two decades of experience in capacity building with stints in civil society, private sector, and government. Mr. Ayoobi is the author of several legal textbooks pertaining to constitutional law, human rights, and criminal law of Afghanistan, some of which are adopted as part of the country's higher education – national law school curricula. Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Ayoobi was the Regional Cooperation Advisor to the Government of Afghanistan with the core responsibility of providing advice on strategic issues of regional cooperation for Afghanistan and the country's foreign relations with immediate and far neighbors based on a set of confidence building measures (CBMs).</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Foo</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Nam</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Edith Cowan University		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Business and Law		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Associate and Lecturer		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Nam Foo holds a Ph.D. in Economics and currently a lecturer at Curtin University and Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia. Dr. Foo's research interest is in mineral and resource economics, energy economics, international trade in the ASEAN and China economies, the history of economic thought, and tourism economics. His current research projects examine perspectives on energy and mineral subsidization and tax policy issues in the Asia-Pacific region. He is also interested in studying the topics of forecasting the tourism demand for international arrivals, and the international bilateral trade relationship between China and the ASEAN region. Dr. Foo presented papers at world-leading universities and institutes, including the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB), Keio University in Tokyo, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, Ningbo University in Ningbo, China, and The University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia. In his research career, Dr. Foo has been awarded several research grants from Curtin University, the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), and the Royal Economic Society (RES), United Kingdom. Dr. Foo also won the Western Economic Association International's (WEAI) Early Career Researcher Award in presenting his research at Keio University, Tokyo.</p>				

## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Helble</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Matthias</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				

Matthias Helble is a Senior Economist in the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of the ADB in Manila. Previously, he was a Senior Research Fellow and Co-Chair of the Research Department of ADBI in Tokyo. His research interests include international trade, health, housing, and development. His research has been published in numerous scientific journals as well as in flagship reports of international organizations. His publication record also includes ten books, including with Oxford University Press. Matthias began his professional career at the World Bank, before joining the World Health Organization. He then worked as an economist for the World Trade Organization as well as the United Nations. He holds graduate degrees in economics from the University of Tübingen, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (PhD) in Geneva.


## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Awan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Tahir Mumtaz</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan.		
	<i>Department</i>	Management Sciences		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		

### Short Bio

Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan is a highly motivated individual with a doctorate degree (Ph.D) in marketing from Sun Yat-sen Business School, China. Dr. Awan is serving as Assistant Professor of Marketing at Department of Management Sciences, COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan. He also worked as adjunct / visiting faculty with SOKLOVO – Moscow School of Management, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, South China University of Technology, Guangdong Polytechnic Normal University and Nanfang College of Sun Yat-sen University. He is a diligent professional, with excellent communication skills applied in a broad range of contexts including administrative expertise, leadership qualities, teaching and training, conferences and workshops presentations, and international level events' management.

He has authored multiple articles, book chapters, and Opeds. He has edited three books and completed two projects with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. He is currently collaborator on two projects with Ministry of Education, China and Philosophy and Social Sciences Academy of Guangdong Province, China. Additionally he is serving on the editorial board of multiple journals and reviewing articles for various journals of repute.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Khan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Mrestyal</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan.		
	<i>Department</i>	Management Sciences		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD Scholar		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Mrestyal Khan is a PhD Scholar at COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan. He has successfully completed his Masters degree with specialization in Finance. He co-authored various articles and research interests include stock markets, complex networks, risk management, financial econometrics, social media marketing, and HRM practices.</p>				


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Saxena</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Sanjay</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Cost and Management Accountants of India (FCMA)		
	<i>Position</i>	Fellow Member		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Sanjay has over 30 years' international experience of working as an urban technology consultant. He is Fellow Member of Cost and Management Accountants of India (FCMA) and holds post graduate diplomas in Urban Management and Planning, as well as in IT applications. He has worked on over a 175 development sector projects in over 32 countries, has been the Team Leader for over 35 projects. Sanjay has worked extensively with multilateral international development agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), African Development Bank, UNESCO, UNDP, UNOPS, UNICEF, etc. and leading bilateral development partners such as DFID / UK Aid, GiZ, DFAT, etc. Sanjay led multi-disciplinary international teams and his core competence lies in assembling and managing highly qualified cross functional teams and engaging with a range of public, private sector and non-governmental stakeholders for timely and quality completion of projects. His scope of work typically covers the whole gamut of project life cycle - from idea conceptualization, to project design and formulation, to project implementation support including M&amp;E, and finally to post-implementation review to see if</p>				


the project / program goals, outcomes and impacts have been met. Sanjay has a deep understanding of institutional arrangements, capacities and constraints of public sector institutions at national, regional and local government levels, especially to design and deliver PPP and donor funded projects, especially in South Asia. He has conducted over 200 national and international conferences, seminars, training workshops and best practices study tours on urban themes across Asia and Europe. He has authored / co-authored over 150 books on e-governance, MIS and ICT, which are used by over 700 colleges and universities in India.

# <Session Four>

## Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Azhgaliyeva</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Dina</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy's special issue "Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy" Previously, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex. She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association. More information is available here: <a href="https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva">https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva</a></p>				

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Duprey, PhD</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Brendan</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Narxoz University		
	<i>Department</i>	Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				

Brendan is the founding director of the Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute whose mission is to foster solutions driven research and field work which aim to solve some of the most pressing sustainability challenges in Kazakhstan and beyond. He has 14+ years' experience in the environmental sustainability sector. During this timeframe Dr. Duprey lead multiple international programs and projects aimed towards sustainability solutions including the globally recognized framework program 'ESD in the Western Balkans (2012-2016)' that was selected as a best practice within the framework of the UNECE Decade on Education for Sustainable Development. Over the course of his career he has been known as a sustainability leader with the ability to integrate its diverse aspects to drive solutions by connecting and leading team work across-sectors. As an academic his research interests include sustainable development policies, programs and governance, implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, educational reforms through education for sustainable development, outcome-based policy evaluation, and transformational change management.


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Salimzhanova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Aizhan</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Kazakh-British Technical University		
	<i>Department</i>	Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	Lecturer		

#### Short Bio


Aizhan Salimzhanova is a Ph.D. student in Economics at Istanbul Technical University (ITU). During her work at the position of director of the Research Institute for Social and Gender Studies at Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University, she was promoting, coordinating and initiating social and gender research and academic programs. Working together with UNDP Istanbul regional hub and UNDP Country Office Kazakhstan, she and her colleagues were involved in the research on unpaid domestic work in Kazakhstan and gender equality issues in Central Asia, CIS, and Western Balkans. Also, Aizhan has continued her research work within Gender Economics Research Center at Narxoz University, where with support of UN Women and Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan she has conducted household research on social protection, labor force participation and unpaid care work. Aizhan has international experience of working and traineeship in Turkey and France. Currently, Aizhan is working at the Business school of at Kazakh-British Technical University, and is an affiliated researcher at the Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute in Narxoz University. She also continues promoting gender equality issues in Kazakhstan and a

member of the committee of scholars at the WomenBeing which is a Scotland based international and independent women's research network for the promotion, and dissemination of contemporary and interdisciplinary women's and gender studies (<https://www.womenbeing.co.uk/scholars/>).

## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mishra</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ranjeeta</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Mishra is a project consultant at ADBI. Her research interests include development economics, new institutional economics, and applied econometrics. She particularly focuses on issues such as urbanization and slum redevelopment, food security, energy, and the Sustainable Development Goals. She specializes in both quantitative and qualitative research. Prior to joining ADBI, she was a UNU-JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Tokyo. She remains a part-time project consultant at UNU-IAS for Governance for Sustainable Development and Water for Sustainable Development projects.</p>				

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sanili Aydin</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ulviyye</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Manisa Celal Bayar University		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Political Science and International Relations		
	<i>Position</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr.		
Short Bio				



Dr. Ulviyye AYDIN holds MSc from Baku State University (Azerbaijan) and PhD from Dokuz Eylul University (Turkey). Currently she is a lecturer at Manisa Celal Bayar University, Department of Political Sciences and International Relations. Her main research interests focus on energy geopolitics, energy security, renewable energy sources, logistics and transportation. Dr. Ulviyye AYDIN's main teaching courses are energy economics, international security issues, global governance. She is an author of several articles and book chapters, including "The Political Will and Energy Cooperation: A Comparative Approach for the EU and ASEAN" (2020); "The Probable Effects of the Modernization of the Customs Union upon the International Road Transportation Sector: Izmir Region Example" (2020); "Turkey-Azerbaijan Energy Cooperation: SOCAR's Investments in Turkey" (2019); "Energy Insecurity and Renewable Energy Sources: Prospects and Challenges for Azerbaijan" (2020); "Southern Gas Corridor: The Importance of Turkmen Natural Gas" (2018).

She speaks Turkish, Russian and English.


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Karymshakov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Kamalbek</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Chief Economist Team		
	<i>Position</i>	Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Kamalbek Karymshakov is Economist at the CAREC Institute. His research interests include labor economics, migration, economic integration, infrastructure economic growth and development in Central Asian region. He has applied economic analysis experience using household level data. He has project and consultancy experience on various topics of labor market, migration, public policy and rural economic development. Previously, he worked as Associate Professor at the Finance and Banking department of Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). He holds PhD in Economics from Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey). He also had post-doctoral research fellowship at Free University of Berlin (2010- 2011). From 2016-2020 he was vice-director of Central Asian Research Center (ORASAM) at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University.</p>				

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Ali</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Waheed</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Xi'an Jiaotong University, China		
	<i>Department</i>	School of economics and finance		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD Student		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Waheed Ali is a PhD researcher in applied economics at school of economics and finance, Xi'an Jiaotong University China. He holds a master degree in economics specialized in international trade from Hebei university of economics and business. During his master degree he won excellent international student in China award from China scholarship council. He has received many awards in business negotiation competitions held by China ministry of commerce and other organizations in China. During his PhD he has published papers in well reputed SSCI journals such as: European journal of innovation management, Journal of intellectual capital and environmental science and pollution research. Many of his papers are under review in high quality scientific journals. His area of research included: applied economics, innovation, corporates and environment.</p>				

## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Umar</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Khalid</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Strategic Planning Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Khalid is heading Strategic Planning Division (SPD) at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute), headquartered in Urumqi, China. He is also the coordinator of CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) and the flagship annual Think Tank Forum (TTF). Khalid is a Fulbright Scholar and holds an MA degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA. His professional</p>				

interests include the global economic environment, economic policy, regional economic cooperation, strategic alliances, and partnerships.

He is a career civil servant working for the Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan since 2005. Before joining civil service, he has worked in the NGO sector in Pakistan. Prior to his current assignment, he worked as Deputy Secretary (Economic Affairs) at Prime Minister’s Office, Islamabad, Pakistan.

## Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Peimani</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Hooman</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Leiden University		
	<i>Department</i>	International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and Energy Programme Asia		
	<i>Position</i>	Affiliated Fellow		

### Short Bio

Dr. Hooman Peimani is senior research and policy leader with 30 years of experience in consulting, academia and analysis of global energy security and regional security, currently focused on Asia, particularly the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and Europe.

Currently, he is an Affiliated Fellow with The Geopolitical Economy of BRI and Its Reflection Programme of the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and Energy Programme Asia, Leiden University, The Netherlands and a Senior Consultant on energy security and related issues.


He has extensive experience in Asia and Europe on strategic issues, including oil & gas, LNG, hydrogen, nuclear and renewable energy, pipelines, sustainable energy and development, climate change and clean energy technology. His work focus has been on project design, emergency planning, conceptualization, forecasting, trend assessment, country briefings/outlooks and organizational/governmental strategies.

He has worked for entities such as Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre, Energy Studies Institute, Jane’s Defence, IAEA and UNEP, added to conducting project assessments & executive training for energy corporations, regional organizations and governmental entities, e.g., ADB, Nord Stream, Shell, ASEAN and Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.


His publications include 10 books, 38 book chapters, 21 commentaries/thematic papers, over 250 journal/newspaper articles and scores of UN, ADB, APEC and governmental documents. He has been interviewed by leading media outlets, including Bloomberg, Platts, The Wall Street Journal, CCTV, CNBC, Channel News Asia and Deutsche Welle, made invited contributions to dozens of invited contributions to dozens of invited

contributions to dozens of invited contributions to dozens of events in Asia, Europe and North America through keynote speeches, presentations and charring events and organized many conferences and seminars.


## Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mahmudov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Rovshan</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Capacity Building Specialist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. Mahmudov is an international trade expert with over 15 years of experience in trade negotiation, capacity building and management. He is currently the CAREC Institute's Senior Capacity Building Specialist responsible for designing and delivering trade-related capacity building activities in support of the CAREC Program (ADB), utilizing expertise as a trade resource person to lead sessions in relevant events.</p> <p>Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Mahmudov was the head of the Trade Division at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a position developing trade policy and proposed recommendations, including regulatory policies and strategies to promote foreign trade and commerce, as well as worked closely with the CAREC Program's trade related projects.</p> <p>He obtained his MA degree in international trade and economic cooperation from the Kyung Hee University (South Korea). He holds BA diploma in Economics from Karadeniz Technical University (Turkey).</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sudan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Falendra Kumar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Jammu		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Economics		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Falendra Kumar Sudan is currently working as Professor, Department of Economics at University of Jammu, India with specialization in Development Economics, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Climate Change Economics, Energy and Development, and Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Prof. Sudan is Director, Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE Jammu) acknowledged by United Nations University, Tokyo (Japan) since November 2016, and Member, State Level Expert Environment Appraisal Committee, Department of Ecology, Environment &amp; Remote Sensing, Government of Jammu and Kashmir under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi since March 2016.</p>				

## Discussant


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Samad</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Ghulam</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Specialist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Ghulam Samad is a Senior Research Officer at Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute. Before joining CAREC Institute, Dr. Samad was Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Dr. Samad also served as an Economist at Planning Commission of Pakistan. Dr. Samad graduated with a Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University, USA. He brings together an experience spanning over 15 years of high-level research and teaching, along with providing valuable contributions to peer reviewed national and international journals, and several international books on key economic themes.</p>				

# <Special Session>

## Chair


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Umar</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Khalid</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Strategic Planning Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
Short Bio				
<p>Khalid is heading Strategic Planning Division (SPD) at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute), headquartered in Urumqi, China. He is also the coordinator of CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) and the flagship annual Think Tank Forum (TTF). Khalid is a Fulbright Scholar and holds an MA degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA. His professional interests include the global economic environment, economic policy, regional economic cooperation, strategic alliances, and partnerships.</p> <p>He is a career civil servant working for the Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan since 2005. Before joining civil service, he has worked in the NGO sector in Pakistan. Prior to his current assignment, he worked as Deputy Secretary (Economic Affairs) at Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad, Pakistan.</p>				

## Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Stephenson</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Matthew</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	World Economic Forum		
	<i>Department</i>	Platform for the Future of Trade and Global Economic Interdependence		
	<i>Position</i>	Policy and Community Lead		
Short Bio				

Dr. Matthew Stephenson is Policy and Community Lead for International Trade and Investment at the World Economic Forum, where he manages the [Global Investment Policy and Practice](#) initiative, including authoring the first white paper on [Digital FDI](#). Previously he worked at the International Finance Corporation on advisory services for investment policy and promotion, where he led the workstream on outward FDI (OFDI), and co-authored the World Bank Group's first publication on [OFDI](#). He has also worked at the OECD on Africa and on investment and was a diplomat with the U.S. Department of State, where he led the economic team on Afghanistan and managed economic programs in the Middle East. He is a member of the T20 Task Force on Trade, Investment & Growth and T20 Task Force on Digital Transformation, providing policy proposals to the G20. He is also co-chair of the Investment Facilitation Commentary Group, which advises the WTO and represents the World Economic Forum at APEC's Investment Expert Group. Matthew has a PhD from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, a masters from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a bachelors from the University of Oxford.

## Speaker

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	<i>Department</i>	Knowledge Management		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>He had the mater degree, majored in Finance.</p> <p>Before join CAREC Institute in 2019, Dang worked in MOF, PRC for over 25 years. And he had the working experiences in the World Bank, for copyright negotiation as well as knowledge dissemination. He also worked as a diplomat in Canada, mainly responsible for economic cooperation and trade promotion between China and Canada. He had translated some of the flagship reports of various international organization, like the World Bank (World Development Report), IMF (Finance &amp; Development), WTO (World Trade Report), UNDP (Human Development Report) into Chinese. He maintains a sound relationship with media here in PRC, like Xinhua News Agency, China Daily, etc..</p>				

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	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy's special issue "Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy" Previously, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex. She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association. More information is available here: <a href="https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva">https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva</a></p>				

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**Dr. Durre Nayab**




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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Akhmedov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Shakhboz</b>
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	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow, Knowledge and Research Networking		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Shakhboz Akhmedov is Senior Research Fellow, Knowledge and Research Networking at the CAREC Institute. Prior to that, he was Head of the Knowledge, Projects and Resource Management unit and Resource Mobilization Coordinator at the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He was also responsible for strategic development and partnerships. Before joining CAREC, he worked with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) and GIZ on project development and fundraising.</p> <p>He earned his Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership from Said Business School, University of Oxford, Master's degree from the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Germany and Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan. His research interests include climate change, water and environment, regional cooperation and sustainable development. Shakhboz is passionate about promoting cooperation for better environment involving science, technology and innovation.</p>				

# <Panel Discussion>


## Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Abdullaev</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Iskandar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev holds MSc and PhD degrees from Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Part of his PhD work Dr. Abdullaev conducted at Iowa State University (ISU), Iowa, USA. Dr. Abdullaev have intensive training and education programmes in Israel (1996-1997), USA (1999) and the Netherlands, (2000), Switzerland (2002). Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev has over 25 years of experience in water management, water institutions, environmental activities in Afghanistan and five Central Asian countries. Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev joined Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute as Deputy Director in June 2019. From 2013-2019 Dr. Abdullaev worked as an Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center (CAREC) for Central Asia. Prior joining of CAREC in 2009-2013, Dr. Abdullaev worked as Regional advisor for Germany's Berlin Initiative- Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia (Programme) at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). During 2007-2009, he worked in position of Senior Researcher at ZEF Centre for Development Research University of Bonn (Germany) and conducted research in Central Asia and Afghanistan. During 2001-2007, Dr. Abdullaev worked as a regional researcher at International Water Management Institute (Headquarters in Sri Lanka). His research focus included Central Asia, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand and Sri-Lanka. Dr. Abdullaev very well linked with research, scientific societies of the region and worldwide. He is member of International Water Resources Association (IWRA), member of editorial boards of few internationally peer reviewed journals.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sabyrova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Lyaziza</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Central and West Asia Regional Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Regional Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Lyaziza Sabyrova is a Principal Regional Economist in Central and West Regional Department. After obtaining her PhD degree in Economics from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), she joined ADB in 2000, and worked on infrastructure projects in the People's Republic of China, as well as in the Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also posted in ADB's Resident Mission in the Kyrgyz Republic, and led the preparation of the Joint Country Support Strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic from the ADB side (together with DFID, the Swiss Development Agency, the World Bank, and UN Agencies). From 2008–2011, she was on a special leave from the ADB, during which she co-founded an independent economic think tank in Kazakhstan, the RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis. She led the work on ADB's Country Partnership Strategies for several Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also involved in the Department's Knowledge Management and analytical work.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Morgan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Peter</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research		
Short Bio				

Peter Morgan joined ADBI in December 2008. Previously he served in Hong Kong, China as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC where he was responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Before that, he was Chief Japan Economist for HSBC and held comparable positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he worked as a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the United States specializing in energy and environmental areas, including energy policy issues in Asian countries, and at International Business Information KK in Tokyo specializing in financial sector consulting. His research focuses are macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy, and financial education.

## Panelist


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Holzacker</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Hans</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>For two years before joining the CAREC Institute, Hans was Lead Economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an Economist focusing on transition economies. He was Chief Economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan and Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based Senior Economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC, during 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investmentbank Austria during 1993-99, and Central European Economist at Nomura Research Institute during 1989-93.</p> <p>Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a MA in Economics from the University of Vienna. He completed a postgraduate scholarship in the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Ahmed</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Vaqar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)		
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Growth Unit		
	<i>Position</i>	Joint Executive Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Vaqar Ahmed is a former civil servant and currently Joint Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Earlier, he has served UNDP as Advisor, and has undertaken assignments with Asian Development Bank, World Bank Group, and Ministries of Finance, Planning and Commerce in Pakistan.</p> <p>He is also the honorary Research Fellow at Partnership for Economic Policy, Canada. He has served as a visiting faculty member and researcher in different international institutes, including the University of Laval in Canada, University of Le Havre in France, National University of Ireland, and Pakistan's Quaid-e-Azam University. He was recipient of 2015 Young Leaders Fellowship award by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>He continues to publish on various aspects of international trade, public finance, and private sector competitiveness. His book 'Pakistan's Agenda for Economic Reforms' was published by the Oxford University Press. He is convenor of National Network for Economic Think Tanks. His political economy commentary can be seen at Arab News and PTV World.</p> <p>He has also served on various committees of the private sector associations, including industrial development committee of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry; and tax reforms committee of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industries.</p>				

# <Closing Session>

## Report

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Abbas</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Qaisar</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr. Abbas acquired the Ph.D. degree in Human Resource Development from the Nankai University Tianjin, the PRC, in May 2000. He performed a post-doctoral research at Cardiff Business School (UK) in September 2007. He also holds M.Sc. and M. Phil. in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University of Islamabad. He has worked as Dean of the faculty of Business Administration at Comsats University Islamabad (CUI) and Director of CUI Lahore campus. Over the years, he has assumed various responsibilities at CUI, including Provost, Convener of Campus Selection Committee, Convener Board of Studies of Management Sciences, and Convener Board of Faculties of Business Administration and Board Member of Governor CUI in Pakistan.</p> <p>Dr. Abbas has produced numerous research outputs including 38 publications in national and international journals, nine conference proceedings, and seven conference presentations. Dr. Abbas has also completed two research projects funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and CUI. Five students have completed their Ph.D. works under his supervision. He was instrumental in launching an international research journal “South Asian Journal of Global Business Research” published by Emerald Publications. He has been actively involved in organizing a number of international workshops/seminars/conferences/forums.</p>				

## Closing Remarks

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Shah</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Syed Shakeel</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master’s degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad -Pakistan. His areas of expertise, include WTO law (Dispute Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.</p>				