



PROPOSED AGENDA

SEVENTH ANNUAL SILK ROAD CONFERENCE and SILK ROAD WEEK IN ILLINOIS:
GLOBAL ENERGY and ECONOMIC SECURITY

MONDAY, May 14, 2012

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM / Venue: East-West University, 816 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 (max 150)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINAR

A discussion session focusing on challenges and opportunities for entrepreneurship and small business development (Attendance is free, but registration is required due to limited space)

9:00am OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Jamaluddin Husain, Director, Small Business Institute, Purdue University Calumet and Consultant on Eurasian and Central Asian Entrepreneurship Programs

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor, East-West University

9:30am KEYNOTE SPEECH:

“Global Trends, Opportunities and Challenges to Entrepreneurship”
Michael Hennessy, President Coleman Foundation, Inc.

10:00am PRESENTATIONS:

“Impact of Technology on Global Entrepreneurship”,
Professor Rollin Dix, Illinois Institute of Technology (Retired)

“Financial Component of Global Entrepreneurship”
Prof. Dr. Joseph Roberts, Webster University

“Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Tajikistan”
Pulod Amirbekov, President, Promotions, LLC., Dushanbe, Tajikistan

“State of Entrepreneurship in Turkey”
Prof. Mehmet Baha Karan, Vice-President, Center for Energy and Value Issues; Chair, School of Business Administration, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

10:55am ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL: *“Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunities”*

Tolib Tolibov, Owner/President, SKAY RUSS Inc. Moscow, Russia
Pulod Amirbekov, President, Promotion LLC., Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Prof. Mehmet Baha Karan, Vice-President, Center for Energy and Value Issues; Chair, School of Business Administration, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

12:25pm CONCLUDING REMARKS

Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chairman, Central Asian Productivity Research Center



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1:00pm **PLENARY SESSION:**

OPENING REMARKS

Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chairman, Central Asian Productivity Research Center

INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITING FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

Keynote Speaker: *“A Journalists View of New Central Asian Energy Resources”*
Kerim Balci, Journalist and Chief Editor “Turkish Review” (invited)

1:45pm *“How Can Central Asian Countries Become Emerging Markets?”*

Dr. Martin C. Spechler, Professor of Economics, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana

2:15pm **PANEL DISCUSSION: “Corporate Governance Best Practices from Beijing to Istanbul”**

Moderator: Michael Muth

International Business Consultant, Educator, Writer/Editor of the Global American Technology Alliances blog, newsletters, e-books and podcasts.

Dr. Dolores Rinke, Expert in Corporate Governance and Forensic Accountancy; Professor of Accountancy, Purdue University Calumet, School of Management; and Lecturer at Eurasian Institutions.

Professor Angela Crossin, Practicing Attorney at Crossin Law Offices LLC; Lecturer, Purdue University Calumet School of Management; and a Certified Fraud Specialist with the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists.

Thomas Myers, International specialist in forensic accounting and litigation, T.A. Myers & Co., Arvada, Colorado

PANEL DISCUSSION: “Financial Aspects in Energy”

3:15pm Moderator: Dean A. Ennes

President, Ennes International Financing for International Trade and Investment, and Senior Vice-President, International Trade Association of Greater Chicago

“The Dynamics of Crude Oil Markets”

Professor Ozgur Arslan-Ayaydin, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey and University of Illinois-Chicago

“The Status of Turkey’s Energy Sector”

Professor Ozlem Ozkanli, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey

4:15pm *“Challenges of Privatization and Economic Development”*

Professor Harry Lepinske, Chairman, Central Asian Productivity Research Center

4:45pm Concluding Remarks

5:00pm Networking Session and One-on-one meetings

6:00pm Diplomatic Reception (by invitation only)

Hosted by the Consul General, Republic of Turkey



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TUESDAY, May 15, 2012

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Venue: Conference Center, Chicago Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
565 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

7:30am Exhibit set-up

8:00am Registration and Networking Reception

COUNTRY SESSIONS

9:00am **OPENING REMARKS**
Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chairman, Central Asian Productivity Research Center

9:15am **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Alessandro Pio, Resident Director General of the North American Representative Office,
Asian Development Bank

9:45am **Azerbaijan Delegation**

“The quest for diversification of energy and transportation routes in Eurasia: the role of Azerbaijan”

Dr. Nargiz Gurbanova, Deputy Chief of Mission and Economic Counselor
Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Washington, D.C.

“A Woman’s Entrepreneurial Efforts in Azerbaijan”

Ms. Ursula McLoughlin, President, Corona Hospitality Inc. Tucson, Arizona

10:15am **China Delegation**

Moderator: Roger Noback, President, U.S.-China Friendship Association
“Overview-Financial and Economic Aspects”

Prof. Rasoul Rezvanian, Chair, Department of Accounting, Business Law, &
Finance and Professor of Banking and Finance, Northeastern Illinois University,
Chicago

“Entrepreneurship in China”

Thomas A. Myers, CPA, Founder and President, T.A.Myers & Co., Denver, CO,
and Consultant to the International Institute for Sustainable Development (a Swiss
think tank)

“Doing Business in a China Economic Zone”

Jianning Li, Chief Representative Tianjin Economic Technological Development
Area

11:15am **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30am **Kazakhstan Delegation**

TBA

12:00pm **Pakistan Delegation**

“Pakistan: Geoeconomic Potential for the Region”

Asad Hayauddin, Ph.D., Trade & Commerce Consul, Consulate General of
Pakistan



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- 12:30pm **LUNCH BREAK:** Central Asian Gourmet Buffett (Only Paid Attendees)
10th Floor Event Room, Chicago Kent College of Law, IIT, 565 West Adams Street, Chicago
- 2:00pm **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**
“Turkic Council and Developments After the Almaty Summit”
Ambassador Halil Akinci
Secretary General, Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States
- 2:30pm **Russia Delegation**
Tolib Tolibov , Owner/President, SKAY RUSS Inc. Moscow, Russia
- 2:50pm **Tajikistan Delegation**
Pulod Amirbekov, Director, Promotion LLC. Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 3:10pm **Turkey Delegation**
“Turkey's Role and Contribution: Economic Development, Trade and Investment Opportunities in the Silk Road Region”
Moderator: Prof. Mehmet Baha Karan, VP, Center for Energy and Value Issues and Chair, Sch. of Business Administration, Hacettepe Univ. Turkey
Haktan Akin, Deputy Secretary General, Istanbul Chamber of Industry
Murat Akyuz, President, Istanbul Chemical Exporters Association
- 4:10pm **Uzbekistan Delegation**
Panel Discussion: TBA
- 4:55pm Concluding Remarks
Prof. Paul Prabhaker, Associate Dean, College of Business, NIU
- 5:00pm Networking Session and One-on-one meetings

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 17, and 18th

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Field trips; specialized business seminars; and one-one-one business meetings. Registration is free but required. Please use below Session Codes in the registration form when checking the boxes for the sessions you will attend.

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2012 (Session Codes 01-05)

VENUES: Turkish Commercial Attaché Conference Room, Mezzanine Level, 444 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60611 (Session 01, 02, 03) and TBA (Sessions 04, 05)

- 9:30am (Session 01) *“Export Finance Options: A best practice approach”*
Peter Moirano, Citibank Trade Finance, Citigroup Inc.
- 11:00am (Session 02) *“The Role of Turkey: The shift of manufacturing industry from developed to developing countries and its spill over to the Silk Road Region”*
Murat Akyuz, President, Istanbul Chemical Exporters Association; Board Member, Turkish Exporters Assembly-Istanbul & Istanbul Metals and Minerals Exporters Association
Prof. Ozgur Arslan-Ayaydin, University of Illinois-Chicago and Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey



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- 1:00pm (Session 03) *“Doing Business in Pakistan: A Regulatory and Governmental Framework”*
Asad Hayauddin, Ph.D., Trade & Commerce Consul, Consulate General of Pakistan
“Kashmir - At the Crossroads of the Silk Road”
K. Rizwan Kadir, The University of Chicago Kashmir Society
- 10:00am (Session 04) “Logistics and Regional Challenges - Part I”
- 1:00pm (Session 05) “Logistics and Regional Challenges - Part II”

THURSDAY, May 17, 2012 (Session Codes 06-08)

VENUES: Keller/DeVry University, 7th floor, 225 W. Washington Street, Chicago IL 60606
(Rooms 705, 707, 708)

- 10:00am (Session 06) *“Aspects of Economic Development”*
Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chairman, CAPRC
- 10:00am (Session 07) *“Total Quality Management”*
Prof. John Kalaras, Senior Global Consultant, Quality Training Institute
- 10:00am (Session 08) *“Ethics in Business and Government”*
Laura Spingola, President, Trade Resources Ltd.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012

VENUE: Barsema Hall, College of Business, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115

- 9:30am OPENING REMARKS and INTRODUCTION
Prof. Paul Prabhaker, Associate Dean, College of Business, NIU

Official Welcome
Dr. Denise D. Schoenbachler, Dean of College of Business, NIU
- 9:45am PANEL Program
“The New Silk Road”
Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chair, Central Asian Productivity Research Center

“Turkey: An Expanding Energy Hub and Its Rapid Economic Growth”
Prof. Mehmet Baha Karan, Vice President, Center For Energy and Value Issues and
Associate Dean, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

“Legal Aspects of Central Asian Business”
Ms. Ozoda Uzmanova, Attorney-at-law, US and Uzbekistan
- 11:30am Q&A and CONCLUDING Remarks
Prof. Paul Prabhaker, Associate Dean, College of Business, NIU

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