



CONFERENCE GUIDE





INTRODUCTION

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the HPAIR Asia Conference 2019 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan!

We have prepared this guide to walk you through the various components of our conference, including more information about conference programming, events, venues, speakers, and supporters. Throughout your next five days on this HPAIR journey, we encourage you to engage with the other incredible delegates, speakers, and guests in a meaningful way, stretch the limits of your academic curiosity, and explore Nazarbayev University and the beautiful city of Nur-Sultan.

Now that you have officially registered, we hope this handbook will help guide you through this conference. Our staff members are looking forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

The HPAIR Organizing Committee

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Delegates,

Salem! On behalf of our entire team at the Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations, we would like to extend our warmest welcome to this year's HPAIR Asia Conference.

We know that the path to get here was not easy. Your delegate application impressed us, and we truly believe that there is no better place than here for people like yourself, as a member of Asia's next generation of leaders.

Throughout the coming days, you will engage in conversations that push the boundaries of your knowledge and thought. Your ideas will be challenged, built upon, and taken in new and exciting directions. You will learn more about Kazakhstan, the heart of Central Asia and a burgeoning frontier of Asia. Above all, you will create relationships with people that will last a lifetime. From the speakers in panels and seminars to the facilitators of Impact Challenges to the fellow delegates who you will share this experience with, to all of us on the HPAIR organizing committee — the people at this conference will define your HPAIR experience and carry you forward.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Charles Michael' and the signature on the right is 'Leila Akhmetova'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles Michael and Leila Akhmetova
Executive Directors
HPAIR Asia Conference 2019

SCHEDULE

	Fri Aug. 16	Sat Aug. 17	Sun Aug. 18	Mon Aug. 19	Tue Aug. 20
9 AM		9:30 - 10:00 AM Coffee	9:30 - 10:00 AM Coffee	9:00 - 10:00 AM Coffee	9:30 - 10:00 AM Coffee
10 AM	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pre-Conference Registration	10:00 - 10:30 AM Welcome Ceremony	10:00 - 11:30 AM Plenary 2	10:00 - 10:30 AM IC Introduction	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Career Development Session
11 AM	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Pre-Conference Tours	11:00 AM - 12:30 Plenary 1		10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Impact Challenge Work Sessions Lunch served at 12 PM	
12 PM			12:00 - 1:00 PM Seminar 2		
1 PM		1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch			1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch
2 PM		2:00 - 3:30 PM Panel 1	1:30 - 2:30 PM Lunch		2:00 - 3:00 PM Discover Central Asia
3 PM			2:30 - 4:00 PM Panel 2		3:00 - 4:00 PM Bid Info Session
4 PM		3:30 - 4:30 PM Coffee	4:00 - 5:00 PM Coffee		
5 PM		4:30 - 5:30 PM Seminar 1	5:00 - 7:00 PM HPAIRx and Impact Challenge Release	4:45 - 6:30 PM Impact Challenge Presentations	
6 PM					
7 PM	7:00 - 9:30 PM Opening Cere- mony	6:30 - 11:30 PM Kazakhstan Night			6:30 - 9:00 PM Closing Ceremony & Gala Dinner
8 PM				7:30 - 9:00 PM International Night Carnival	
9 PM					
10 PM	10:00 - 11:30 PM Reception			9:30 - 11:30 PM International Night Performances	10:00 PM - 12:30 AM Entertainment Night
11 PM					
12 AM					

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A large conference hall with a stage, audience, and screens displaying a speaker and a presentation. The stage features a large screen on the left showing a presentation with the text "TİKKERİN SABAHINI" and a smaller screen on the right showing a speaker. The audience is seated in the foreground, and the stage is lit with blue and orange lights. The background consists of large, curved wooden panels.

KEYNOTE EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY

Date: Friday, August 16

Time: 7:00-9:30 PM

Venue: Block C2, Main Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Sang-Hyun Song



Sang-Hyun Song was elected Judge of the International Criminal Court in 2003 and President of the Court in 2009. He is Vice-President of UNICEF/KOREA and co-founder of the Legal Aid Centre for Women and of the Childhood Leukemia Foundation in Seoul. Judge Song has experience in relevant areas of international law, notably international humanitarian law and human rights law. He is the author of several publications on relevant legal issues. He was a professor of law at Seoul National University Law School from 1972 to 2007, and visiting professor to a number of law schools, including Harvard, NYU and Melbourne.

OPENING CEREMONY

Yerzhan Ashikbayev



Yerzhan Ashikbayev is the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He was appointed in 2013. Previously, he served as Deputy Head of the Prime Minister's office, Head of Foreign Policy at the office of the President, and Head of the Foreign Minister's Chancellery. In his role as deputy foreign minister, Ashikbayev is Kazakhstan's diplomatic point person for matters of the United Nations and the Americas. Ashikbayev is a lead communicator on the Strategic Partnership Dialogue with the United States.

WELCOME CEREMONY

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Venue: Block C2, Main Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Shigeo Katsu



Mr. Shigeo Katsu is the President of Nazarbayev University, a position he has held since December 2010. Prior to that, over the course of a 30-year career at the World Bank, Mr. Shigeo Katsu held various positions including leading financial sector reform support for China, Director for Cote d'Ivoire, and Vice President for Europe and Central Asia. After his retirement from the World Bank, he served for a few years on the US board of a youth-oriented international development NGO. Between 2011 and 2015 he was an Advisory Panel member of the ASEAN+3 Macro-Economic Research Office (AMRO).

WELCOME CEREMONY

Ilesanmi Adesida



Professor Ilesanmi Adesida is a successful scientist and administrator in both scientific and educational circles. Prior to his appointment as the Provost of Nazarbayev University, Professor Adesida served as the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). He received his Bachelor of Science in 1974, Master of Science in 1975, and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1979 (University of California, Berkeley). From 1979 to 1984, he served as a visiting researcher and assistant professor at Cornell University. Subsequently, he was Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Tafawa Balewa in Nigeria from 1985 to 1987.

WELCOME CEREMONY

Theodore Lyng



Theodore Lyng is the US Charge D 'affairs. Ted Lyng joined U.S. Embassy Astana as the Deputy Chief of Mission in July 2018. Prior to this he served as Director and Acting Special Representative of the Secretary's Office of Global Food Security. He was previously the Director of the Office of International Conferences in the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs. His most recent overseas assignments were in Indonesia, China, Malaysia, and Russia. He has a B.A. from Cornell and an M.A. from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

WELCOME CEREMONY

Altai Kulginov



Altai Kulginov is the Mayor of Nur-Sultan. He graduated from the International Kazakh-Turkish University named after Akhmet Yassawi, the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the University of Aberdeen, UK, under the President's Bolashak International Scholarship Program. Master of Public Administration, Master of International Commercial Law.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Date: Tuesday, August 20

Time: 6:30-9:00 PM

Venue: Palace of Independence (52 Tauelsizdik Ave., Nur-Sultan)

Dress code: Business Formal

Nirupama Rao



Ambassador Nirupama Menon Rao served as India's Foreign Secretary from 2009 to 2011, as well as India's Ambassador to the United States, China and Sri Lanka (High Commissioner) during her career. In her career she served in several capacities including Minister of Press, Information and Culture in Washington DC, Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow, stints in the MEA as Joint Secretary, East Asia and External Publicity, the latter position making her the first woman spokesperson of the MEA, Chief of Personnel, Ambassador to Peru and China, and High Commissioner to Sri Lanka.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Michael Rehfeld



Michael Rehfeld is a board-level advisor for clients across a range of industries, and specialization in consumer goods at Bain and Company. His experience focused on business strategy with engagements involving digital strategy, business transformation / operating model, growth/market entry strategy, portfolio planning, strategic cost management / zero based budgeting. In addition, he is responsible for leading engagement teams, managing client relationships and driving sales opportunities. Mr. Rehfeld gained experience of working and being based for significant periods of time in developed and emerging markets, including Asia Pacific, North America and Europe.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Kadisha Dairova



Kadisha Dairova is the Vice-President for Student Affairs and International Cooperation of Nazarbayev University. She graduated from Almaty State Teachers' Institute of Foreign Languages, with a specialty in "English Language". She holds a degree of Candidate of Philological Sciences from Moscow Teachers' Institute of Foreign Languages. Earlier, she worked as the Third Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the USA; and the Second Secretary of the Department of American, and European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Ali Aslan



Ali Aslan is an international TV presenter and journalist with over 20 years experience as a talk show host, news anchor, correspondent and moderator. His journalistic career spans three continents and includes work for CNN in Washington DC, ABC News in New York, Channel News Asia in Istanbul and Deutsche Welle TV in Berlin.

PLENARIES

Plenary I

Date: Friday, August 17

Time: 11:00-2:30PM

Venue: Block C2, Main Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Businesses must move quickly to survive in an ever more competitive landscape. However, in the face of increasing competition and often times more ruthless business practices, the balance of vision, thoroughness, and innovation is strained now more than ever. With new competition facing lower barriers of entry, established organizations are facing increased pressure and must forge new paths to address new markets and shifting customer demographics. The recent trends of digitalization have marked the beginning of a new chapter in the world of international business, allowing for more globalized entrepreneurship and accessible commerce. Increased geopolitical tensions across Asia bring an additional layer of challenges: to what degree is business affected by intergovernmental relations, and how should businesses adapt to changing geopolitical environments?

This plenary aims to address how businesses have adapted and embraced new technologies to stay competitive, and will provide a forum for addressing where future trends lie and how organizations are changing in the face of instability and disruption.

PLENARIES

SPEAKERS

Kairat Kelimbetov

Kairat Kelimbetov is the Governor of Astana International Financial Centre, a new initiative launched by the Kazakhstan government to develop the country's non-banking financial sector. He served as a Governor of the National Bank of Kazakhstan from October 1 of 2013 till November 2 of 2015. He served as a Vice-Prime Minister of Kazakhstan from January 20 of 2012 till October 1 of 2013. He also served as the CEO of Samruk-Kazyna Sovereign Wealth Fund and as the Minister of Economy and Budget Planning in the Government of Kazakhstan.



Jonathan Woetzel

Based in China since 1985, Dr. Jonathan Woetzel has been instrumental in building McKinsey & Company's China office. In addition to his work helping Chinese and other Asian businesses prepare for global growth, Jonathan is a director of the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey's business and economics research arm. Jonathan has led numerous research efforts on global economic trends, including growth and productivity, urbanization, affordable housing, energy and sustainability, e-commerce, and the economic impact of the Internet, as well as on productivity growth and economic development in China and Asia.

PLENARIES

Muhamad Chatib Basri

Muhamad Chatib Basri is an Indonesian economist and was the Minister of Finance in the Second United Indonesia Cabinet between 21 May 2013 and 20 October 2014. Before his appointment as Minister of Finance he was Chair of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (Badan Kordinasi Penanaman Modal, or BKPM). He served in a number of senior economic advisory positions before being appointed as Chair of the Investment Coordinating Board in 2011. He was, amongst other things, an advisor to the former Indonesian Minister of Finance Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati and Deputy Chair of the president's Economic National Committee.



Moderator

Patrick Duparcq

Dr. Patrick Duparcq received his PhD in Marketing and Econometrics from Purdue University and a MSc. in Quantitative Economics from the University of Antwerp. His teaching and research interests include Global Marketing, Digital Marketing, Marketing Strategy and Technology Forecasting. He has taught in Executive programs in the US, Europe and Asia.

PLENARIES

Plenary II

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

Venue: Block C2, Main Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

In our modern world, data is the new gold. Increasingly, strategic initiatives carried out across both the public and private sectors have their roots in data. Often, data is taken as truth, but is this always the case? As both the public and private sectors adapt to grapple with an increasing mountain of information about our world, key actors across these sectors must make difficult decisions about how to use this data for the public good, and how to avoid its abuse or its theft by actors with malicious intents. At the heart of this debate is the question of leadership: with actions across business and government being rooted in new forms of evidence and justification, how will leaders choose to act? Is all data good data, and are there instances where avoiding its collection or its use may be better for the overall good? Future leaders must build a platform where humans are not only increasingly connected with each other, but also with machines. The future of work is rapidly changing: how must we adapt?

This plenary will address the core conference theme of digitalization and change, taking an angle that sheds light on the evolving types of decisions that leaders must make in today's world. It will provide an outlook on the future of leadership, and offer inspiration to those who seek to lead in our changing landscape.

PLENARIES

SPEAKERS

Lesly Goh

Lesly Goh is the former World Bank Group Chief Technology Officer and Director of Enterprise Architecture and Technology. Lesly's past experience in the private sector covers a broad spectrum ranging from Capital Markets, Retail Banking, Commercial Banking, Asset Management, Development Banks and Financial Data Providers. She is recognized as a thought leader in the industry - especially in FinTech and the use of Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain technologies as a new frontier for disrupting traditional business models in Financial Services.



Crystal Lim-Lange

Crystal Lim-Lange is an expert on future-readiness, an education pioneer and a public speaker on the global stage. She is the CEO of Forest Wolf, a future-ready consultancy and Strategic Advisor to Minerva Project, one of the most innovative Universities globally, and the most selective University in the Western world. She was the founding Director of the National University of Singapore's Centre for Future-ready Graduates, where she implemented innovative future-ready skills programmes which have prepared over 15,000 youth for a rapidly changing world.

PLENARIES

Till Vestring

Till Vestring is an advisory partner with Bain & Company Southeast Asia, based in Singapore. He joined Bain's Munich office in 1990 and has spent the last 25 years in Asia, with postings in Sydney, Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo. He previously served as Bain Southeast Asia's managing partner, as well as the leader of the firm's Asia Pacific Advanced Manufacturing & Services and Energy & Natural Resources practices.



Moderator

Loretta O'Donnell

Dr. Loretta O'Donnell was appointed as the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Nazarbayev University in August 2013. She also served as an Interim Provost at Nazarbayev University from May to September 2016. She has over twenty years of experience in teaching Executive MBA, postgraduate and undergraduate business students in the Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales (UNSW) located in Sydney, Australia.



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Track description:

On average, products are bought and trashed within 6 months. This short-lived product life contributes to a global 2.12 billion tons of trash per year, a number that is only increasing. While societies around the globe have made efforts to live more sustainably, individual wasteful lifestyle habits still persist and continue to damage our ecological footprints. In this current age, two factors could be central determinants of future energy and environmental sustainability efforts: digitalization trend and cultural differences.

With the growing rate of people choosing to interact online, digitalization has had wide implications on current energy and environmental sustainability efforts. Campaign techniques using social media platforms have contributed greatly to connecting efforts around the world. Meanwhile, the shift of manual to automated (i.e. AI) technologies has allowed for less waste and more efficiencies in both clean energy and agricultural sectors. Lastly, there has been a rise in using mobile apps, which are more accessible in all different parts of the world, to spur individual motivation and accountability in environmental sustainability efforts.

Culture will shape future energy and environmental efforts. The current generation has had more digital connections than ever through the internet and social media. In addition, this generation uniquely faces a plethora of problems not very evident before, such as climate change, rising sea levels, and loss of biodiversity. How do these changes impact how the current youth treat environmental issues? Moreover, do cultural changes create a clear disconnect from previous sustainability efforts? Delegates will explore these questions during panels and seminars led by global thought leaders and practitioners.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PANEL I

The Best Mix: An Energy Cultural Transformation

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block 1, Senate Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

With the increase in population, higher amounts of energy will be needed to power the daily activities of people. The most innovative way to generate power is having a conscientious effort in maintaining a fine balance of energy security, economic efficiency, and environmental sustainability. However, as renewable energy cannot keep up with current demands, fossil fuel usage will see an increasing trend. Thus, in this panel, delegates will discuss the implications of a transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, the reasons that propagate a cultural transformation based on regional demand and supply, the necessity of innovations with net-zero emissions, and finally the true prospect of an sustainable energy mix.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PANELISTS

Rae Kwon-Chung

Chairman of the International Award Committee of the Global Energy Prize, Laureate of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize

Aleksandra Djuricic

Professor in Department of Physics, Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Science, Hong Kong University

Mukhamed Raziyeu

Managing Director of Schlumberger in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Sweta Chakraborty

The Founder and Principal of Adapt to Thrive, the policy and communication fellow at the Center for Climate and Security

MODERATOR

Ali Shafiei

Assistant professor at the School of Mining and Geosciences, Nazarbayev University

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PANEL II

Humanity's Next Threat: Loss of Biodiversity

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block 1, Senate Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

A lesser-publicized environmental sustainability problem has potentially the same effects, if not worse, than those of climate change: biodiversity loss. According to a UN Environment Report, 8 out of 10 of the world's most plastic-polluted rivers in the world are in Asia, threatening the existence of nearly 25 percent of the region's endemic species. Despite the magnitude of the effects of biodiversity loss, it has been given relatively little attention in the greater world context. Thus, this panel will attempt to answer the question of why biodiversity loss is an issue deserving more global attention, with a focus on what has been done to combat the issue, newer developments in the field, and what cultural intersections must be made to motivate the world to preserve biodiversity in a unified effort.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PANELISTS

Grigory Mazmanians

Director of Central Asia Program, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Marie Stenseke

Professor of Human Geography, Department for Economy and Society, University of Gothenburg

Sergey Sklyarenko

Scientific Director of Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan

MODERATOR

Stefanos Xenarios

Associate professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

SEMINAR I

Air Pollution: The Silent Killer to be Caught

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, Extension 529 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

Due to the world's rising human populations and corresponding demands, clean air is becoming an increasingly worrisome problem as pollution levels continue to rise. In fact, any tiny, solid particles in the air can cause evolve into air pollution effects through weather storms or industrial activities. In addition, the global burden of monitoring air pollutants has been a costly with minimal beneficial returns. Knowing that such problems exist, how can we bring air quality to an appropriate standard? What are the needed measures to control and prevent air pollution in an effective way? Besides just analyzing the intersections of air pollution control across cultures, delegates will also discuss future solutions that capitalize on current digitalization and cultural trends.

SPEAKER

Sweta Chakraborty

The founder and principal of Adapt to Thrive, the policy and communication fellow at the Center for Climate and Security

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

SEMINAR II

Erasing Ecological Footprints through the Digital World

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11.30 - 12.30 PM

Venue: Block 7, Extension 529 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

As social media applications and organizations increase in popularity, people in various sectors and fields of work all over the world are now connected in an unprecedented fashion. This strong digital presence has created a novel and easy tool for spreading awareness and promoting change in villages around the world, regardless of socioeconomic status or cultural differences. With such benefits, the potential of using digitalization to curb the negative effects of unsustainable human habits should be further analyzed. In this seminar, the possibility of using digital methods in environmental efforts will be explored, especially pertaining to what factors to consider and adopt when reaching different populations across the world.

SPEAKER

Angela Pakes

Assistant Director for New Technology Directions at Grainger Institute for Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Alima Issembayeva

Public Affairs and Communication Director of Coca-Cola Icecek Kazakhstan



GLOBAL MARKETS & ECONOMY

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

Track description:

Asia is the world's most dynamic economic region. Of the world's 30 largest cities, 21 are in Asia, according to the UN. By 2020, Asia will also become home to half of the world's middle class. Asia's remarkable economic success has been the product of integration with global markets, coupled with a growth strategy that mobilizes the capabilities of domestic institutions. There are signs, however, that the synchronized global recovery of the past few years is starting to fade, and risks to the Asian and global forecast are now more and more critical, reflecting increased financial market volatility, rising trade tensions, and instability associated with digitization. Many have now come to the consensus that Asia is in need of a new growth model that will enable it to remain at the forefront of developments over the coming decade and beyond.

In light of Asia's shifting cultural landscape and increased digitization, it is imperative for leaders and policymakers to embrace change. This track will delve into the complicated interplay among financial markets, trade, and foreign direct investment and will discuss appropriate policy responses to the issues at hand. Delegates will hear from renowned business leaders, academics, and policymakers to analyze fundamental challenges facing Asian nations and explore ways for Asia to adapt in an ever-changing global marketplace.

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

PANEL I

Remaking of Global Finance - Building a safer, more inclusive and ethically sound global financial order in Asia and beyond

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block C3, Red Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

After a long period of post-global financial crisis stagnation, the world is undergoing a new golden age in global financial interconnectedness. The revolution in global finance has been powered by technological and digital innovations. The growing fintech industry is providing specialized financial services at an affordable cost using a range of digital innovations, including services that supply credit and micro loans to households, enable cross-border payment and remittances, and provide accessible bookkeeping and accounting. At the same time that fintech and decentralized organizations offer efficiency and inclusion advantages, these agents can also be sources of increased risks.

This panel will examine the benefits and risks posed by the digital revolution in the global financial system. Delegates will also explore the possible solutions to build a well-functioning and universally inclusive system that will make access to financial services for all adults in developing countries a reality.

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

PANELISTS

Muhamad Chatib Basri

Chairman of the Indonesia Infrastructure Institute;
Former Minister of Finance of Indonesia

Teguh B Ariwibowo

Co-founder and CEO Pinjam.co.id

Chikahisa Sumi

Director of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International
Monetary Fund

Agris Preimanis

Head of Kazakhstan at European Bank for Reconstruction and
Development

Chikahisa Sumi

Director of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International
Monetary Fund

MODERATOR

Rakhim Oshakbayev

Vice Minister of Investments and Development of Kazakhstan

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

PANEL II

The Hidden Risks of International Capital Flows

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block C3, Red Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

In 2013 at Kazakhstan's Nazarbayev University, Chinese president Xi Jinping outlined the start of the Belt and Road Initiative, one of the most ambitious infrastructure and investment initiatives in history. As the world has become more interconnected, international capital flows have become an integral economic link between Asian nations. Although foreign investments and loans have spurred productivity growth and fostered vital connections between Asian countries, there remain many risks that are associated with deepening economic connections among countries. For instance, 23 out of the 68 countries with projects linked to the Belt and Road Initiative are at risk of debt distress, while high external debt levels of Southeast Asian countries are leading to fears of a debt crisis. Questions this panel will address include what are the economic, cultural, and technological barriers to increased foreign investment? How do ongoing political and trade tensions shape the landscape of investments? How should governments address the major challenges associated with capital flows?

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

PANELISTS

Alfred Schipke

Senior Resident Representative for China, International Monetary Fund

Jonathan Woetzel

Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

Wang Wen

Executive Dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies

MODERATOR

Nazerke Aibar

KIMEP University alumni, former strategy consultant, and incoming member of the Facebook, Inc. team.

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

SEMINAR I

Leadership in the Age of Digitization: Shaping Leaders of the Next Generation

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 3, extension 220 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

The world is increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex and fast-paced. What does that mean for future leaders? What are ways to lead and maximize the effectiveness of leaders in a changing business environment? Effective leadership is the bedrock of successful business performance. 21st century organizations require leaders that will develop new mind-sets and capabilities to transform themselves, their teams, and their organizations.

While addressing societal challenges has previously been solely in the realm of political and civic leaders, today, more and more executives increasingly recognize the role of business leaders in leading change beyond traditional business boundaries. The leadership role today requires understanding and addressing the major forces shaping society and contribute to public debate with an informed point of view.

SPEAKER

Usman Ahmed

Head of Global Public Policy, PayPal

GLOBAL MARKETS AND ECONOMY

SEMINAR II

Innovation Growth in Asia: Spearheading R&D in the Modern Age

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Venue: Block 3, extension 220 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

An explosion of R&D in Asia has propelled Asian companies to become more efficient, competitive, and innovative. In fact, Asia accounts for nearly 30% of global R&D spending, totalling \$782 billion annually. While Asia's investment in R&D is growing faster than Western countries, this investment—especially Chinese investment—still lags significantly behind Western investment in terms of value, according to PwC. At the heart of R&D is the ability to adapt to changing times, and it remains important for business leaders and policymakers to create environments conducive to innovation. In this seminar, delegates will explore best practices for companies to maintain competitiveness and analyze government policies to allow Asia to take the lead in global R&D.

SPEAKER

Sayasat Nurbek

Head of Education Projects, BTS Digital



SOCIAL POLICY & JUSTICE

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

Track description:

In the past few decades, societies in Asia have experienced dramatic economic, cultural, and political shifts, a phenomenon that has incited not only significant social change, but also rampant inequality. Besides factors such as income inequality, humanitarian crises, and natural disasters, cybersecurity risks have become an influential factor in global power dynamics. Within the same geopolitical boundaries, progress and harmony are challenged by gender-based discrimination, lack of mental healthcare, and clashes between modern and traditional culture.

In the midst of these inequalities, societies face strong challenges created by human injustice and improper implementation of social policies, and will require brave and judicious solutions to mitigate humanitarian crises. By capitalizing on the increasing digitization within societies, transcending ethnic and cultural barriers, and engaging the brightest young minds across the world, we may be able to enact positive change. Through delving deeper into political, social, and economic issues of our society, delegates will gain a more well-rounded understanding of many controversial and pressing issues facing the Asia-Pacific region today.

In this track, delegates will examine the ideal of justice on a global scale and be challenged to construct solutions to these complex issues.

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

PANEL I

Modern Slavery in Asia

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block C4, 268 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Human trafficking, according to the UNODC, includes anything from slavery (or forced labor) to sexual exploitation to even the harvesting of organs. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), over 40 million people in the world suffer from human trafficking, two thirds of whom come from the Asia-Pacific region. For instance, being one of the most densely populated regions in the world, Southeast Asia has developed an environment with a high demand for cheap labor, which results in an increased vulnerability to forced labor. A United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) report estimated that, every year, 10,000 laborers are deceived or captured into forced labor annually in the region. While progress has certainly been made, a glance at the news headlines show that there is much room for improvement and a need for a passion for change around the world. For example, we still have the ongoing Rohingya refugee crisis, declared by the UN to be the “world’s fastest growing refugee crisis,” which has affected more than 1.3 million refugees, targets of violent attacks in Rakhine State in Myanmar, and host community members. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Rohingya refugee girls are being sold into forced labor to raise money for desperate families in overcrowded camps in Bangladesh.

In this panel, delegates will discuss recent events related to modern slavery in the Asia-Pacific region, break down the causes of these events, and discuss solutions as well as future plans of action.

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

PANELISTS

Jessica Wong Dewangga

Regional Programme Officer at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Jacob Townsend

Founder and Director of Seefar

Mariya Voloshkevich

Associate Protection Officer at UNHCR

MODERATOR

Caress Schenk

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations Department at NU

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

PANEL II

Breaking the Taboo: Mental Health in the Asia-Pacific

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block C4, 268 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Perspectives towards mental illnesses vary greatly across the Asia-Pacific. At one extreme, countries like Australia and New Zealand have invested considerable resources to build frameworks for mental healthcare. On the other end of the spectrum, countries like India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Pakistan face many challenges. These challenges include the lack of available medical treatment, dilapidated facilities, and critically low numbers of mental health professionals. According to studies by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the five leading mental health problems in the region are 1) depression, 2) anxiety, 3) post-traumatic stress disorder, 4) suicidal behavior and 5) substance-abuse disorder. In recent years, there have been concerted efforts in Asia-Pacific countries to raise awareness and to establish legal and policy frameworks around mental health issues. Unlike more Westernized models of mental health, which prioritize the individual, the more family-oriented cultures in Asia-Pacific countries demand a different approach. This panel will analyze the current state of mental healthcare in various countries in the Asia-Pacific and discuss various approaches to addressing its issues.

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

PANELISTS

Gregor Lim Lange

Co-founder & Chief Psychologist of Forest Wolf

Maulen Akhmetov

CEO of Farmily, CEO and Founder of Kunde social cafe

Mary Imbong

Asia Pacific Regional Director of World Youth Alliance (WYA)

MODERATOR

Kai Hong Phua

Visiting Professor at the Nazarbayev University, Adjunct Faculty with the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

SEMINAR I

Scars of Traditions: Convention vs. Modernity

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 3, extension 224 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Traditionalist conservatism has long been prevailing in Central Asia, resulting in higher levels of gender discrimination and inequality. Taking the case of Kyrgyzstan, there is a tradition called “kyz ala kachu,” which means “to take a young woman and run away.” This tradition involves the abduction of a woman, with or without her consent, in order to marry her. Contrary to the claims of state officials that 5% of the female population are victims of the “kyz ala kachu” tradition, the Human Rights Watch of UNDP reports that one out of every three women in Kyrgyzstan are married off as the result of this tradition. Consequently, this kind of forced marriage has raised the number of suicides by women in the past 10 years, and has often been a taboo topic to talk about in the Central Asian community. Thus, this seminar will address the scars left behind by tradition and the ongoing battle between traditional and modern beliefs.

SPEAKERS

Saule Mektepbayeva

Legal Reform, Justice Reform and Human Rights Expert, Managing Partner of CSI Legal&Tax Advisory

Alima Bissenova

Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Nazarbayev University

SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE

SEMINAR II

Unleashing Breakthrough Innovation in Government (in partnership with Astana Civil Service Hub)

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11.30 - 12.30 PM

Venue: Block 3, extension 224 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

In the last decade, the Asia-Pacific region has witnessed unprecedented developments in technology thanks to social penetration, consumers' openness to new technologies and the mobile Internet, and willingness by companies to innovate. However, can the same be said for governments in the Asia-Pacific region? When we overlook government's role in innovation, policymakers are less likely to take risks in the future, oftentimes stifling much needed progress. When speaking of innovation, oftentimes we tend to first think of digital innovations in the private sector, although data and technology can fundamentally change the way government operates.

This seminar will discuss how governments may improve themselves by adopting innovative practices and streamline its public services. Through delving deeper into political, social, and economic issues of our society, delegates will gain a more well-rounded understanding of the public sector as well as its shortcomings. Delegates will have the opportunity to brainstorm and create innovative policy solutions to the 21st-century challenges of governing.

SPEAKERS

Aziza Umarova

CEO of SmartGov Consulting



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Track description:

At the epicenter of human progression and prosperity stand the foundations of science and technology that fuel innovation, discovery, and commercialization. Influencing one another's development, their mutual growth brings civilizations into a new era of living. As the 21st century unfolds, the contemporary world is becoming a melting pot for both Science and Technology. Modern research and technological advancements are reaching into every aspect of human life, be it economic, political or social. Everyday breakthroughs are forever altering individuals' way of living or even the organization of society, resulting in new frameworks of interacting with the world. Understanding the nature of this unstable power is of crucial importance for building a sustainable future for humanity and preventing potential chaos.

In the Science and Technology track, delegates will dive into the world of innovative discoveries in science and learn about the integrated use of scientific discoveries and digitization in entrepreneurship. Digital transformation has become one of the newest global trends, which is facilitating the process of its implementation - not only in IT, but also in politics, economy, medicine, and business. Scientific and digital developments have enabled us to track the traces of corruption, create secure cybersecurity systems and blockchain technology, and lead more sustainable businesses. Delegates will gradually be able to rationalize the direct roles that innovation and discovery play in developing new products, and how recent revolutions in engineering and technology—including artificial intelligence, gene editing, and quantum computing—will pose as opportunities for expansion as humanity enters the next technological revolution. Ultimately, this track will develop exciting visions for entrepreneurs and the novel companies they lead.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PANEL I

Scientific Revolutions & The Future of Intelligence Driven Discoveries

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block C2, Orange Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business Formal

Description:

As the world embraces the technological revolution that has come to define the turn of the 21st century, startups as a whole are more rationally positioned to become enablers of change and influence. Asian markets, in particular, are at the epicenter of disruption; however, with the exponentially growing economies of China and India developing into hubs blooming with startups, more and more entrepreneurs are emerging with the need to stand out in a highly competitive Asian marketplace. By developing high impact technologies to address preeminent issues—both niche and broad—the focus of companies has evolved into providing pragmatic solutions that are affordable, easy to use, minimally invasive, and highly effective for problems consumers face on a daily basis.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PANELISTS

Sebastian Ko

Founder and COO, DH Bioinvest Limited (DHB Global)

Till Vestring

Non-Executive Director, Partner at Bain and Company Southeast Asia

Zhenishbek Zhakypov

PhD, Research Scientist at Reconfigurable Robotics Laboratory, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Switzerland

Alyona Tkachenko

Co-founder and CEO at Nommi

MODERATOR

Samuel Maron

Schwarzman Scholar specializing in Chinese Healthcare and Business

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PANEL II

Technological Influences on Visions of Humanity

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block C2, Orange Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Globally, there exists a stark dichotomy between countries that have chosen to embrace technology in a globalized system and nations that have been slower to adopt it—which has built a division that has proliferated today with the rise of superpower nations and the developing world. Technology has been at the forefront of creating this divide—and more specifically, certain types of technologies have resulted in greater growth and impact than others. In Asian markets, the adoption of new technologies has been a relatively recent phenomenon in the grand history of Asian nations, especially in the age of the semiconductor and computational software. However, the change that integration with technology has caused in Asian systems has often outpaced the West, with Chinese corporations centralizing data and utilizing QR codes to India's rise of FlipKart and Jio. Technology empowers people—and when it is mixed with commerce, it gives birth to new ways of living that revolutionizes the lives of individuals within nations.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PANELISTS

Daniel Azzi

CEO & Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank SAL, Former Executive of Bear Stearns and Merrill Lynch

Erlan Sagadiev

Former Minister of Science and Education of Kazakhstan

Lesly Goh

Former CTO, World Bank

Rae Kwon-Chung

Chairman of the International Award Committee of the Global Energy Prize, Laureate of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize

MODERATOR

Zeel Patel

Computer Science & Neuroscience student at Harvard University

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SEMINAR I

A Debate on the Intersection of Science & Ethics—Genetic Engineering

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, extension 222 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business

Description:

Headlines were made worldwide in March 2019 after the successful modification of the genes of a fetus in a Chinese laboratory, leading to the embryo having a reduced risk of developing HIV in its lifetime. Yet, the scientific community was enraged to see that seemingly “universal ethical boundaries” were crossed; however, only a few weeks later, scientists at Harvard and MIT in the USA announced a joint collaboration to engineer the genes of a baby to optimize for certain traits to combat disease, leading the way for another scientific revolution. Ultimately, this begs a moral question on the nature of science in contrast to the fabric of society, and the place ethical considerations play in this rapid growth rate of science.

SPEAKER

Daniel Azzi

CEO & Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank SAL, Former Executive of Bear Stearns and Merrill Lynch

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SEMINAR II

Team Trivia Competition—Delegates vs Speakers

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, extension 222 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

In celebration of the progress of scientific discovery throughout history, this seminar aims to allow the delegates to interact with one another in a mutual trivia competition! Delegates will be paired in teams of 6 each among members of the track, and will compete against one another and a team of keynote speakers from the track in a trivia asking questions about science ranging from fundamental discoveries in Chemistry to the laws of Physics—encompassing everything from naming notable scientists to predicting biological phenomenon. The format of the competition will take the form of an online Kahoot game moderated by the HPAIR staff, where teams will join using their phones and answer questions projected on a megascreen—awarding points for the quickest and correct answer. In the spirit of fun, delegates will bond with one another and engage in friendly competition to celebrate all the great achievements in scientific history!

SPEAKER

Till Vestring

Non-Executive Director, Partner at Bain and Company Southeast Asia



ART, MEDIA & CULTURE

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

Track description:

The intersection of art, media, and culture forms a powerful nexus for sparking change and addressing, often in innovative and non-conventional ways, today's social, political, and economic climate. It is a particularly salient time to be considering the individual and collective roles that art, media, and culture play in shaping our lives and responding to our society as they relate to the Asia-Pacific region and its place on the global stage. With the observance of powerful dynamics between culture and digitization, there has been a growing emphasis on bridging the East and the West, opening up a wealth of opportunities for Asian and American cultural collaborations and exchanges in a variety of fields, including film, music, literature, and architecture.

The Art, Media, and Culture track will take a look at the emerging intersections of artistic, technological, and cultural spheres, and how they can converge to create innovative projects and communicate powerful stories. Delegates will explore how the boundaries between and within art, media, and culture are being pushed, and how to harness the exciting opportunities to elevate their own creative expression. In addressing the value of art, delegates will consider the role that it can play in learning, connecting, and educating. Art, along with media and culture, can spark change and communicate in powerful ways that encourage unity, speak truths, and evoke change.

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

PANEL I

Creating in the Digital Age

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block C2, Blue Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

With the rise of new, innovative technologies and digital media, barriers to creating are breaking down everyday. Indeed, creatives today — from social media influencers to YouTube personalities — have dramatically increased the reach of their content and its impact with all the necessary tools at their fingertips. Companies such as Netflix, Amazon, and Apple have also increasingly played a role in disseminating art and creative media to wider audiences through new channels. With these new possibilities also comes the challenge of learning and understanding how to best harness the power of these channels to efficiently and successfully create content and maximize impact. At the same time, these technologies also have great potential to shape and change long-established relationships between creators, content, and audiences. How has digital innovation had an effect on more traditional creative media and their audiences — radio, published works, film, music? Is it a democratizing force or a threat?

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

PANELISTS

Ridhima Lulla

Chief Content Officer at Eros International PLC

Julian Tse

Vogue-published photographer

Daniyar Kosnazarov

Editor-in-Chief of The Steppe (independent digital media outlet in Kazakhstan), visiting fellow at The George Washington University

MODERATOR

Aigerim Toleukhan

Journalist (featured in The Associated Press, AFP News Agency, The Independent, Eurasianet), Department of Media and Communications at The London School of Economics and Political Science

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

PANEL II

The Art of Advocacy through Storytelling

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block C2, Blue Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Whether it be film, fiction writing, fashion, food, fine or performing arts, the salience of the arts has long been in their power to tell stories that speak to human experiences, bridge cultural divides, uplift underrepresented and marginalized voices, and promote empathy among disparate social and cultural groups. The need for diverse stories contributes to the growing need for diverse voices and perspectives to tell those stories. How can art be employed as a tool to advocate for pertinent social change? How does one create art that can both teach and touch people? What are the challenges to using art as such a tool — for example, censorship or lack of representation in certain artforms — and how can they be overcome? From storytelling through art, awareness can be raised, unity can be achieved, and action can be inspired.

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

PANELISTS

Helen Zia

Award-winning Author, Activist, and Journalist

Diana Kudaibergenova

Political and Cultural Sociologist, Research Fellow in the Centre of Development Studies at the University of Cambridge

Stanislava Pinchuk

Artist (data mapping topographies of war and conflict zones)

MODERATOR

Malgorzata Kruszewska

Instructor at School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

SEMINAR I

Arts in Education

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, Extension 329 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

The role of arts in education tend to be undervalued in the Asia-Pacific region and the world, even though they enrich learning in settings for people of all ages, within and beyond the classroom. In this seminar, delegates will discuss the value of arts integration in school curricula, learn about applying creative skills in both artistic and seemingly non-artistic fields, and examine the intersection of arts with a diverse fields — for example, medicine, politics, and psychology. The intellectual value of investing and engaging in the arts is no less important than the intellectual value of science, math, or engineering fields, contrary to popular belief. Studies show that art instruction can aid the development of motor skills, language skills, and creativity in addition to having cognitive and emotional benefits. Art not only helps us to make sense of the world around us, but also to understand ourselves, to heal, and to find our voice.

SPEAKER

Diana Kudaibergenova

Political and Cultural Sociologist, Research Fellow in the Centre of Development Studies at the University of Cambridge

ART, MEDIA AND CULTURE

SEMINAR II

Shaping Spaces, Changing Culture

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, Extension 329 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

A cultural space can be defined as a communal environment for people to negotiate questions of belonging, societal identity, and community. Whether the cultural space in question be a museum, library, restaurant, or performance space, architects, urban designers, and leaders of cultural institutions constantly have to balance considerations of aesthetics, functionality, and accessibility when designing any kind of physical environment. In this seminar, delegates will explore these considerations and the dynamic relationship between space, the people within the space, and culture — how space can contain culture, influence culture, and even be culture itself. Indeed, Winston Churchill once said, “We shape our buildings, thereafter they shape us.”

SPEAKERS

Jamilya Nurkaliyeva

Project Director for the Tselinny Center of Contemporary Culture

Baurzhan Sagiyev

Art Director at TSE Art Destination



GOVERNANCE & GEOPOLITICS

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

Track description:

Governance and Geopolitics are core driving forces of turbulence in contemporary world affairs. Societal organization and governance have always been pivotal in their outcomes, whether they be positive growth or disruption. Rapid digitalization and increased cultural interactions in the 21st century are providing a significant impetus for the importance of the issue. As Western liberalism continues to be challenged by a rising East, the scope of the conflict has begun to escalate. The unfolding of this turbulence is leading to significant structural shifts of the world order with state interactions transitioning from multilateral to bilateral, and the consequent emergence of regional blocs as the central units of international affairs. Understanding the nature of this emerging world order is of crucial importance for building a sustainable future for humanity.

Contemporary issues in geopolitics are interdisciplinary and exceedingly complex. Thematic changes in global geopolitics arise predominantly in a new Cold War in the age of data and AI between the United States and China in increasingly diverse domains of warfare ranging from 5G telecommunications information warfare and espionage to economic statecraft through massive private corporations. Around the world, in a new era of geopolitics defined by instability, the only thing constant is change: for better or for worse.

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

PANEL I

Rising Regionalism: Regional Blocs as Main Actors in Contemporary International Relations

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

Venue: Block C2, Green Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

The 21st century's international relations have mostly been characterized by optimistic notions such as "globalization", "interdependence" and "multilateralism". The international organizations were considered as a practical symbol of peace-building and progressiveness around the world. Nevertheless, a significant increase in regional agreements and consequent bloc divisions are being observed instead of a single interconnected world. Both West and East are expressing signs of regional preference and protectionism within and between themselves. This is often interpreted as a demonstration that globalization, liberal values, and unrestricted mobility may not be in everyone's interest. It is beyond doubt that globalization is affecting the world order in different ways, but the question of whether changes are positive or negative remains unanswered. The US's role as a facilitator of global cooperation is declining, while regional alliances diverting effects of globalisation such as ASEAN, NAFTA, Mercosur or EU are exerting more influence than before. This trend can spark legitimate thinking that regional blocs are becoming key actors in contemporary international relations.

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

PANELISTS

Peter Burian

EU Special Representative to Central Asia

Félix Quintero Vollmer

Attorney-Specialist at Inter-American Development Bank

Vita Spivak

Analytical Project Lead at OOO Expert RA

Paul Wasserman

Program Analyst at African Development Foundation

MODERATOR

Iskander Akylbaev

Director of the Kazakhstan Council on International Relations

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

PANEL II

The Future of Warfare: The New Cold War in 5G, AI, and Data Supremacy

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Venue: Block C2, Green Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Emerging technologies are changing the nature of warfare, and rapid advances in unmanned systems, robotics, artificial intelligence, cyber, quantum, networking, and big data systems are already shaping the way wars will be fought in the coming decade. China is testing its surveillance technology in its “Uyghur 5G Warfare Lab” while its government has proclaimed data to be its “fundamental strategic resource” moving forward. Russian President Vladimir Putin says the nation that leads in AI ‘will be the ruler of the world,’ a bold statement that is spurring a new arms race for dominance in artificial intelligence. But the race to build autonomous weapons systems raises important questions about how and when humans might cede authority to machines that can act and react far faster than we can—increasing the potential risks to a catastrophic level.

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

PANELISTS

Sarkhan Hashimov

General Manager at Microsoft

Boris Kashnikov

Professor of Ethics and Philosophy National Research University
Higher School of Economics

Moon Kim

Ph.D Fellow at the Pardee RAND Graduate School / RAND
Corporation, NASA

Mollie Saltskog

Intelligence Analyst at The Soufan Group

MODERATOR

Dr. Jean-François Caron

Associate Professor and Department Chair of Political Science and
International Relations, School of Sciences and Humanities,
Nazarbayev University.

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

SEMINAR I

Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: Challenges and New Opportunities in the Face of Escalating World Conflicts

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, extension 429 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

Since its birth after dissolution of the Soviet Union, the idea of an integrated Central Asia is now closer to realization than ever. What everyone aspired to but what proved unfeasible for two decades because of economic, political and social reasons, along with subjective opinions of state leaders have potential to be brought to life thanks to favorable climate changes occurring recently. It is necessary to discuss the pros and cons, threats and opportunities for the realization of Central Asian Union. The states of this region have potential to provide powerful impulse to international relations, and its extent is yet to be estimated.

SPEAKERS

Farkhad Tolipov

Director of the Bylim Karvoni Non-governmental Research and Training Center

Peter Burian

EU Special Representative to Central Asia

GOVERNANCE AND GEOPOLITICS

SEMINAR II

The Changing Role of Intelligence Communities

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 PM

Venue: Block 7, extension 429 (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Business formal

Description:

The ongoing disputes involving 5G chips, Huawei, and the possibility of spying inside the framework of 5G is exposing the deeper conflicts at play in the US-China trade war: espionage within companies for innovative trade secrets. Covert cyber warfare has dominated the headlines from North Korea to China to Russia prompting the agency to create the Directorate for Digital Innovation in 2015. At a time when recently-departed spy chief Mike Pompeo is doubling the agency's size in the next five years to engage in increasingly aggressive covert activities to thwart terrorist plots, it also wants to expand its war-fighting role using field officers and specialized weapons to support American forces in combat.

SPEAKER

Mollie Saltskog

Intelligence Analyst at The Soufan Group

A person wearing large black headphones is seated at a wooden desk, viewed from behind. They are focused on a laptop screen. In the background, another person in a brown hoodie is also working at a desk with a laptop. The scene is set in a bright, modern office or co-working space. The text 'CULTURAL & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image. At the bottom, there are several thin, white, wavy lines that sweep across the width of the page.

CULTURAL & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS & WELCOME CEREMONY

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS

Venue: Nazarbayev University and Nur-Sultan

Date: Friday, August 16

Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Dress Code: Casual

Following registration, delegates are encouraged to go on the Nazarbayev University Campus Tour and the Nur-Sultan City Tour, which will introduce them to their host city for the next five days. Both tours are free and will depart from NU. The staff at registration will be able to direct delegates to the pick-up points for the tours.

The NU Campus Tour is a 1.5 hour walking tour of campus that will depart at 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.

The Nur-Sultan City Tour is a 2-hour bus tour of Nur-Sultan that will depart at 11:00 AM, 01:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Venue: "Shanyraq" New Atrium (Nazarbayev University)

Date: Friday, August 16

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 PM

Dress Code: Business Formal

Following the Opening Ceremony, all delegates are invited to our Cocktail Reception to mingle with speakers, honorable guests, other delegates and HPAIR staff. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided!

KAZAKHSTAN NIGHT

Venue: Amphitheatre (Nazarbayev University)

Date: Saturday, August 17

Time: 8:30 - 11:00 PM

Dress code: Casual

Kazakhstan Night will allow delegates to get to know about Kazakh culture in a fun and engaging way. Delegates will be provided with national cuisine, participate in a wide range of activities, and enjoy the concert of Kazakh performers.



KazNight is not only about just demonstrating the national traditions but also about showing the evolution of Kazakh culture through the centuries. Starting from ancient kuis (type of instrumental music) played by kobyz and other national instruments that still exist till the modern day Q-pop culture, we, as an organizing committee, want to create an environment where all delegates will be able to have a memorable experience of the host country.

KAZAKHSTAN NIGHT

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

There is a wide range of different Kazakh national games: the ones that require physical strength, plasticity, shrewdness or all of them together. In this part of the event, delegates will be able to cooperate and interact with each other by playing Arkan tartys, riding/swinging on Altybakan, and competing in archery.

PHOTO STUDIO

During the event, our Multimedia team will be working tirelessly on capturing every moment of this wonderful evening to bring warm memories for our delegates. Everyone can take photos wearing traditional Kazakh clothes with batyrs (Kazakh knights) and transform into Kazakh khans and nomads.

KAZAKH NATIONAL FAIR

It goes without doubt that it is a must to get local souvenirs, postcards and all sorts of things that will remind you of sweet memories you had during your journey. This kind of travel tradition is not exceptional for Kazakhstan as well. HPAIR has invited local master artisans to KazNight event in order to showcase their hand-made national souvenirs and accessories in a traditional Kazakh style. Kazakhstan is very famous for its magnificent ornaments which symbolize the spirit of our country. During the fair, the delegates can purchase different kinds of accessories, cards, bags, and pieces of clothing decorated with national ornaments.

KAZAKHSTAN NIGHT

NATIONAL CUISINE

While walking around, playing games, and being engaged in entertaining activities, we will offer traditional Kazakh dishes. Different food options will be provided according to delegates' food accommodations.

CONCERT PROGRAMME

Last but not least comes the core part of the evening, the open air concert program. Through different kinds of performances, the transformation of Kazakh culture will be demonstrated. Several student clubs of Nazarbayev University such as the NU Orchestra, NU Vocal, NU Choir, NU Dance, the State Academic Philharmonic of Akimat of Nur-Sultan City and the Folk Dance Ensemble (Shalkyma) will showcase the Kazakh culture through their performances. Starting from an ancient nomadic lifestyle to modern day Kazakhstan, the delegates will feel the spirit of Kazakh culture and its magnificence and hospitality.

HPAIRx

Venue: Block C2, Orange Hall

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Dress code: Business casual

Hosts: Amanda Su and Ayazhan Yerikkyzy

HPAIRx provides delegates with a unique opportunity to present their ideas to inspire and inform other delegates in a short TED-style talks (8-10 minutes) on a topic of their choice. Through this initiative, we hope to provide an inspiring platform for change, and hope that delegates themselves will learn from and be inspired by one another.

This comes from our belief that delegates make the conference what it is – we have delegates who have done and gone on to do amazing and inspiring work, and we want to showcase that at our conference. HPAIRx is thus designed to be a window we can peek into, which reveals stories of hope, struggle, change, and innovation.

HPAIRx

HOSTS



Hi! My name is Amanda Su, and I'm an incoming sophomore at Harvard studying History & Literature. I grew up in the Bay Area, California but now my family lives in Zurich, Switzerland. At HPAIR, I'm an Associate of Marketing and Communications, and this is my second time planning and hosting HPAIRx. I am extremely passionate about issues of race & ethnicity, immigration, and culture. Outside of my work in HPAIR, I love journalism, photography, dogs, Netflix food docuseries, Asian American literature, and Chinese cuisine. I'm super excited to meet you all in Nur-Sultan!

Hello! My name is Ayazhan Yerikkyzy and I am an associate of Marketing & Communications Department from the HCOC side. I am a first year student majoring in Computer Science, and for now I can code only in programming languages starting with the letter "C". This is the first time I am a part of the organizing team of such event. However, I am sure that with the help of my colleague Amanda Su, we will try to deliver the best experience for everyone attending HPAIRx. HPAIRx is important to me because it is a way to help our delegates find solutions to different problems, spread their ideas, find supporters and friends! Looking forward to seeing you at the HPAIR Asia 2019 in Kazakhstan and let you immerse yourselves into Kazakh culture!!!



PRESENTERS



Jennifer Anderson

Bio: Jennifer is a first year student in the University of Cambridge double majoring in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Aeronautics Engineering; she is also a Boeing 787 second officer in British Airways.

Talk Title: Enlighten The Dark

Description: Having gone through a dark stage as someone who used to be visually impaired, Jennifer is going to talk about how she overcame difficulties in her life and how she tried to contribute to and bring “light” to her community and the world in different stages of her life.

Mariam Devadze

Bio: Hailing from Georgia, Mariam is a recent graduate who received a bachelor’s degree in international relations at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, Italy.

Title: The Challenges of Fast Fashion

Description: Mariam’s talk will educate the audience about the challenges and problems that come with the fashion industry using statistics and facts, focusing on the currently undertaken and future solutions.



PRESENTERS



Ibrahim Jalal

Bio: Ibrahim is an Erasmus Scholar of International Security at the University of Glasgow, a non-resident Scholar at the Middle East Institute of Washington D.C. on the Gulf and the Yemen Program, a One Young World Ambassador, and a full-time chocolate addict.

Title: Yemen: The Kind of Peace I Fear?

Description: The talk will briefly unpack the catastrophic conflict in Yemen and the UN-brokered peace process, using Hodeidah as an example. It does so by drawing on touching personal stories and objective practical observations both as an average Yemeni and a political analyst.

Vivian Leung

Bio: Vivian is the Co-Founder of Money Manager. She is currently a Master's candidate at the London School of Economics where her research centers on virtual assistants and human computer interactions.

Title: The Power of Design Thinking Along My Entrepreneurial Journey - a chatbot powered by AI to nurture financial literacy among millennials.

Description: There's a common problem that makes tech startup fail, as well as many enterprises and development projects globally: We are creating a problem to solve, instead of searching for the right solutions to solve a problem. By leveraging design thinking, we are able to mitigate risks that lead us to failure and validate all the assumptions that we believe are true but might not be.



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IMPACT CHALLENGE

Venue: Bureau for Continuing Professional Development, AIFC

Date: Monday, August 19

Time: 10.00 AM - 10:30 AM Instruction Time

10.30 AM - 4:00 PM Brainstorming and Working Time

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Break and Presentation Screenings

4:45 PM - 6:30 PM Impact Challenge Presentations

Dress Code: Business Formal

Wi-Fi name: AIFC guest

Password: aifc2018expo

As one of the most exciting parts of the conference, we invite delegates to test their problem-solving, critical thinking, and innovation during the Impact Challenges. Delegates will be asked to solve cases provided by sponsors and partners of HPAIR, all of whom are leading companies in Central Asia and beyond. There is no single correct solution to an Impact Challenge, instead we encourage delegates to demonstrate novel and innovative ways of thinking in challenging and enjoyable conditions. Company representatives will judge delegates' submissions and presentations, selecting the eventual winner. Delegates will be provided with a coffee-break in the morning and lunch in the middle of the day. Delegates are also free to use rooms dedicated to HPAIR by Bureau for Continuing Professional Development for team brainstorming.

IMPACT CHALLENGE

IMPACT CHALLENGE CASES

Transportation Hub Strategy

Presented by the Boston Consulting Group

University of the Future

Presented by the Bureau for Continuing Professional Development and the Astana International Financial Center

New Market Entry: Precision Medicine in Central Asia

Presented by Deloitte Consulting LLP and P4ML

Urban Planning: Modernizing Heating Systems

Presented by the Eurasian Resources Group

Corporate Culture: Safe Behavior at Production Sites

Presented by Kazzinc

Policy Solutions to Humanitarian Crises

Presented by the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees

I-NIGHT AND I-CARNIVAL

PRODUCERS' NOTE

Dear Delegates,

We are so excited to be able to introduce I-Night Carnival and I-Night, which will display the incredible diversity and wide range of talents of the conference's delegates. We want to thank all of the performers at both events for their determination, dedication and passion, and we cannot wait finally see their hard work come to fruition.

It will be a pleasure to see you at both events and we hope they will be among the highlights of your conference experience. See you then!

Best regards,
Ramina Abdymananova and Aitolkyn Mukanova.

I-NIGHT AND I-CARNIVAL

I-NIGHT CARNIVAL

Date: Monday, August 19

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 PM

Location: "Shanyraq" New Atrium (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Casual

I-Night (International Night) Carnival is an HPAIR Conference tradition that serves as an international fair where delegates representing various nationalities can set up tables and show off their countries' culture and traditions. During previous I-Night Carnivals, delegates have played traditional games, brought snacks from home, and even performed a traditional wedding! Guests will have a chance to share their cultural experiences with others, try different foods and listen to an amazing multicultural playlist!



I-NIGHT AND I-CARNIVAL

I-NIGHT

Date: Monday, August 19

Time: 9.30 - 11.30 PM

Location: Block C2, Main Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Dress code: Casual

I-Night is a celebration of international cultures through performances that showcase the unique musical, theatrical and dance talents of our delegates. Over the course of one spectacular show, 10 talented acts, consisting of dynamic groups and stunning solos, will wow the audience with performances showcasing cultures from around the world.



I-NIGHT AND I-CARNIVAL

HOSTS



Hello! My name is Akerke Issabekova but you can call me Issaak. I am a junior student here at Nazarbayev University studying Political Science and International Relations. I work at HPAIR as a Senior Associate of Operations and surprisingly was given a privilege to be your host at I-Night! Besides studies and HPAIR, my foodie self mostly craves for fresh americano, delicious foods and crispy pastries. Can't wait to finally meet you all in Nur-Sultan and have fun together!

Hi! My name is Zeel Patel, and I'm a freshman at Harvard studying Computer Science & Neuroscience. Originally hailing from Calgary, Canada and born in India, I love immersing myself in different cultures and learning more about the diverse ways of life around our world! At HPAIR, I'm an Associate of Conference Programming, and in my free time you'll find me proudly cheering for the Toronto Raptors! I'm looking forward to meeting you all at ACONF!



CAREER DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Venue: Block C2, Orange Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Date: Tuesday, August 20

Time: 10.00 AM -12.30 PM

Dress Code: Business Casual

Description:

This session aims to critically examine future career trends, the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on labor markets, and companies' internal perspectives on their evaluation criteria for top candidates. Through speeches by experts from various companies, a panel session with recruiters, and an interactive Career Fair, the Career Development Session will provide delegates with an exclusive, insightful jumpstart to their careers.

The Career Development Session will be divided into three components - first, specialists from Forest Wolf, Air Astana, Coca-Cola İçecek, and Microsoft will share their perspectives on future career trends and provide tips on adapting to these trends accordingly. Following these speeches, we will transition to a panel and Q&A session with recruiters from various organizations, who will discuss in-depth the qualities that are crucial to leading a successful career across different industries. Lastly, delegates will participate in the Career Fair, which will allow delegates to meaningfully network and connect with participating company representatives.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SESSION

SPEAKERS

Crystal Lim-Lange

CEO & Co-Founder of Forest Wolf

Crystal Lim-Lange is an expert on holistic education, future-readiness and personal growth and the co-founder of Forest Wolf. Crystal's diverse background spans investment banking, start-ups, agriculture, philanthropy, wellness and education.

Yevgeniya Ni

Vice-President Human Resources and Administration, Air Astana

Yevgeniya Ni started her career in Air Astana in 2002 as Executive Assistant to the President. After joining the HR team she successfully oversaw the start-up and development of this company from 400 to over 4,000 employees. The following programs were introduced in the company over the course of the past eight years: Recruitment System; Grading & Performance Management System; Annual Employee Satisfaction Survey; Management Training Curriculum; Mobile application for employees.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SESSION

SPEAKERS

Aliya Aitymbetova

Human Resources Manager, CCI Kazakhstan

Aliya joined CCI Kazakhstan Family in 1998 as Law Assistant. In February 2001 she was promoted to Human Resources Manager, and thenceforth heads HR Function of CCI Kazakhstan. Aliya is a graduate of Kazakh National Juridical University majoring in International Law.

Almas Moldakanov

Business Development Manager for Education in Kazakhstan & CIS region, Microsoft CEE Multi-Country

Currently at Microsoft Almas is helping in empowering every educational establishment and every student to achieve more through Digital Transformation for the era of an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge. He is working at Microsoft in Kazakhstan, CIS, Central and Eastern Europe countries' markets, holding various positions at marketing business development areas. He has been working in the field of marketing and business development in the areas of cloud technology, Artificial Intelligence, software development and e-Commerce.

DISCOVER CENTRAL ASIA

Venue: Block C2, Orange Hall (Nazarbayev University)

Date: Tuesday, August 20

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Dress Code: Business Formal

SPEAKERS

Loretta O'Donnell

NU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Daniel Pugh

Dean, NU School of Science and Humanities

Charles Surya

NU Associate Provost for Research

Aidar Zhakupov

General Director, NU Research and Innovation System



DISCOVER CENTRAL ASIA

Kazakhstan is one of the leading countries in the Central Asia region, surrounded by economic and political superpowers like China and Russia, as well as borders with other emerging markets that can bring interesting and important partnerships in the long run.

- The region's value in human capital, talent, and research is increasing; NU is an ecosystem that enables people not only gain knowledge, but also to carry out research that can be implemented and applied in practice;

- Kazakhstan is one of the main countries in the development of the new Silk Road (Belt and Road Initiative), in which NU professors and scientists are conducting research on the economic and political development of the region and the impact of the New Silk Road on other countries;

- NU Leadership will share their vision of the development of the region and the role of Nazarbayev University in academic and research aspects and what other opportunities it might bring for young professionals to grow their career in Central Asia.

GALA DINNER AND E-NIGHT

CLOSING CEREMONY & GALA DINNER

Venue: The Palace of Independence (52 Tauelsizdik Ave., Nur-Sultan)

Date: Tuesday, August 20

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Dress Code: Gala/Evening Wear

The Closing Ceremony marks the official ending of the HPAIR Asia Conference 2019. The Ceremony will feature three prominent keynote speakers, as well as the presentation of the Impact Challenge winners. The event will be accompanied with a delightful gala dinner, giving the delegates a chance to socialize over delicious food and drinks.

E-NIGHT

Venue: The Bus Music Pub

Date: Tuesday, August 20

Time: 10:00 PM - 12:30 AM

Dress Code: Casual

After the official part of the Closing Ceremony, delegates are welcome to enjoy an after-party in one of the best night-clubs of Nur-Sultan city. Transportation from Palace of Independence to the bar and to hotels from the bar will be provided at given hours and announced beforehand. Please note that menu items can be bought in Kazakhstani Tenge or with multi currency card. Average spending cost for drinks and menu items is 5000 KZT (15 USD).

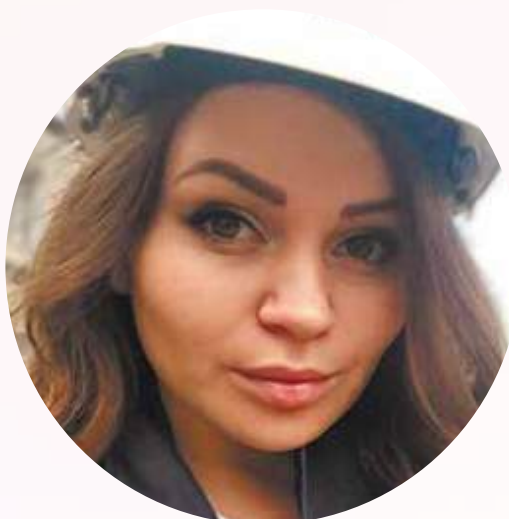


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Damir Meirembayev,
Senior Procurement Specialist

Kazzinc means new knowledge in different fields and collaboration with a wide variety of professionals. I got my bachelor degree and came to Kazzinc to work as interpreter. One year later I was awarded the Bolashak Scholarship to study Operations, Project and Supply Chain Management at the University of Manchester. After graduation I did not have any doubts about a company to work for. For me Kazzinc is the best place to advance my career. Today I can say with confidence that it was a correct choice!



Viktoria Voronina,
Design engineer

Kazzinc for me means interesting work. Any work, irrespective of positions or focus areas, is interesting when is a place of inspiration. Kazzinc inspires me. The day when I was successfully interviewed for becoming a student of the branch chair, was the first day of my success story.



Zarina Luferova,
Lead Specialist, HR Department

Kazzinc means busy corporate life. Everyone here can find the way how to spend their time with pleasure. When I attended the lectures, I already decided to become a member of Kazzinc Youth Council. I can not only pursue my professional passions at Kazzinc but also do some volunteer work as this is an important and integral part of my life.



Dias Altayev,
IT System Consultant

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multi-skilled employees



Annual personnel
training costs - over
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The Corporate University
provides training
in 280 professions

IN 2018



Over 3 000 employees
attended advance
training courses



Almost 4 500 employees
mastered new
professions



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attended training
courses in the
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different awards

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PARTNER HOTELS

HILTON ASTANA

Hilton Astana is a modern, well-designed hotel located in front of the EXPO-2017 complex and just five minutes' walk away from popular shopping mall «Mega Silk Way», while Nazarbayev University is only 500 meters away.

The hotel offers rooms and suites, which provide a range of in-room facilities. Certain rooms are equipped with a separate living room and access to the tranquil atmosphere for work and leisure. Other leisure facilities include a business center, 24-hour fitness room, a restaurant, rooftop bar with a city view, and indoor swimming pool.

There is a 24-hour room, service with super-friendly and professional staff at Hilton Astana. Park Kitchen Restaurant serves an appetizing menu of Cantonese, Shanghai, Japanese, Western, and international cuisines. "Cloud9" rooftop bar offers a full spectrum of drinks to experience a world flavors and beautiful view of the sunset and the evening light of the city.

There is a large choice of rooms in all prices ranges with varying spending patterns starting from 119\$.

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PARTNER HOTELS

RITZ-CARLTON ASTANA

With an unshakeable credo and corporate philosophy of un-wavering commitment to service, both in our hotels and in our communities, The Ritz-Carlton Astana has been recognized with numerous awards for being the gold standard of hospitality.

The city's rising skyline, peppered with futuristic towers and architectural wonders, is the backdrop to nearly every experience at The Ritz-Carlton, Astana. Guests can admire it from the Club Lounge; the dining rooms at Selfie Restaurant and Mökki; the meeting spaces and the rooms and suites. Where the city isn't visible, its presence is still felt; spa treatments incorporate local ingredients, and **Өzen** lounge showcases Kazakh tea culture.

MARRIOTT ASTANA

Astana Marriott Hotel welcomes you to Kazakhstan with 5-star elegance and award-winning service. The hotel is situated right in the center of the city, close to Khan Shatyr Entertainment Center, the Palace of Independence, the airport and Nazarbayev University, the Expo Congress Center and International Financial Center (AIFC). Gracefully designed rooms and suites are designed with your comfort in mind, and boast marble bathrooms, complimentary Wi-Fi, plush bedding and soundproof windows. Many accommodations also feature beautiful city views. Additional hotel amenities include a 5-star spa, a solarium, an indoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center. Sip a drink and enjoy a meal amidst stunning views of Astana at Vista Restaurant & Bar, or visit Aroma Restaurant for modern global dishes for breakfast and lunch. If you're in Kazakhstan to host an event, you have 5,521 square feet of venue space at your disposal, as well as perks like an on-site business center and the careful attention of our seasoned team.

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