

# HSE Research Activities Report

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2021

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# Figures and Facts

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- **PhD programme**

PhD programme in Economics is launched for 2021 Academic year

- **Optimization of Master's degree programs portfolio**

The number of the programmes was decreased from 8 to 3

- **Two research centers**

Political Economy Research Center (PERC) and Center for Sociological Research (CSR)

- **Cooperating with researchers from abroad and research institutions**

University of Kiel, Queen's Belfast University, ADB, ERI, Centre for Labour Force Development under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Applied Economics Research Centre

- **Fellowship**

Daulet Taimagambet and Marat Shashkenov were awarded a fellowship by CERGE-EI foundation

# Faculty (Publications)

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- Policy Papers publishing within the Political Economy Research Centre of the HSE: Серия “Новый Экономический Курс для Казахстана», Выпуск 1. Казахстан и итоги первых 30 лет (New Economic Paradigm for Kazakhstan. Issuance 1. Kazakhstan and the results of the first 30 years) – K. Akizhanov
- “Higher education contributing to local, national, and global development: new empirical and conceptual insights”, *Higher Education*, 81(1), 2021, pp. 109-127 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10734-020-00565-8> (with M. Chankseliani & D. Gimranova) – I. Qoraboyev
- “Global governance” in K. De Feyter, G.E. Turkeli, & S. De Moerloose (eds.), *Law and Development Encyclopedia*, Edward Elgar, 2021, pp. 99-103 <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788117975.00031> - I.Qoraboyev
- 全球化與區域化浪潮下的中亞發展 (Central Asian Regionalism Must Evolve Taking into Account Trends of Globalization and Regionalization), *Eurasian Studies Quarterly* (Taiwan), 2020, no-13, pp. 1-8, available at: [https://gioip.nchu.edu.tw/zh\\_tw/Admissions2/Eurasian/%E7%AC%AC%E5%8D%81%E4%B8%89%E6%9C%9F-29893865](https://gioip.nchu.edu.tw/zh_tw/Admissions2/Eurasian/%E7%AC%AC%E5%8D%81%E4%B8%89%E6%9C%9F-29893865) - I.Qoraboyev
- Social media as the platform for political mobilization: case study of Kazakhstan. In T. Hemker, R. MüllerTörök, A. Prosser, D. Scola, T. Szádeczky, N. Urs (Eds.), *Central and Eastern European e|Dem and e|Gov Days 2020: Conference Proceedings* (pp. 431-442). Austria: Austrian Computer Society. - A. Kalkamanova

# Faculty (Publications)

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- Machine Learning Techniques in Kazakhstan Banks' Sustainability Assessment, Digital Repository of KAZGUU University, 2020 – Arman Yelesh
- Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Health, Social Life, Shopping and Hobbies of Kazakhstan citizens, Digital Repository of KAZGUU University, 2020 – Arman Yelesh

# Faculty ( Presentations and talks at Conferences, Workshops, Seminars)

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- *“Renewal of Central Asian Regionalism? What lessons from ASEAN?”* International Forum on Comparative Regionalism In and For Asia: Central Asian, Eurasian and Southeast Asian Perspective, organized by Airlangga University (Indonesia) & M. Narikbayev KAZGUU University – I.Qoraboyev
- *“Process focused approach to publishing as a strategy to avoid predatory publications”*, Webinar on ‘How to address the problem of predatory publications’, M. Narikbayev KAZGUU University - I.Qoraboyev
- *“Higher education admission systems: Uzbekistan and world practice”*, Webinar organized by “El-Yurt Umidi” Foundation at the Agency for the Development of Public Service under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan - I.Qoraboyev
- *“Exploratory approach to the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union”*, Online research seminar, ICourts – Centre of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen - I.Qoraboyev
- *“State Sovereignty and Constitutional Foundations of Foreign Policy”*, Tashkent State University of Law, 18 November (online master-class) - I.Qoraboyev

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- *Quasi-experimental Methods: How to Address Causal Questions with Observational Micro-data?",* Online presentation for Postgraduate students at the Pertamina University, Indonesia, 2021 – S.Kemelbayeva
- *"From a teaching university to a research university - is it a feasible strategy?",* Academic Leadership Program organised by NarXoz University, Kazakhstan, <https://narxoz.edu.kz/en/alp>, 2021
- *"The Economics of Higher Education in a Post-Soviet Country: Some Lessons for the Developing World",* Online presentation for Postgraduate students at the University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan, 2021

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- The 18th KIMEP International Research Conference ‘Business, Economy and Society: Challenges in the Post-Pandemic Era’, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan, 9-10 April 2021. ‘Neoliberal financialisation and economic inequality in Kazakhstan’. Oral presentation. - K.Akizhanov
- Workshops and Networking Conversations at the Week of Central Eurasian Studies, Central Eurasian Studies Society, 12-17 October 2020. Facilitator of the Networking Conversation “Distributional patterns in the era of finance capitalism: A new research agenda for the Central Eurasia region”. - K.Akizhanov
- Conference on Sustainable Development Goals in Central Asia and the Challenges of Covid-19, 2020 Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University, 15-17 October 2020. “Sustainable development goals and further embeddedness of the neoliberal socio-economic agenda in Kazakhstan”. Oral presentation. - K.Akizhanov



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- Governance and E-governance in authoritarian regimes. The Smart Cities International Conference, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania. - Kalkamanova, A. (2020, December)
- Contentious politics and authoritarianism. XXIII Spring Wind Conference. Budapest, Hungary. - Kalkamanova, A. (2020, October)
- Digitally networked movements: case study from Kazakhstan. 7th International Conference on Eurasian Politics. and Society. Lisbon, Portugal - Kalkamanova, A. (2020, September).
- Social media as the platform for political mobilization in authoritarian regimes: case study of Kazakhstan. Second Annual IRSI IDSA Szeged Conference on International Affairs. Szeged, Hungary - Kalkamanova, A. (2020, February).
- Selecting Legal Systems for Comparative Law Analysis. First Conference on Comparative Law Methodology. - Kalkamanova, A. (2019, December).

# Students

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## **KIRC (KIMEP International Research Conference) 2021**

Adi Taichakov and Arman Olzhabayev (Master's in Finance program) presented a paper «Analyzing the Labor Market Conditions in Kazakhstan Through the Lens of the COVID-19 Pandemic»

Alibi Zhabykpay (Master's in HRM program) discussed the issue of «Development of successful HR brand»

## **Narxoz Student Research Conference-2021**

Adi Taichakov and Arman Olzhabayev won the first prize with their research project "Forecasting the Long-Term Employment in Kazakhstan: Understanding the Modern Situation of the Labor Market"

# Seminars (2020-2021)

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- **Applying Quantitative Methods in Business Research** – Nataly Radko, Hanley Business School, University of Reading
- **A Day In The Life of A Data Scientist** – Dr. Eduardo Gonzalo Almorox, Spain
- **Quasi-experimental methods: how to address causal questions with observational micro-data?** – Dr. Saule Kemelbayeva
- **Introduction To Case Method** - Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship, and Director of Silk Road Case Center, Narxoz University.
- **A Social Perspective on Exchange in a Sharing Economy: Structural Equation Modeling** – Dr. Dinara Davlembayeva, Associate Research Fellow at Newcastle University Business School
- **An Introduction to Geospatial Analysis Using R** – Daliya Kaskyrbayeva, University of Leeds
- **How to supervise Master's dissertations** – Prof. Richard Griffiths, University of Leiden
- **How to address the problem of predatory publications?** – Dr. Martin Srholec (Deputy Director of Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences), Dr Bulat Kenessov (Director of Center of Physicochemical Methods of Research and Analysis and Professor of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University) and Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev (Associate Professor of International Relations of Higher School of Economics of M. Narikbayev KAZGUU University)

# Seminars (2020-2021)

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- **Introduction to data analysis in quantitative research** - professor Nurmukhammad Yusupov (Solbridge Business School, South Korea)
- **Green Growth of Business as Usual: case of Kazakhstan** - PhD Candidate Daulet Akhmetov, Nazarbayev University
- **Research Seminar Series: “Topics, views, approaches: new research agenda for Kazakhstan and the Eurasian region”** – Dr. Diana Sharipova, Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University
- **Cities and Local Governments in Central Asia Administrative, Fiscal, and Political Urban Battles** - Dr. Madina Junussova
- **Rentier capitalism in Central Asia** - Dr. Baliyar Sanghera:
- **Higher Education Institutional Reforms and Educational Inequality in Kazakhstan** - Dr. Saule Kemelbayeva:
- **Why studying inequality is important?** - Dr. Kuat Akizhanov:
- **Social enterprise development in Kazakhstan** - Dr. Aslan Tanekenov

# Work in Progress

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## Grant proposals

- *Spencer Foundation, Centre for Economic Policy Research, MES*

## Publications

- University Selectivity and Returns Premium: Evidence from Kazakhstan (*S.Kemelbayeva*)
- Language of Instruction and Economic Returns to the Bachelor's Degree (*S.Kemelbayeva*)
- Skills Mismatch in Kazakhstan: Causes, Consequences and Policy Response (*S.Kemelbayeva*)
- The effect of online education on the academic performance of students during the COVID-19 pandemic (Developments in Economics Education Conference 2021, 1-3 September 2021, Edinburg) - (*S.Kemelbayeva, A. Yelesh*)
- Thinking and acting critically in poetry: The fight against the discourse of stability in younger Kazakhstani Russophone authors. International Journal for Comparative Cultural Studies. Forthcoming (*D.Melnikov*)
- Writing on the Margins? Literary Time and Language in the New Literary Economy of Post-Soviet Kazakhstani Russophone Literature. (The proposal is under editorial consideration) (*D.Melnikov*)

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- “EU-China relations in Central Asia: A regional(ist) perspective” in F. Bossuyt & B. Dessein (eds) *The EU, China and Central Asia: Regional Cooperation in A New Era*. Routledge, 2021 (with K. Moldashev) (I.Qoraboyev)
- Manuscript “Neoliberal financialisation and income inequality in Argentina”, submitted in March 2021 for publication to the *Development and Change* journal (K.Akizhanov)
- Manuscript “Global development architecture: embedding the neoliberal socio-economic agenda in Kazakhstan”, submitted in March 2021 to the *Eurasian Geography and Economics* journal (K.Akizhanov)
- Financialisation-induced income inequality: synthesising heterodox traditions to inform policy formulation (International Conference on Public Policy-5, Barcelona, 6-8 July 2021) (K.Akizhanov)
- Financialisation and income inequality in Central Asia: the case of Kazakhstan (EISCAS, Ghent, 20-24 September 2021) (K.Akizhanov)
- Peripheral financialisation: the case of Kazakhstan (SASE, 3-5 July 2021) (K.Akizhanov)
- Knowledge creation for post-graduate studies: new forms of de-colonisation and creativity in teaching through curriculum disruption (The Future of Education Conference, Florence, 1-2 July 2021) (K.Akizhanov)
- Pluralism in teaching economics to post-graduate students: emancipation vs. “business as usual” (Developments in Economics Education Conference 2021, 1-3 September 2021, Edinburgh) (K.Akizhanov)