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# ISE Research Activities Report

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2022

# ISE Priority Research Areas

Priority Area	Supervisor
Labor Economics and Economics of Education	Saule Kemelbayeva, Associate Professor
Comparative Regionalism, International Law and International Organizations, particularly focused on Central Asia, Post-Soviet states and Turkey	Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor
Political economy of financial capitalism and financialization, neoliberalism, international development and socio-economic inequality,	Kuat Akizhanov, Associate Professor
Governments, civic activism and its development, public sector reforms and economic policy in emerging countries	Bakhytzhan Kurmanov, Assistant Professor
International Economics, International Trade	Aituar Azat, Assistant Professor
Comparative Analysis, International Politics, developing countries, institutional theory, Internet governance, Political ideologies	Baurzhan Rakhmetov, Assistant Professor
Theology, Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Postcolonial Literature	Dmitriy Melnikov, PhD Candidate, Teaching Professor

# Current Research Projects

Project Name	Description	Project Coordinator
Analysis of effectiveness of import substitution and diversification measures	Grant from the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Grants are provided for the development of economic research, mobilization of the scientific potential of the academic community in the field of monetary policy, financial stability and other activities of the National Bank of Kazakhstan.	Aituar Azat, Assistant Professor
Income inequalities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia: finance, rent and wealth in the age of neoliberal capitalism	The ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups Award. The objectives of this prestigious international grant are "to support independent researchers in the studying and presenting original research ideas using new approaches and offering new solutions to social problems of the real world".	Kuat Akizhanov, Associate Professor
Economic Returns to Skills in Kazakhstan in the Context of International Comparisons	The study examines the economic returns to literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills in adults in Kazakhstan with the OECD data. Unlike in other countries, the returns to skills are neither economically nor statistically significant. This finding, however, is fully driven by the public sector of the economy, while in the private sector, the skills significantly improve one's earnings.	Saule Kemelbayeva, Associate Professor

# Faculty Publications

Kemelbayeva, S., Nurumov, K., Aituar, A., & Dysenbekova, Y.	Economic Returns to Skills in Kazakhstan in the context of international comparisons. Public Administration and Civil Service, <a href="https://doi.org/10.52123/1994-2370-2022-625">https://doi.org/10.52123/1994-2370-2022-625</a>
Kemelbayeva, S.	University selectivity and returns premium: evidence from Kazakhstan, <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09645292.2021.1958166">https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09645292.2021.1958166</a>
Qoraboyev, I.	Chapter 26 Global Governance in K. De Feyter, G.E. Turkeli, & S. De Moerloose (eds.), Law and Development Encyclopedia <a href="https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788117975.00031">https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788117975.00031</a>
Chankseliani, M., Qoraboyev, I. & Gimranova, D.	Higher education contributing to local, national, and global development: new empirical and conceptual insights, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s10734-020-00565-8">https://doi.org/10.1007/s10734-020-00565-8</a>
Akizhanov, K.	Rentier capitalism and its discontents. Crime and Punishment in a Neoliberalised Era, Eurasian Geography and Economics, DOI: 10.1080/15387216.2022.2029522
Kurmanov, B.	Cities and local government in Central Asia: administrative, fiscal, and political urban battles, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2020.1816196">https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2020.1816196</a>
Kurmanov, B., Pena-Boquete, Y., Samambayeva, A., & Makhmejanov, G.	Determinants of overweight and underweight among children under 5 in Kazakhstan, doi:10.2174/1874944502114010501
Kurmanov B, Knox C.	Open Government and Citizen Empowerment in Authoritarian States, doi:10.1177/18793665221104118
Aituar, A.	Trade Sanctions and Customs Union Partners of the Target Country: Evidence from Kazakhstan, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1515/peps-2020-0044">https://doi.org/10.1515/peps-2020-0044</a>
Aituar A., Akhmedyarova A.	The effect of non-tariff barriers reduction on trade of Kazakhstan, <a href="https://doi.org/10.51176/1997-9967-2021-2-62-70">https://doi.org/10.51176/1997-9967-2021-2-62-70</a>

# Fellowships and Trainings

No.	Fellowship/Training Name	Faculty Participated	Venue	Date
1.	Danish National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence in International Courts	Ikboljon Qoraboyev	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	November-December, 2021
2.	CABAR.asia Media School	Baurzhan Rakhmetov	Almaty, Kazakhstan	September-October, 2021
3.	Horizon Tselinny	Dmitriy Melnikov	Almaty, Kazakhstan	November, 2021
4.	OSCE regional training for young strategic planning advisors from Central Asia	Emin Jabbarov	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	November-December, 2021
5.	VII Training course for Strategic Planning OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek	Baurzhan Rakhmetov	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	March, 2022
6.	Conflict Resolution OSCE Academy Bishkek	Emin Jabbarov, Baurzhan Rakhmetov	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	May, 2022

# University trainings and workshops

No.	Topic	Trainer	Date
1.	Challenges and difficulties of preparing a research article in conformity with global publishing standards	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	19 October, 2021
2.	Basic concepts of probability sampling and standards of survey methodology on the example of OECD'S PIAAC in Kazakhstan	Kaidar Nurumov, senior analyst at JSC "Information Analytic Center"	22 October, 2021
3.	Basic research skills and strategy on how to work in Scopus	Botakoz Suleimenova, Official Trainer of Elsevier in Central Asia	29 October, 2021
4.	Basic concepts of data analysis in quantitative research	Dr. Nurmukhammad Yusupov, Assistant Professor of Finance, SolBridge International School of Business, South Korea	2 November, 2021
5.	Basic LaTeX tools and an integrated writing environment for creating LaTeX documents TexStudio and online LaTeX editor Overleaf	Dr. Saule Kemelbayeva, Dean of the Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	10 November, 2021
6.	Review of Public administration literature in the Post-Soviet Central Asia	Dr. Bakhytzhan Kurmanov, Assistant Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	February, 2022

## Presentations and talks at Conferences, Workshops, Seminars

No.	Topic	Faculty Participated	Venue	Date
1.	University selectivity and returns premium: evidence from Kazakhstan	Dr. Saule Kemelbayeva, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	Astana, Kazakhstan	29 November, 2021
2.	The European Union as a Partner in Region-Building in Central Asia	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	University of Groningen, Netherlands	10-11 February, 2022
3.	Comparing political rationalities of Central Asian and Eurasian regionalism projects	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	VII International Conference 'Foreign Policy of Russia on Eurasian region' organized by RUDN University, Moscow Russia (online)	10 December, 2021
4.	Court of Eurasian Economic Union: Law Between Empire and Hegemony?	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	8 December 2021
5.	Problem of predatory publications from the perspective of the Global South	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	Glasgow University, United Kingdom	17 November 2021
6.	Problem of predatory publications from the perspective of the Global South	Dr. Ikboljon Qoraboyev, Associate Professor, Higher School of Economics KAZGUU	Airlangga University, Indonesia	27 October 2021

# Other research activities

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1. Ikboljon Qoraboyev – a member of Uzbekistan “El-yurt umidi” Foundation, an international expert council
2. Ikboljon Qoraboyev – an associated researcher of UNU-CRIS, Belgium
3. Ikboljon Qoraboyev – an expert, Institute of Legislation and Legal Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan
4. Azat Aituar - CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Fellow