

**PROGRAMME**  
**of the international workshop:**  
**“Enhancing connectivity and local communities in Uzbekistan: building resilient and adaptive governance”**

**Date:** January 21, 2021. 14:30-18:00 (Tashkent time), 9:30-13:00 (London time)

**Venue:** Innovation and Scientific Research Cluster premises

**Format:** Blended (in-person and online)

**Event type:** International Workshop

**Working languages:** English

**Zoom platform, link for joining:**  
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The effects of various transnational economic corridors implemented in Central Asia and in Uzbekistan specifically are differentiated between communities, economic sectors, places and genders. They summon up distant connections and global flows, real and imagined, intended and unintended, desired and feared changing the connectedness of once separate places. At the same time connectivity offers many socio-economic opportunities for the territories invested, but it is also necessary that the public authorities, the private sector, international donors and political elites be aligned in a common vision, co-constructed and shared. In the recent year Uzbekistan in close cooperation with its foreign partners has been implementing a number of important infrastructure projects like Angren-Pap railway, reconstruction and building of numerous international highways, establishing free economic zones and inaugurating many manufacturing facilities.

Aims and objectives of the workshop:

- To investigate the multiple and interconnected forms of resilience taking shape in contemporary Central Eurasia and Uzbekistan particularly, in the face of regional socio-spatial transformations
- Reflect on initial findings of the recent fieldwork conducted in Uzbekistan analysing the impact of the globalisation processes on local communities;
- Reveal the potential of Central Asia's connectivity in Eurasian trade relations
- Work on theoretical and practical tools to facilitate the resilience-building and adaptive governance in Central Asia
- Provide views and feedback from Uzbekistan on common and shared issues around connectivity issues in Central Asia and elaborating new approaches on increasing participation of local communities during the implementation stage of big infrastructure projects.

**21<sup>st</sup> January, Friday**

**14:30** - **Invitation of participants to the beginning of the event**

*Welcome remarks*

**Prof. Michael Crang**

Professor, Durham University, Principal Investigator of the AGRE project

**Prof. Elena Korosteleva**

Visiting Professor, Oxford University, Co-Investigator of the AGRE project

**Dr. Mamanbek Reimov**

Managing director, ISRC

**14:55** - **Collective Photo**

**First session**

**Connectivity and resilience in Central Asia: friends or foes?**

**Mr. Shakhboz Akhmedov** (moderator)

Senior Research Fellow, CAREC Institute

**Each speaker has 10 minutes at maximum**

**15:00** - **Dr Akram Umarov**  
Associate Senior Research Fellow and Co-Investigator AGRE project, ISRC

- **Dr Iskandar Abdullaev**  
Deputy Director, CAREC Institute

- **Dr Arielle Ahearn-Ligham**  
University of Oxford

- **Dr Farkhod Tolipov**  
Director of NGO “Bilim Karvoni”

- **Mr Farrukh Khakimov,**  
Head of Department, Development Strategy Center

- **Ms Madina Khalmurzaeva**  
Director of NBT LLC, Environmentalist

**16:00** - **Debates and discussions**

**Second session**

**Local communities and implementation of the infrastructure projects: adaptive governance and resilience capacity**

**Dr. Mamanbek Reimov** (moderator)

Managing director, ISRC

**Each speaker has 10 minutes at maximum**

**16:20** - **Dr Jusipbek Kazbekov,**  
Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan

- **Prof Gulnoza Ismailova,**  
Vice-Rector, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Member of Central Election Commission

	-	<i>Dr Troy Sternberg,</i> University of Oxford
	-	<i>Ms Nazima Davletova,</i> Adjunct Professor, Webster University in Tashkent
	-	<i>Mr Jasur Alisherov,</i> Chief Specialist, Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction
	-	<i>Ms Zulfiya Ibatova</i> Independent Social Safeguard Expert
	-	<i>Dr Bakhrom Radjabov,</i> Head of Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Uzbekistan
<b>17:30</b>	-	<b>Debates and discussions</b>
<b>17:50</b>	-	<i>Final remarks</i> <i>Dr. Akram Umarov</i> Associate Senior Research Fellow and Co-Investigator AGRE project, ISRC
<b>18:00</b>	-	<b>Reception</b>