

Call for Applications

OSCE Central Asian Youth Network (CAYN) SEMINAR

” Rebooting the world, rethinking Central Asia” Almaty, Kazakhstan, 4-6 September, 2012

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe’s (OSCE) Centre in Astana, Kazakhstan is pleased to invite undergraduate students currently enrolled in universities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, including students from Mongolia and Afghanistan studying at Central Asian universities to submit applications for competitive selection to attend the OSCE Central Asian Youth Network Seminar, which will be hosted by the OSCE Centre in Astana and held on **4-6 September 2012** in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The seminar will bring together promising students from Central Asian OSCE participating States to enhance their critical thinking skills and ability to think beyond the box about existing threats to security in Central Asia. The seminar also aims to stimulate creativity and encourage a co-operative approach among students from countries in the region. Seminar participants will be selected based on the quality of their application (particularly the critical review)¹ and their community involvement.

The seminar’s working languages are **English and Russian**; applicants must be fluent in both.

CAYN alumni are also encouraged to apply. There are 10 funded places reserved for CAYN alumni. The candidates will be chosen based on their proposed substantive contribution to the event. But in any case, if you happen to be in Almaty at the time of the seminar, please feel free to join CAYN2012 (prior registration is required).

Successful candidates will be invited, all expenses paid, to attend the seminar in Almaty to participate in panel discussions, interactive exercises, and a simulation game with their fellow Central Asian students, CAYN alumni, and leading regional experts. Upon completion of the seminar a group of students will be provided an opportunity to participate in a familiarization tour of the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna, Austria. We look forward to welcoming you to Almaty!

OSCE/CAYN2012 Student Application:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEZySzV1MXk0ZTVCdZBJaGI3N1ZNdlE6MQ>

OSCE/CAYN2012 ALUMNI Application:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFFEMEtRT2swbmg3NFR6SV82N1NMVUE6MA#gid=0>

DEADLINE: 15 June, 2012 (Earlier submissions are encouraged)

For more information on OSCE/CAYN activities, please visit:

<http://www.osce.org/astana/69586>.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/174026419859/> or contact via email: osce.cayn2012@gmail.com

¹How we evaluate your critical review: We expect a highly original personal perspective on the topic. We will look for an ability to challenge existing assumptions, a coherent presentation of arguments, a clear structure, and intelligent comments. Anti-plagiarism rules apply to all works received.