CENTRE OF CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES
University of Kashmir, Srinagar
(NAAC Accredited Grade) "A+"

(2-Day National Conference, Last Week of October, 2023)
"Central Asia: Continuity and Change"

CALL FOR PAPERS

Concept

The taking over of Central Asian region by USSR during 1920's, led to the emergence of the modern states of Central Asia. The Soviets took revolutionary strides to alter the traditional paradigms of economic, social, educational, and political institutions. But after the fall of Soviet Union in 1993, the Central Asian states had to struggle for almost two decades to restructure and reconstitute its economy and address its political instability and security concerns. The Common Wealth of Independent States (CIS), formed under the Russia leadership, though helped the member states to maintain stability and encounter the threats posed by emerging fundamentalism what was termed to be the Islamic revival but it didn't prove a complete solution to the varied concerns that the Central Asian region encounters with.

Today, China has surpassed Russia almost in every sector due to its growing competence of delivery and power of investment. In the prevalent scenario, the Central Asian States are grappling between Russia and China to safeguard their national interests. This is why apart from China and Russia, the Central Asian States have been since last decade trying to look towards other countries in its extended neighbourhood like Turkey, Europe, and India for investment. But still there are many bottle necks yet to be cleared. This emerging scenario has answers to many questions that are before the experts and scholars of Central Asia.

Significance of holding the event

The conference shall provide a platform to the academics and experts on Central Asia to deliberate on the facts and forces that proved instrumental in creating the modern states of Central Asia under the Soviet rule during the first half of twentieth century and how successfully the Central Asian countries adapted, managed and changed while negotiating with the issues and challenges, the region have been encountering with. May it be economy, Islamic fundamentalism, terrorism, regional wars, labour migration, unemployment, identity and nationalism, revival of Sufi traditions and culture, challenges of modernity, regional

cooperation, and security. The event therefore bears an incredible significance to find answers to the facts enlightened above.

In the end, the Conference will pass resolutions and make recommendations with regard to the issues deliberated upon. The recommendations and the resolutions passed thereof will be sent to the relevant quarters for their perusal and consideration.

Sub-Themes:

The areas of inquiry shall include following sub-themes but shall not exclude any other topic directly related to the broad theme of the conference.

- ➢ Economy: Changing Trends and Geo-Politics
- ➢ From Medieval Central Asia to Emergence of Modern States
- ➢ Challenges of Globalization, Security and Nationalism
- ➢ Tradition and Modernity: Conflicting Realities
- ➢ Languages, Literature and Cultural Diplomacy
- ➢ Revisiting Sufi Traditions: A Way Forward for Future
- ➢ Reviving old Routes for Continuity and Change

Proposed Conference Design

This seminar will be held for two full days and shall be divided into six sessions including an Inaugural and Valedictory Session. Each session will be led by several expert panellists who will give short presentations followed by an interactive discussion with comments and questions from the audience. The discussion will be followed by concluding remarks from the moderator. An active involvement of research scholars, educators, academicians and students of History, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Language & Literature, and Religious Studies shall be encouraged to participate in the seminar.

Important Dates
Last Date of Submission of the Abstract: **15th September, 2023**
Last Date of Submission of Full Paper: **05th October, 2023**

Note: The abstract concerning the identified themes around 250-300 words and full papers around 4000-5000 words should reach by the indicated deadline in the email provided below:

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