

## ***Book Launch: Developing Infrastructure in Central Asia: Impacts and Financing Mechanisms***

**29 March 2021**

2:50-5:00 PM (Tokyo time)

Venue: Online

This ADBI-Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute virtual event will highlight key takeaways from the new book *Developing Infrastructure in Central Asia: Impacts and Financing Mechanisms*, to be discussed by the co-editors and a panel of contributors to the book. The focuses will include insights into spillover effects and financing of infrastructure development in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, and Tajikistan. The participants will also examine the economic impact and financing mechanisms of three infrastructure projects: railways in Kazakhstan, roads in the Kyrgyz Republic, and an airport in Georgia.

### Useful links

Book: <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/688061/adbi-book-developing-infrastructure-central-asia.pdf>

Summary video: <https://www.adb.org/news/videos/developing-infrastructure-central-asia>

### Book link



### Agenda

#### Tokyo time

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 14:50-15:00 | <b>Introduction (Technical Guidance) and speakers' group photo</b><br><b>Dina Azhgaliyeva, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan</b> |
| 15:00-15:10 | <b>Opening Remarks</b>   |

**Tetsushi Sonobe**, Dean and CEO, ADBI, Japan

**Syed Shakeel Shah**, Director, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, People's Republic of China (PRC)

**Session: Presentations of three book chapters**

Chair: **Bihong Huang**, Economist, Monetary and Capital Market Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF), United States

15:10-15:20

**Measuring Impacts and Financing Infrastructure in Kazakhstan (Railways)**

**Bibigul Aidarkhanova**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Kazakh University of Economics, Finance and International Trade, Kazakhstan

15:20-15:30

**Measuring Impacts and Financing Infrastructure in the Kyrgyz Republic (Roads)**

**Kamalbek Karymshakov**, Economist, Chief Economist Team, CAREC Institute, PRC

15:30-15:40

**Impact Assessment of Infrastructure and Public Private Partnership in Georgia (Airport)**

**Nestan Devidze**, Investment Manager, South and Southeast Asia, Impact Investments, Kiva, United States

15:40-15:55

Q&A

**15:55-16:50**

**Panel discussion**

During this session panelists will be invited to highlight their key takeaways, main findings, policy implications, as well as suggestions for future studies.

Moderator: **Qaisar Abbas**, Chief, Research Division, CAREC Institute, PRC

**Guntur Sugiyarto**, Principal Economist, Central and West Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines

**Kubat Umurzakov**, Expert, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kyrgyz Republic

**Andy Sze**, Managing Director, Fastraxx Group LLC, United States

**Alessandro Arduino**, Principal Research Fellow, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**Naoyuki Yoshino**, Professor Emeritus, Keio University, Japan

Open Discussion

16:50-17:00

**Closing remarks**

**Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute, PRC

**Peter Morgan**, Senior Consulting Economist, Vice Chair, ADBI, Japan

Notes:

### **Time limits**

Presentations of chapters – 10 minutes each

Interventions by the panelists - 5 minutes each

Questions and answers - 15 minutes. The chair/moderator will pick up some questions from the floor for the panelists from ‘Q&A’ box or from ‘raised hands’.

Panel open discussion – 25 minutes.

### **Questions**

Questions will be welcomed during the workshop. After presentations, there will be a live discussion. If anyone wishes to ask questions live -please click ‘raise hand’ and ‘unmute mic’ after your name is called. Speakers will need to click ‘Participants’, to see ‘Raise hand’. Attendees may also use ‘Q&A’ at the bottom of your screen to type your questions to the speakers during and after the presentation. Speakers please answer questions in ‘Q&A’ after your presentation.

### **Consent to Use without Permission or Compensation**

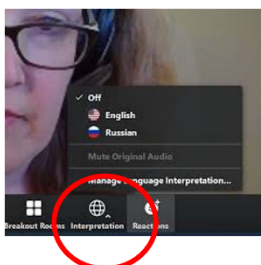
This event may be photographed, streamlined, or video recorded. By attending, accepting connection, or continuing participation in the event, participants thereby consent to the possible use of their name, likeness, voice, spoken or written comments, or papers/presentations in whatever form in all media publications, video-sharing websites, recordings, disseminations, or other external affairs purposes for the Institute without compensation or permission.

### **Disclaimer for presentations**

The views expressed in presentations are the views of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the CAREC Institute, the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), its Board of Directors, or the governments they represent. ADBI and CAREC Institute do not guarantee the accuracy of the data included in presentations and accepts no responsibility for any consequences of their use. Terminology used may not necessarily be consistent with ADB official terms.

### **Simultaneous Interpretation by Zoom**

#### **Zoom Instructions for all Speakers and Attendees**



- Please select from the bottom panel which language for interpretation you would like, **English** or **Russian**.