Joint Event

East-West Logistics forum

Transport Corridors in the CAREC Region:
Supply Chain Resilience and Trade Facilitation

26-27 September 2023
Hybrid (in-person and online)
Venue: Kazakh-German University, Nazarbayev st.173/ Kyrmangazy st. 46a, Almaty, Kazakhstan

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DAY 1 (TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SILK ROAD AS A LINK BETWEEN THE EU AND CENTRAL ASIA

CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Serge Velesco, Dean of Studies for International Management at the University of Mittweida
**Presenters:**

**Prof. Dr. Andreas Schmalfuß, LL.M.**, Dean of the Faculty of Industrial Engineering at the University of Mittweida

**Hovsep Voskanian**, Head of the Representative Office of the German Economy in Central Asia

**Valeria Winkler**, Research Assistant, Manager for Multimedia Design and Blended Learning

**Antje Hermenau**, Representative of the Saxony State Economic Senate

**Prof. Dr. Serge Velesco**, Dean of Studies for International Management at the University of Mittweida

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**Presenters:**

**Yerkhat Iskaliyev**, Chairman of the Management Board of SK Pharmacia LLP

Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Transport Logistics and Transportation Subcommittee of Atameken, Member of the Presidium of the Union of Transport Workers of Kazakhstan "KAZLOGISTIC (Will join online)

**Current developments in urban logistics**

**Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Jens Wollenweber**, Head of the research group Transport Logistics

**Oksana Sorokina**, General Director of SevenR Logistics

**Akhmetkaziyev Timur**, CEO GEBRÜDER WEISS LLP

**Transit is good, economic corridors are even better**

**Hans Holzhacker**, Chief Economist, CAREC Institute

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The Economic Impact of Transport Corridors in South Caucasus and the Perspectives of Economic Relations between the CAREC Region and EU
14:00-14:15 **Presenter:** Ayhan Satiji, Acting Head of Turkic World Research Center, Center for Analysis of Economic Reforms and Communications of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CAERC)

14:15-14:25 **Discussant:** Hans Holzhacker, Chief Economist, CAREC Institute.

14:25-14:35 **Q&A**

**Impact of Trade Facilitation Indicators on Trade Flows in Transport Corridors of CAREC Region and Policy Implications**

14:35-14:50 **Presenter:** Falendra Kumar, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu

14:50-15:00 **Discussant:** Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Economist, ADB

15:00-15:10 **Q&A**

**Microeconomic Foundations of Enhancing the Transport Corridors: Evidence from Firm Performance from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan**

15:10-15:25 **Presenter:** Kamalbek Karymshakov, Vice Rector, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University and Dina Azhgaliyeva, Senior Research Fellow, ADB Institute

15:25-15:35 **Discussant:** Ryuichi Shibasaki, Associate Professor, University of Tokyo

15:35-15:45 **Q&A**

**Rail Transport Corridors in the CAREC Region; Long-term Supply Chain Resilience and Short-term Shocks**

15:45-16:00 **Presenter:** Richard Pomfret, Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of Adelaide (pre-recorded)

16:00-16:10 **Discussant:** Radkha Meneshova, Head of Project Department, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Central Asia

16:10-16:20 **Q&A**

16:20-16:40 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

16:40-18:25 **SESSION 4**

**SHAPING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CAREC REGION**

**CHAIR:** ROVSHAN MAHMUDOV, SENIOR CAPACITY BUILDING SPECIALIST, CAREC INSTITUTE

**Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Asset Management in the CAREC Region**

16:40-16:55 **Presenter:** Ayoob Ayoobi, Director of NGO and Government Relations, Project C.U.R.E. International

16:55-17:05 **Discussant:** Falendra Kumar, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu.

17:05-17:15 **Q&A**

**Evolution of China Rail Express in Context of Policy Support, Trade Trends, and Infrastructure Supply**
17:15-17:30  Presenter: Manuel BENARD, Senior Investment Operations Specialist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Runze Yu, Investment Operations Specialist, AIIB (online)

17:30-17:40  Discussant: Kamalbek Karymshakov, Vice Rector, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University

17:40-17:50  Q&A

Impact of the Middle Corridor: Simulation Analysis of Infrastructure Investment in Central Asia and the Caucasus

17:50-18:05  Presenter: Yuki Inoue, The University of Tokyo

18:05-18:15  Discussant: Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

18:15-18:25  Q&A

19:00  DINNER (BY INVITATION)

DAY 2 (WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023)

10:00-18:00 (TBC)  FIELD TRIP (GROUP PHOTOS)
  - ATASU GROUP (LARGE LOGISTICS COMPANY)
  - LUNCH
  - DAMU LOGISTICS (LARGE LOGISTICS COMPANY)

For field trips meeting place is hotel lobby at 9:45. Bus will leave at 10:00.

Registration (on-line and in-person): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNihiGErLdin0BwrAztfuy_wyWibxrVg3F2tLa0HnTlZnW6Q/viewform

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