

International Conference

“Great Silk Road: Opportunities and/or Challenges for the Development of Eurasia”

Tashkent, Uzbekistan, July 5, 2023

Conference Concept

The ancient Great Silk Road was a great Eurasian trade route starting from the 2nd century BCE to the 15th century CE. Nevertheless, international trade has shifted from the surface to the sea and air due to technological developments and significant declines in transportation costs. In 2013, however, the Chinese government launched the Belt and Road initiative to promote the connectivity between East and West providing important development opportunities and challenges for the countries along the Great Silk Road.

To promote research on the emerging countries along the Great Silk Road, the Research Cluster of Finance and International Economic Policy of Bournemouth University (UK), the MBF Academy (UK) and the Westminster International University in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) will be jointly organising an international conference in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on **5 July, 2023**. The aim of the conference is to establish a mutually beneficial research collaboration between the world’s leading scholars and the scholars of Uzbekistan and stimulate research interests on the countries along the Great Silk Road including those of the Central Asia and the former Soviet Union (FSU). In addition, the conference will provide an opportunity for the early career researchers to obtain valuable feedback on their research work from the world’s leading experts. The event will take place in a hybrid mode bringing in-person and virtual participants together.

The conference may include, but is not limited to, interdisciplinary research on the topics indicated below:

Economic growth	Political economy	International trade and investments
Strategic management	Business environment	Corporate governance
Banking	Financial markets	International finance
Financial economics	Risk management and analysis	Mathematical methods in economics and finance
Financial technology (Fintech) and innovation	Sustainable and environmental finance, corporate social responsibility	Entrepreneurship and marketing
Corporate finance	Sociology	Digitisation

Call for Extended Abstracts and Papers

The upcoming event welcomes the submission of theoretical-empirical research that is advancing in the areas stated above and any other areas related to the overall development of the Eurasian

countries, even if not explicitly stated. Please send your Extended Abstract (500 words) **as a plain text email (NO attachments)** to the conference chair Dr Khurshid Djalilov via the email address kdjalilov@bournemouth.ac.uk by **June 15, 2023**. The authors of the accepted Extended Abstracts will be notified by **June 20 (2023)** and they will need to submit their Full Papers for the conference proceedings **by June 25, 2023**. The instructions for the submissions of Full Papers will be provided thereafter.

Keynote Speakers



Andrei Vernikov is Independent Researcher. From 2006 to 2016 he taught as a Professor of Banking at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. Prior to that, he held executive positions in banking and finance, including Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (Thessaloniki, Greece), ABN AMRO Bank (Moscow), International Monetary Fund (Washington DC), and Central Bank of Russia (Moscow). Professor Vernikov received his doctoral degree from the Russian Academy of Sciences.



Charles Becker is the Research Professor of Economics at Duke University. Professor Becker is interested in exploring the economies of such countries as Kazakhstan, India, sub-Saharan Africa, Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. He previously directed the Minority Scholarship Programme at the University of Colorado at Denver. Professor Becker earned his PhD from Princeton University.



Ke Rong is the Professor at the Institute of Economics of Tsinghua University, China. Before joining Tsinghua University, Ke Rong was the Senior Lecturer at the University of Exeter and Bournemouth University. He earned his PhD from the University of Cambridge.



Larry King is the Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the Research Associate at the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. Previously, he was the Professor in Sociology and Political Economy at the University of Cambridge. Larry King earned his PhD in Sociology from UCLA.

Round-table session

In addition to the research presentations, a special round-table session will be on the “Challenges of Corporate Management in the Banking Sector of the Eurasian countries”. The session will be chaired by Professor Andrei Vernikov.

Publication Opportunities

Selected papers of suitable quality will be considered for publication in the Special Issue of the journal of *Eastern European Economics* (ISSN 1557-9298). The journal is ranked 1* by the Academic Journal Guide 2021. The Editor of the journal, Professor Christopher Hartwell, and the Guest Editors, Dr Khurshid Djalilov and Dr Bakhrom Mirkasimov, will jointly run a session on how to publish in the Special Issue. The conference participants may also consider publication opportunities of their full papers in two other open access journals such as *Business Ethics and Leadership* (ISSN (online) -2520-6311), *Silk Road: A journal of Eurasian Development* (ISSN – 2631-682X) as well as *Financial Markets, Institutions and Risks* (ISSN (online) – 2521-1242).

All submitted papers will go through the peer-review processes required by the journals.

Conference fee

The standard fee (for participants who submitted their materials for presentation at the conference **in-person**) is **150 US dollars**. It includes the preparation of the web platform for the conference, the conference proceedings, the conference folder, coffee break and lunch. **The reduced rate of 100 US dollars** is for **PhD students**.

The attendance only fee is 80 US dollars (for participants who will NOT submit their materials for presentation at the conference and will take part in the conference forum **in-person**). **The fee of 80 US dollars** applies for the **online participants** too.

There is **NO conference fee** for the **participants from the universities of Uzbekistan**.

For an additional **fee of 100 US dollars**, the conference organisers may organise a **Tashkent-Samarkand-Tashkent trip** for those willing to visit one of the oldest cities of the Great Silk Road.

The instructions for conference registration and payments will be provided later. Please contact Dr Khurshid Djalilov kdjalilov@bournemouth.ac.uk for any enquiries.

The conference scientific committee:

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Khurshid Djalilov – Conference chair

(Research cluster lead, Finance and International Economic Policy, Bournemouth University, UK)

Conference Venue

The conference will be hosted by Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (<https://www.wiut.uz>). Istiqbol street, 12, Tashkent city, Uzbekistan.



