



SIXTH ANNUAL SILK ROAD CONFERENCE: GLOBAL ENERGY SECURITY

DATE: Wednesday, July 20, 2011
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

VENUE: Conference Center, Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
565 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

DESCRIPTION:

This is a unique encore presentation of the Central Asian Productivity Research Center, in cooperation with the Illinois Institute of Technology, the Northern Illinois University College of Business, the World Trade Center Chicago - Illinois, and the Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Midwest. The conference will focus on the geopolitical aspects of Central Asia, expanding economic development and business opportunities across the Silk Road region, and its relationship to a primary concern of the G-20 Nations - "Global Energy Security."

PROSPECTIVE AGENDA:

- 7:30am Exhibit set-up
- 8:00am Registration and Welcoming Reception
- 9:00am **OPENING REMARKS**
Prof. Harry Lepinske, Chairman, Central Asian Productivity Research Center
Presentation of a proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn's office
"The New Silk Road: An Overview"
Prof. David C. Cuthell, Executive Director, Institute of Turkish Studies Intercultural Center, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
"Greetings from Afghanistan"
Extended by Prof. Paul R. Prabhaker, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Business, NIU
- 9:30am "The Importance of the Caspian Basin and Energy Resources"
Hon. Elin Suleymanov, Consul General of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles
- 10:00am "Business Opportunities & Investment Climate in Kazakhstan"
Yuliya Daurova, LLM, Executive Director of Kazakhstan Chamber of Commerce in the USA, Partner of Linkage & Mind Kazakhstan Law Firm
- 10:20am "Pakistan: An Important Regional Corridor for Energy Security"
Hon. Zaheer Pervaiz Khan, Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago
"Pakistan: Geoeconomic Potential for the Region"
Asad Hayauddin, Ph.D., Trade & Commerce Consul, Consulate General of Pakistan
- 10:55am COFFEE BREAK

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- 11:15am "Benefits of the Nabucco Pipeline"
Hon. Gabriel Dutu, Consul for Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Romania
- 11:35am "Is it Time to Invest in Afghanistan & Tajikistan?"
Dr. Jamaluddin Husain, Director, Small Business Institute, Purdue University Calumet
- 11:55pm "Turkey: An Expanding Global Energy Hub"
Hon. Fatih Yildiz, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey in Chicago
- 12:30pm LUNCH BREAK
"International Accounting - Convergence with U.S. GAAP"
Seminar Presentation by Prof. Dr. Dolores F. Rinke, Purdue University
12:30-13:15 Breakout Session I
13:30-14:15 Breakout Session II
- 2:15pm PANEL DISCUSSION: "Understanding the Economic & Financial Aspects of the Region"
Moderator: Prof. Rasoul Rezvanian,
Finance Department Chair, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

Panelists:
"Economic Realities of the Region"
TBA

"Natural Monopoly in Electricity and Natural Gas Industries"
Prof. Ozgur Arslan Ayaydin, Hacettepe University, Ankara & University of Illinois at Chicago
- 3:00pm PANEL DISCUSSION: "Understanding the Political & Legal Aspects of the Region"
Moderator: John P. Dailey,
Advisory Board Member, CAPRC and Senior Advisor, Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Panelists:
"Understanding the Legal Aspects of Intellectual Properties"
Rao Weisun, PhD., Attorney at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, Chicago

"Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the Region"
Arlan Yerzhanov, Partner & US Representative at GRATA Law Firm, New York

"The Rule of Law, Commodity Economies, and Why Merchants are Important"
Sam Vinson, Attorney and Partner at Ungaretti & Harris LLP, Chicago
- 4:00pm "Nanoscience And Nanotechnology For Energy Needs" "
M. Ishaque Khan, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry; Director, Materials and Chemical Synthesis Program; Associate Dean, College of Science and Letters, Illinois Institute of Technology
- 4:20pm CONCLUDING REMARKS
K. Rizwan Kadir, President, Pakistan Club, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago
- 4:30pm Networking & One-on-One Meetings (by appointment only)

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