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## **Biographies of Speakers** **(Alphabetical order)**

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	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director		

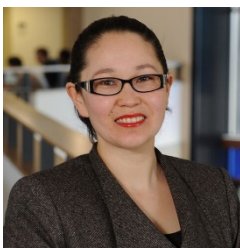
### **Short Bio**

Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev holds MSc and PhD degrees from Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Part of his PhD work Dr. Abdullaev conducted at Iowa State University (ISU), Iowa, USA. Dr. Abdullaev have intensive training and education programmes in Israel (1996-1997), USA (1999) and the Netherlands, (2000), Switzerland (2002). Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev has over 25 years of experience in water management, water institutions, environmental activities in Afghanistan and five Central Asian countries. Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev joined Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute as Deputy Director in June 2019. From 2013-2019 Dr. Abdullaev worked as an Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center (CAREC) for Central Asia. Prior joining of CAREC in 2009-2013, Dr. Abdullaev worked as Regional advisor for Germany's Berlin Initiative- Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia (Programme) at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). During 2007-2009, he worked in position of Senior Researcher at ZEF Centre for Development Research University of Bonn (Germany) and conducted research in Central Asia and Afghanistan. During 2001-2007, Dr. Abdullaev worked as a regional researcher at International Water Management Institute (Headquarters in Sri Lanka). His research focus included Central Asia, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand and Sri-Lanka. Dr. Abdullaev very well linked with research, scientific societies of the region and worldwide. He is member of International Water Resources Association (IWRA), member of editorial boards of few internationally peer reviewed journals.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Akhmedov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Shakhboz
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow, Knowledge and Research Networking		

#### Short Bio


Shakhboz Akhmedov is Senior Research Fellow, Knowledge and Research Networking at the CAREC Institute. Prior to that, he was Head of the Knowledge, Projects and Resource Management unit and Resource Mobilization Coordinator at the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He was also responsible for strategic development and partnerships. Before joining CAREC, he worked with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) and GIZ on project development and fundraising. He earned his Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership from Said Business School, University of Oxford, Master's degree from the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Germany and Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan. His research interests include climate change, water and environment, regional cooperation and sustainable development. Shakhboz is passionate about promoting cooperation for better environment involving science, technology and innovation.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Azhgaliyeva</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Dina
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		

#### Short Bio


Dr. Dina Azhgaliyeva is a Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Before joining ADBI in July, 2019, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex (UK). She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development

Association. Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy's special issue "Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy". More information is available here: <https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva>

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Holz hacker</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Hans
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist		

Short Bio


For two years before joining the CAREC Institute, Hans was Lead Economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an Economist focusing on transition economies. He was Chief Economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan and Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based Senior Economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC, during 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investmentbank Austria during 1993-99, and Central European Economist at Nomura Research Institute during 1989-93. Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a MA in Economics from the University of Vienna. He completed a postgraduate scholarship in the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Kalyuzhnova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Yelena
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Reading		
	<i>Department</i>	Henley Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	Vice Dean		

Short Bio


Yelena Kalyuzhnova is Vice-Dean (International) of Henley Business School. After working as an Economic Adviser to the President of Kazakhstan, Yelena founded and is Director of the Centre for Euro-Asian Studies at the University of Reading. She has a wide knowledge of the transition and emerging economies. Within the UK government, Professor Kalyuzhnova served as an economic adviser on Caspian issues to the Rt. Hon.

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Q.C., House of Lords and an economic adviser to All-Party Parliamentary Group on Kazakhstan (2006-2010). Professor Kalyuzhnova is actively involved in collaboration with some of the world's largest companies, including BG Group, Burren Energy, ChevronTexaco, and Shell, as well as international organisations such as UNECE, the World Bank, the IMF and the EBRD. As a researcher, Yelena has gained international recognition as an expert on the economics of transition, the economics of the hydrocarbon sector and the economy of Caspian region.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Karymshakov</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Kamalbek
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Economist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>He is an economist at CAREC Institute. He has 15 years of experience as an economist in Central Asian economies. Kamalbek holds Ph.D. in Economics from Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey). He also had post-doctoral research fellowship at Free University of Berlin (2010-2011). He worked as Associate Professor at the Finance and Banking department of Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). From 2016-2020 he was vice-director of Central Asian Research Center (ORASAM) at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. His research interests include labor economics, migration, economic integration, infrastructure economic growth and development in Central Asia. He has applied economic analysis experience using household level data. He has project and consultancy experience on various topics of labor market, migration, public policy, and rural economic development.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Lazaro</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Dorothea
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
	<i>Department</i>	East Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Regional Cooperation Specialist		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Ms. Lazaro oversees the implementation of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and its rolling strategic action plan. She has extensive research and capacity-building experience in development cooperation and regional integration in East and Central Asia. Prior to joining ADB, she was Economic Affairs Officer at the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific based in Incheon, Republic of Korea. Prior to that</p>				

assignment, she led a team, at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, that pioneered a multi-year, multi-sectoral program for the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA. She has a Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo de Manila University and is a member of the Philippine Bar. She holds a postgraduate diploma in Policy Analysis Skills for Transition Economies from International Institute of Social Studies (Netherlands) and a Public Administration degree from the University of the Philippines. Her key areas of work include WTO agreements, FTAs, trade facilitation, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, services, e-commerce, digital transformation, economic corridor development, and cross-border economic zones.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mishra</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Ranjeeta
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Project Consultant		

Short Bio


Dr. Mishra is a project consultant (off-site) at ADBI. Her research interests include development economics, new institutional economics, and applied econometrics. She particularly focuses on issues such as urbanization and slum redevelopment, food security, energy, and the Sustainable Development Goals. She specializes in both quantitative and qualitative research. Prior to joining ADBI, she was a UNU-JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Tokyo.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Morgan</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Peter
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research		

Short Bio


Peter J. Morgan is Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and has been with ADBI since 2008. He has 23 years experience in the financial sector in Asia, most recently serving in Hong Kong as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Previously, he served as Chief Japan Economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he was a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, MA, in energy and environmental analysis, and at International Business Information KK in Tokyo, in financial sector consulting. He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale

University. His research interests are in macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy and financial education. In 2019 he served as the Lead Co-chair for the Task Force on The Future of Work and Education for the Digital Age for the Think 20 process, an engagement group with the G20.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Pomfret</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Richard
	<i>Institution</i>	The University of Adelaide		
	<i>Department</i>	Institute for International Trade		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Economics		

#### Short Bio


RICHARD POMFRET holds the Jean Monnet Chair on the Economics of European Integration at the Institute for International Trade and has been Professor of Economics at the University of Adelaide since 1992. From 1979 to 1991, he was Professor of Economics at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He has acted as a consultant to the United Nations, World Bank, OECD, IMF and Asian Development Bank. He has published over a hundred articles and twenty books, including *The Economics of Regional Trading Arrangements* (Oxford UP, 2001), *The Central Asian Economies since Independence* (Princeton UP, 2006), *The Age of Equality: The twentieth century in economic perspective* (Harvard UP, 2011), *International Trade: Theory, Evidence and Policy* (World Scientific, 2016) and *The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century: Paving a New Silk Road* (Princeton UP, 2019). His book *The Economics of European Integration* (will be published by Harvard UP in 2021).

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Shah</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Syed Shakeel
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		

#### Short Bio


Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master’s degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad -Pakistan. His areas of expertise include WTO law (Dispute

Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sonobe</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Tetsushi
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean and CEO		


#### Short Bio

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for thirty years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Takishova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Tolkyn
	<i>Institution</i>	Astana International Financial Centre		
	<i>Position</i>	Head of Research		


#### Short Bio

Tolkyn Takishova joined AIFC at its initial stage of development and has been with a company for 4 years, where she held different roles of an analyst, researcher and strategist. Currently Tolkyn is in charge of the office aimed at strengthening the research potential of the AIFC. Prior to joining AIFC, Tolkyn worked at the National Investment Corporation of the National Bank of Kazakhstan, where she was part of private equity team managing and investing part of national oil fund's reserves into alternative asset classes. In 2018 Tolkyn became a CFA charterholder, international certificate recognized worldwide. Last year she spent as a Visiting researcher at the University of Southern California, USA. Tolkyn holds BSc in International Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Tsubota</b>	<i>First Name</i>	Kenmei
	<i>Institution</i>	Toyo University		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Regional Development Studies, Faculty of Global and Regional Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor		

Short Bio

Kenmei Tsubota is Professor at the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, Toyo University, Japan. Before joining Toyo University, he was a research fellow at Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO). He holds his Ph.D. in Economics from Kyoto University and his research field is in Spatial Economics and Development Economics. He has worked on various issues on the relations between the economic geography and the impacts of regional integrations. Some of the examples include the quantitative evaluation of wider economic benefits from international logistics improvements (c.f. highways, railways and ports), trade liberalization, customs facilitations and harmonization, vehicle movement agreements and others. He is currently interested in partition of India as an example of regional disintegration. He also works on other issues such as the maritime transport network evolutions, human trafficking, partition of regions as regional disintegration, and others. His works appear in Economic Modelling, Developing Economies, Journal of Economic Geography, and others. He sometimes works as a consultant for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and other international organizations.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshino	<i>First Name</i>	Naoyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor Emeritus		



### Short Bio

Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino is Professor Emeritus at Keio University (Economics), Tokyo, Japan and until March 2020 was Dean/CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University under supervision of Sir Alan Walters who was an economic advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of UK. He received honorary doctorates from University of Goteborg (Sweden) and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany). Dr. Yoshino has been a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States) and a visiting professor at various universities including the University of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France), and University of Gothenburg (Sweden). He has also been an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an economics professor at Keio University (1990-2014). Dr. Yoshino's professional career includes membership in numerous government committees. He was appointed as Chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007. He has served as Chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange as well as its Fiscal System Council (Fiscal Investment and Loan Program Section). Additionally, he has been a Board Member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan and President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan. He was named Director of the Japan Financial Services Agency's (FSA) Financial Research Center (FSA Institute) in 2020 and is currently an Adjunct Professor at GRIPS and visiting Lecturer at University of Tokyo.

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