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2017 GSP CONFERENCE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE & ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN RESOURCE RICH ECONOMIES



INVITATION



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Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2017 GSPP Conference on Good Governance and economic diversification in resource rich economies (GSPPCONF2017), to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 17-19 August 2017.

The Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy Conference will be a two-day event with several panel sessions and other notable speakers.

This event is designed to provide attendees of academic and professional political communities with quality educational and networking opportunities focused on Central Asian and post-Soviet state good governance and economic diversification.

Investigation, research and analysis on various issues of Central Asian and post-Soviet state good governance and economic diversification were pursued at large institutions located in Europe, Russia, China, Japan, USA and others. The highlighted topics of GSPPCONF2017 will cover:

- Public management
- Economic diversification
- Political economy of natural resources
- Reforms in the post-Soviet states
- Public policy education in Central Asia
- Security in Central Asia
- Civil society and public sphere

The Conference email: gsppconf2017@nu.edu.kz, is the key information outlet. Please send all the requests to receive up-to-date information, you can also look for certain information at the official website of the Graduate School of Public Policy - <http://gspp.nu.edu.kz>, please feel free to contact us if needed.

Please mark your calendars, and please do not hesitate to distribute the announcement to your colleagues who might be interested.

We look forward to welcoming you in Astana in August 2017!

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Important dates and deadlines

Items	Date
First announcement	March, 2017
Second announcement	April, 2017
Abstract submission deadline	5 May, 2017
Conference starts	17 August, 2017
Conference ends	19 August, 2017



Conference venue

The GSPPCONF2017 will be held on 17-19 August 2017 at the **Nazarbayev University**. Nazarbayev University is a modern and rapidly growing university initiated by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev in 2010. It seeks to promote a qualitative leap forward in the preparation of the next generation of national technical and scientific elites to assist in the industrial-innovative development of the country.

Astana, the capital city of Republic of Kazakhstan, is located at the northern region of Kazakhstan and surrounded by forests and lakes. One of the world's youngest capitals, Astana is a modern city with a favorable environment attractive for tourists and comfortable for guests and residents. Despite being so young, Astana develops fast and steady in every positive aspect: economically, culturally, intellectually, etc. This gives the city its unique spirit of youth and progress, and makes it an increasingly attractive place to live and visit, and to experience «future happening now”.



Conference agenda

Welcome Reception will be scheduled on Thursday, 17th of August 2017 from 16:00 to 17:00 at the Midpoint café, Block C3, Nazarbayev University. There is no additional cost for registered participants.

Key note speech will be also scheduled on Thursday, 17th of August 2017 from 17:00 to 18:00 in 1010 conference room, Block C3, Nazarbayev University.

The scientific program will consist of invited Plenary Lectures, Oral Presentations. The conference language is English. Detailed conference program and schedule will be available in June 2017 at the GSPP website www.gspp.nu.edu.kz. The final Conference Program and handouts and conference bag will be given to the participants at the registration desk.



Social Events

- Welcome Reception in Midpoint café, Block C3, Nazarbayev University on 17th of August 2017.
- NU Tour will be arranged.



Registration

- All participants are required to register for the GSPPCONF2017 and submit abstracts via on-line form published at the GSPP website (<http://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/event3/>). In case of any queries you can contact us by email: gsppconf2017@nu.edu.kz
- Registration for the GSPPCONF2017 is free to all Participants.

Registration for Participants includes:

- Welcome Reception;
- Coffee and snack breaks;
- Participation at the Conference;
- Handouts and conference bag.

Please note:

The Conference official language is English, therefore please be informed that there will be no simultaneous translation provided.



Abstract submission

Abstract Submission for GSPPCONF2017 **is now open.**

Abstract submission deadline: **5th of May, 2017.**

Acceptance decision for authors will be sent in **less than two weeks.**

- You are encouraged to submit your abstracts as early as possible, therefore helping us in planning the conference. You can always make change to a submitted abstract as long as it is done before the deadline. All abstracts must be submitted via the on-line form published at the GSPP website (<http://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/event3/>).
- Abstracts must be written **in English** and must not exceed one A4 page in PDF format. Please follow the standard form for publishing. Also include the title, keywords, authors, email and content of abstract.

Preparation of abstract

The length of each abstract is limited to one A4 page. Abstracts should be informative, carefully prepared, with new insights stressed. Abstracts must be prepared using Word. Before submission, the abstract must be converted into the PDF format.

Please note:

The PDF file of abstract should be named as "A_Einstein.pdf", where the first letter "A" should be the initials of the given name of the first author, followed by an underscore "_", then "Einstein", the full family name of the first author. In case you submit more than one abstract, a number 1, 2, ... should be appended to family name (e.g. A_Einstein1.pdf, A_Einstein2.pdf).

Submission of abstract

When the PDF file of your abstract is ready, proceed to the abstract submission page <http://gspp.nu.edu.kz/en/event3/>. To guarantee being considered by the Conference committee, all contributed abstracts must be submitted before the **deadline 5th of May, 2017.**



Visa and travel authorization

People from USA and many European Countries do not need a visa to Kazakhstan. The full list of countries whose nationals do not need a visa can be found here: <http://mfa.kz/index.php/en/kl-nlknlnkna-lksn/16-materials-english/1449-the-list-of-the-states-whose-citizens-are-not-required-to-get-visa-support>

If you do need a visa, please apply early (at least 1,5 months before a meeting) and request a letter of invitation directly from us. The title of your talk or contributed poster will be specifically mentioned in the letter. The requests should be made as soon as possible.

Please note that such an invitation letter does not imply any obligation, financial or otherwise, by GSPPCONF2017.

In accordance with the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 26, 2015 № 483 citizens of the United Kingdom, United States of America, Germany, France, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Hungary, Monaco, Singapore, Australia, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Japan are exempt from visa requirements for visits up to 15 calendar days from the moment of crossing the state border between July 16, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

In case if you will have any questions regarding visa issues, we are happy to help you. Please address your questions to the following email: gsppconf2017@nu.edu.kz



Accommodation

To book your accommodation please contacts the hotel directly. Payments can be made upon arrival at the hotel by cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard) in KZ national currency.

In our next email, we will provide you with more detailed information regarding the accommodation and special rates for the GSPPCONF2017 participants.



Travel information:

Astana International Airport (TSE) is located about 10-15 km from downtown Astana city center. Major airlines (Air Astana, Turkish Airlines, Lufthansa, KLM, British Airways and others) and their worldwide partners have convenient connecting flights to Astana.

Transportation logistics:

- **Taxi Service:** you may get the taxi at the airport. The average taxi cost is about 2000-3000 KZT from the Astana International Airport (TSE) to the city center.



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