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## Cooperation between Central Asian Studies and Foreign Policy: Challenges and Perspectives

### Panel Discussion

Political actors frequently emphasize the relevance of Central Asia in foreign policy. At the same time, institutions like the Institute for Asian and African Studies at Humboldt University are constantly struggling with budget cuts, a possible indicator for a lack of acknowledgement of their social and political relevance. As master and PhD students of the field, we believe that our research could be truly valuable for the development of new strategies in foreign policy. What are the challenges in this cooperation? How could knowledge transfer between academia and foreign policy be improved? What is the role of think tanks in this cooperation?

As a closing discussion of the workshop "Central Asian Studies Inside Out" the Institute for Asian and African Studies at Humboldt University Berlin, and Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient invite to discuss possibilities of improving knowledge transfer between students and researchers of Central Asian Studies and foreign policy.

#### **Please register until 8 February 2018.**

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#### **Introduction**

Lena Heller, Humboldt University Berlin

#### **Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf, Humboldt University Berlin

PD Dr. Katrin Bromber, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

Heidrun Tempel, German Federal Foreign Office

#### **Panelists**

Michael Siebert, German Federal Foreign Office

Peter Krahl, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and  
Developments

Björn Reichhardt, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human  
History and Humboldt University Berlin

#### **Moderation**

Elizaveta Kucherova, n-ost and Humboldt University Berlin

*A reception will take place after the discussion.*

#### **Event Note**

"Dance with the stans" – A Central Asian Party at Slaughterhouse (Lehrter Str. 35,  
10557 Moabit), starting at 8 pm until the early morning