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# **Higher Education for Mountain Communities: Regionalism and Development**

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# Construction of the webinar



**60 min:** 15-min presentation + discussion



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## Moderators

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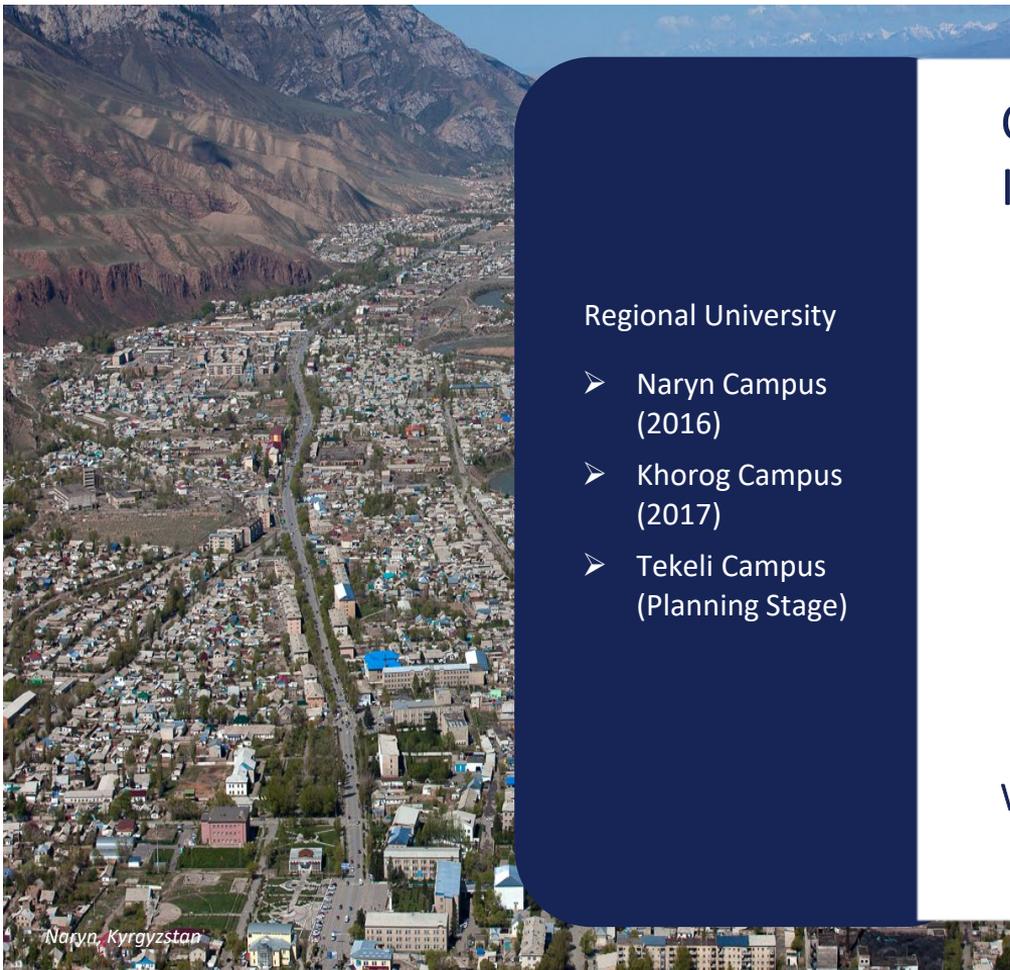
# Higher Education for Mountain Communities: Regionalism and Development

Experience of the  
University of Central Asia



**Dr. Maxim  
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Dean at University of Central Asia,  
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### Regional University

- Naryn Campus (2016)
- Khorog Campus (2017)
- Tekeli Campus (Planning Stage)

## Crucial Feature: Regional and International University

- Operating in 16 locations across Central Asia (including Kabul)
- Accredited in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- 85% of the students are from the founding states

AND

- International standards of quality
- Faculty members from all over the world
- English-based university

Why should a university today choose to be regional?

## Crucial Feature: Development University

- Focused on mountainous communities (campuses in Naryn and Khorog)
- University as a Development agent (cf. Maastricht, but also directly: NURP and KURP financed by SECO)
- Community-engaged University
- 65-70% of the students come from remote rural mountainous areas



This mission is especially difficult in current political circumstances  
and anyway requires reliable source of funding



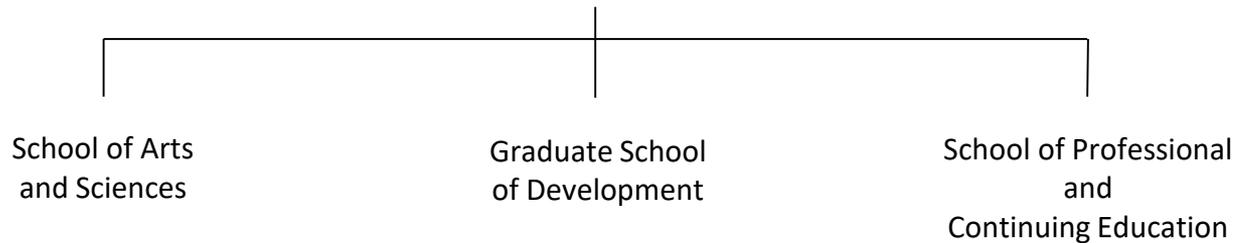
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## UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA



# Crucial Feature: Innovative Curriculum

- Intensive preparatory programme in English, math and science (foundational Year)
- Liberal Arts approach (although compromised because of the national standards)
- Extensive CO-OP programme implies 9 months of the Coop experience
- Central Asian Development Programme (CAFDP)



# Thank You

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Save the date:

Thursday, October 19th,  
5PM CEST

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