

EURASIA FOUNDATION

2012 Annual Report





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Since 1993, Eurasia Foundation
and its partners have:

CREATED

23,801

new jobs



DEVELOPED

4,984

new businesses



FORMED

11,871

partnerships

AWARDED

9,635

grants



TRAINED

499,851

individuals



Letter from the Chair and President

Dear Friends,



Jan H. Kalicki
Chair

This was no ordinary year for Eurasia Foundation. We marked our 20th anniversary with an event honoring both Sarah Carey – Eurasia Foundation's late Board Chair and inspiration from our earliest days – and Senators Richard Lugar and Sam Nunn, extraordinary public servants who have arguably done more than any other two people to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe in Eurasia and around the world.

Making the world more stable and prosperous, as Senators Nunn and Lugar have, is the unifying theme of everything we do at Eurasia Foundation. Since our launch in 1993, the Foundation has helped people improve the schools, businesses and government in the communities where they live and work. Through the Eurasia Foundation Network, we have built pioneering institutions, broadened policy discussions and opened new career paths for people from every walk of life. In addition to Eurasia Foundation's traditional geography, the Foundation now applies the same formula of enduring commitment

and authentic partnerships to a broader geography in the Middle East and China.

Together with our partners we have achieved a great deal in the last twenty years, but there still is much to do. As you will read in this report, our programs range from cultivating a new generation of journalists in Kyrgyzstan and Armenia to fostering the growth of women entrepreneurs in Iran and expediting the registration of new businesses in Ukraine. You will also learn about Eurasia Foundation's support for civic organizations delivering basic services to citizens in rural China and new initiatives promoting internet freedom in the Middle East and Eurasia.

Without the commitment of friends and partners like you, the important work of Eurasia Foundation would not be possible. Thank you for all you have done these past twenty years. We look forward to continuing our work together for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jan Kalicki

Jan Kalicki
Chair

Horton Beebe-Center

Horton Beebe-Center
President

Eurasia Foundation Network

Since 1993, Eurasia Foundation has delivered targeted assistance to forward-thinking people in the nonprofit, business, and government sectors. Eurasia Foundation has been instrumental in developing some of the leading nonprofits, media outlets, and universities in the former Soviet Union. The Foundation has evolved from its initial mandate of grant making

to institution building. These institutions have transformed entire sectors, including retail banking in Armenia, economics education in Ukraine, and independent media in Russia. Eurasia Foundation then transformed itself from a US-based organization with field offices into a network of six autonomous institutions.

Eurasia Foundation now applies its experience with communities in transition to the Middle East and China. There is great local demand for international partners to help promote civic and economic development. Eurasia Foundation will continue to meet this demand by building institutions, supporting enterprise, and engaging citizens in their changing societies.



New Eurasia Foundation

Established in 2004, New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) implements projects designed to improve the lives of Russian citizens. Strategic program priorities include enhancing the social and human capital of Russia in education and social development. In addition, FNE focuses on improving local competitiveness and the potential for technological innovation.



Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia

Established in 2005, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) operates programs throughout Central Asia. EFCA mobilizes public and private resources to help citizens of Central Asia execute projects that strengthen their communities and improve their civic and economic well-being. With offices in Almaty, Bishkek, Dushanbe, and Osh, EFCA focuses its activities on citizen participation, corporate social responsibility, community development, and youth engagement.



Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Established in 2007, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) works in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. EPF facilitates citizen monitoring of business, government, and donors, encourages the understanding of local corporate philanthropy, and develops the skills and vision of young people as advocates for social change. EPF also provides critical support to the region's social science researchers by offering reliable datasets, training, and research grants. EPF's approach embraces common challenges and those specific to each country of the South Caucasus.



East Europe Foundation of Ukraine

Established in 2007, East Europe Foundation of Ukraine (EEF-Ukraine) builds the capacity of institutions and establishes local partnerships through grant programs and technical assistance, contributing to effective local governance, quality education, energy efficiency, and socially responsible corporations. EEF-Ukraine focuses on improving the operating conditions needed to sustain local partnerships and empowering citizens to participate in improving their lives.



East Europe Foundation of Moldova

Established in 2010, East Europe Foundation of Moldova (EEF-Moldova) continues Eurasia Foundation's legacy of promoting democracy and the growth of a market economy in Moldova. Through education, technical assistance, and grant programs that promote civil society, strengthen independent media, enhance good governance, and build economic prosperity, EEF-Moldova empowers citizens and fosters sustainable development.

1993

Eurasia Foundation is founded to empower the citizens of the former Soviet Union to advance their countries socially and economically.

1995

EF opens offices in Armenia and Georgia. The Foundation also funds Uzbekistan's first independent institution of higher education, the Kelajak Ilmi International Business School.

1996

The Economics Education Research Consortium is launched to modernize economics education in Ukraine. It becomes an independent institution and is later renamed the Kyiv School of Economics.

1997

EF breaks the government monopoly on newspaper printing in Armenia by helping to transform GIND Printing House into a profitable company that prints half of Armenia's newspapers.

1998

The South Caucasus Cooperation Program is established to increase cooperation among Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.



2001

AKI-Press, an EF-supported project, opens as the first independent media outlet in southern Kyrgyzstan. It remains a regional leader today.

2002

EF launches the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, which conduct standard household surveys across the South Caucasus.



**EURASIA
FOUNDATION
TIMELINE**

2004

New Eurasia Foundation is launched to improve the lives of people across Russia through effective social and economic development programs.

2005

New Eurasia Establishment opens in Belarus to help develop a society where citizens play an active role in shaping their country's civic and economic future.



2006

Eurasia Foundation launches its first online program in Iran to support women entrepreneurs.

2007

Eurasia Partnership Foundation is established to serve Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. East Europe Foundation of Ukraine is also founded.

2008

EF launches the Bill Maynes Fellowship program to support outstanding individuals from the countries where EF operates.

2010

East Europe Foundation of Moldova is founded to promote democracy and free market economics.

2012

EF launches the Sarah Carey Program to promote engagement between Americans and citizens of the Eurasia region.

Citizen Engagement

Citizens should take responsibility for their own social and economic prosperity. The Foundation and its partners support programs that increase citizen participation in holding local governments accountable, involve youth in their communities, and facilitate the creation of jobs.

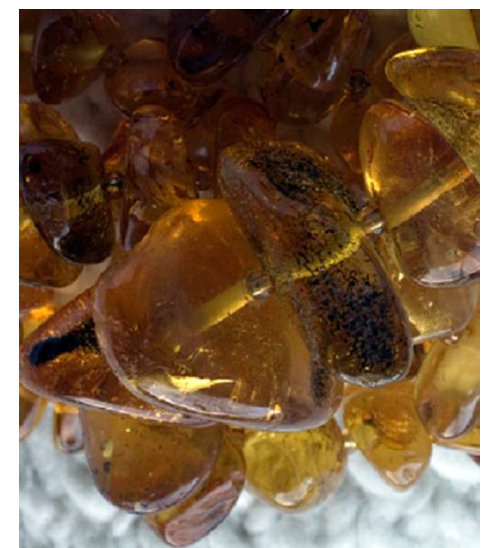
Social Entrepreneurs in Iran

Reza, a geology professor from southern Iran, wanted to enable women to support themselves in a rural province where there are few employment opportunities. Using the skills he learned at the Online School of Social Entrepreneurship, Reza taught women to make jewelry from uncut semi-precious gems, and his initiative received support from a local technical and vocational training organization. Reza's project is already generating income for 20 women.

Launched in late 2010, the School enables Iranian social entrepreneurs to address persistent social problems, such as unemployment, environmental and health challenges, and youth poverty. Through an online platform, the School provides a virtual

space for aspiring and established social entrepreneurs to connect and learn from one another. It offers courses in social entrepreneurship, financial management, human resources and project management. After participating in the online courses, students have started 65 social projects, and the School's alumni club has 165 members in 31 provinces.

In 2012, the School began coaching first-time social entrepreneurs. As a result, 10 social projects have been successful, including programs to increase knowledge of HIV prevention among teenagers, encourage literacy among rural women, and improve the availability of cancer treatment for children.



With help from the Online School of Social Entrepreneurship, Reza built a jewelry-making business that employs 20 women.

Creating Lasting US-Russian Partnerships

The US-Russia Civil Society Partnership Program (CSPP) creates partnerships between Russian and US NGOs, leading to meaningful improvement in the lives of citizens of both countries. Program participants design innovative recommendations through CSPP's 11 working groups, which include anti-corruption, child protection, community development, education and youth, environmental protection, gender equity, higher education, human rights and rule of law, media and access to information, migration, and public health.

In 2012, CSPP held its second annual conference of NGO experts from Russia and the US in Washington, DC. The opening session was attended by representatives from the US and Russian governments, and long-time television hosts Vladimir Pozner and Phil Donahue led a lively discussion with NGO representatives.

The program also distributes small grants to support collaborative projects, like the Totem Necklace Project which connects ecotourism, handicraft, and alternative energy entrepreneurs in Altai and Montana through a series of exchanges in the US and Russia.



Phil Donahue (left) and Vladimir Pozner (right) confer before leading the opening plenary session.



Delilah Rumburg discusses shared challenges identified by the Gender Equity Working Group.



Nodar Hananashvili delivers conclusions from the Child Protection Working Group.



Donahue and Pozner host a discussion in Washington, DC, with a panel of Russian and American NGO experts at the CSPP conference in November 2012.

Dance Club Heals Wounds In Kyrgyzstan



In March 2011, club members in Kara Suu, Kyrgyzstan, danced at a Nowruz celebration for former Kyrgyz President Roza Otunbayeva.

The Kara-Suu Dance Club in southern Kyrgyzstan draws on the innovative YouthBank model that Eurasia Foundation employs throughout the Eurasia region to catalyze youth-led community reconciliation. The club brings young people from different ethnic backgrounds together to perform traditional Kyrgyz, Uzbek, and Russian dances.

While the city of Kara Suu in southern Kyrgyzstan largely escaped the June 2010 strife, interethnic relations were severely

strained and the dance club was forced to close. Despite this, YouthBank members persuaded the parents of the young dancers, who are mostly Uzbek and Kyrgyz, to allow their daughters to dance together again.

Since reopening in February 2011, the Kara-Suu Dance Club has come to symbolize interethnic reconciliation in a region where tensions are still tangible. By bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds, the club teaches Kyrgyzstan's next generation how to put aside their differences. The dance club continues to thrive and has become so popular that its members now include young boys and adult women.

“The Uzbek and Kyrgyz kids in the club are like brothers and sisters now. When they are older, they will not consider each other Kyrgyz or Uzbek. They will just be siblings participating in these classes.”

**— AMIRBEK
Founder of the Kara-Suu
Dance Club**



Young dancers in traditional Kyrgyz dress.



A Kyrgyz girl and an Uzbek girl with their dance instructor in a classroom at the Kara Suu schoolhouse.



Civic Education in Iran

One weekend in May, a local community in Tehran, Iran, was invited to view children's drawings and posters to encourage local residents to recycle. Inspired by one of EF's civic education courses, veteran high school teacher Fatemeh taught her students how to devise a campaign to improve the local recycling system. In addition to the week-long exhibition, Fatemeh's 25 students met with the local city council to obtain its endorsement. Her students continued the campaign, teaching their neighbors how to keep their community clean.

The Online School for Civic Education was launched in 2011 to offer Iranian teachers courses on critical thinking, conflict resolution, media literacy, rule of law, and civic education. The school helps teachers to look at their lives and surroundings through an analytic lens, leading them to become more socially informed and involved. Over 70 teachers have already introduced concepts from EF's courses into their own classrooms throughout Iran.



High school teacher Fatemeh inspired 25 students to encourage their neighbors to care for their communities.

"I've been a teacher for over 22 years, and after two weeks in this course, I realized that civic education is more than just rights and responsibilities. It's about engagement, enhancing civic capacity, and bringing together our knowledge and skills to foster growth in our community."

— FATEMEH, Online School for Civic Education teacher

Water Wars in Central Asia

Gulamjon Akramov traced the root of local conflict in Metar, Tajikistan, to the short supply of drinking water, especially in the summer when demand is high for the village's single Soviet-era pump. Residents were forced to buy drinking water from a neighboring

village or use open water sources, which can be contaminated by upstream users and lead to illness. Access to the pump was a constant source of tension and even occasionally conflict.

In 2012, Gulamjon received a small grant from Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia to repair the pump and collected additional funds from neighbors. With the help of volunteers, they replaced 200 meters of pipe, installed a new pump and cleaned the water system. As a result, roughly 1,500 families now enjoy direct access to clean water. Just as importantly, those involved in the initiative learned conflict resolution strategies that will serve them well in other situations.

"If you really want something and make the effort, you can change the world for the better," Gulamjon said.



Boys watch as a tractor installs pipelines in Metar, Tajikistan.

"My new mediation skills have helped me to resolve conflict and establish peaceful co-existence in our neighborhood. We shouldn't just wait for changes in our lives — we have to do something."

— GULAMJON AKRAMOV



Gulamjon (second from left) meets with local villagers to discuss their concerns and reach common solutions.

Local Economic Development



Women receive training in online e-government programs.

The Foundation seeks to remove governmental barriers to small business growth, help entrepreneurs gain access to capital, and promote international standards in business education.

Obtaining permission and the proper stamp from local authorities in a timely fashion remains a major headache for citizens and business people alike in Ukraine. East Europe Foundation-Ukraine introduced e-governance initiatives in two regions to increase the transparency and accountability of the local authorities and improve the delivery of citizen services.

In the Odessa region on the Black Sea, a bilingual website now provides information on the business climate, rules on foreign investment, how to develop investment proposals, and where to turn for advice. The approval process for business proposals has been accelerated by the digitalization of all documents. In Dnipropetrovsk, local authorities will launch a portal to enable citizens to send requests to government officials for documents, information, or services. While still in the early stages of testing, the portal has already received high ratings from both the local city council and citizens.

Increasing the Speed of Business in Ukraine



A young man in Ukraine learns about his local representatives through a public portal.

Equipping Women to Succeed as Entrepreneurs

Eurasia Foundation's Online School of Women's Entrepreneurship gives motivated Iranian women the business skills and confidence they need to establish and expand their own businesses and achieve a more equal standing in society. Through the School's innovative online education and networking platform, female entrepreneurs in Iran are given a space to discuss business ideas and receive guidance from experienced instructors.

Now in its third year, the School has offered courses to more than 330 women in business planning, marketing, and e-commerce. Twenty-three alumnae have gone on to start their own businesses. More than 30 other alumnae have expanded their businesses and bolstered their professional networks as a result of the School's courses and activities. The School is inspiring dozens of women to reach the goals they set for themselves and to assume leadership positions.

In 2012, the School offered a six-month personalized mentorship to its top 10 alumnae. A coach worked one-on-one to take proactive steps toward specific business goals that each had set.



Graduates of the Online School of Women's Entrepreneurship at the Women's Business Network Entrepreneurship Workshop in Malaysia. Since 2010, 11 of the school's top students have attended the annual workshop, where their business plan teams have repeatedly garnered awards.



330 women have been trained and **23** women have started their own businesses.

"By participating in these classes, I have dropped the phrase 'I can't' from my vocabulary. I am more confident and believe that I shouldn't judge the difficulty of a task before undertaking it."

— MASOUM
Online School of Women's Entrepreneurship student



Making College Possible

Meerim Maksatbek kizi is one of four children from a traditional family in southwest Kyrgyzstan. As the eldest daughter, she is expected to support her parents. When she won a spot to study economics at the International University in Bishkek, she knew that her family would not be able to cover the cost of tuition for four years.

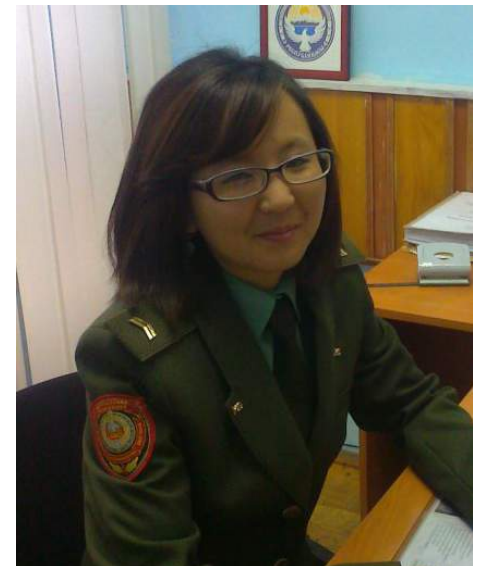
"I had mixed feelings at the time," Meerim commented. "I was glad that I could go to university and wanted to get my degree, but at the same time I felt guilty for putting this extra burden on my family."

Determined to get her degree, Meerim began her studies and sought advice at the university's career center, which is one of the 17 centers that Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia has been instrumental

in founding. There she learned basic job-hunting skills and tips, including resume writing, interviewing, and presentation skills.

Just a few months after her first career consultation, Meerim began an internship with the State Corrections Service. After a month, the internship turned into a job when Meerim was offered a cashier position. Her excitement was more than palpable. "It was awesome. My dream of working in finance and in the public sector has come true," she exclaimed.

"While I don't earn much, my job allows me to cover all of my educational costs. I think my family is even happier than me! They're proud of my personal achievements and success."



To help cover her university tuition, Meerim found a job as a cashier with the State Corrections Service in Bishkek.



University students attend a career counseling course in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



Independent Media

Eurasia Foundation supports independent media by providing technical assistance and grants to improve editorial practices, enhance financial sustainability and increase the media's use of the internet.

Growing Independent Media in Russia

EF and New Eurasia Foundation's Independent Media Development Program has provided direct assistance to over 65 regional newspapers, impacting upwards of 15 million readers in Russia since 2004. Through seminars, training sessions, internships, and exchanges, the program works with a diverse group of media professionals, including editors, journalists, designers, and advertising and distribution specialists to improve the quality of their work. Twelve new media outlets from seven regions in Russia joined the program for its third and final phase. In May 2012, a three-day local newspaper contest was held in Moscow and the annual Best Russian Regional Newspaper award was given to *Kachkanarskii Chetverg* (Kachkanar Thursday), one of the 65 newspapers that the program supports.



Producing Top Journalists in Central Asia

EF's Professional Youth Journalism (PYJ) program in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan enables young journalists to surmount censorship and political interference by teaching them to produce high-quality stories and giving them an outlet to publish online.

In partnership with local NGOs like Kloop in Kyrgyzstan, PYJ offers experience-based training courses for journalism students and supports independent outlets where young journalists have opportunities to publish their work. The program has already trained over 400 students and more than 2,600 articles have been published through the online portal Kloop.kg, an internet publishing platform that has operated since 2008 and quickly gained a reputation as a credible news outlet.

Originally founded in Bishkek, PYJ has expanded to Almaty, Dushanbe, and Osh. The program also offers opportunities for its graduates: small grant competitions for larger media projects are held and alumni are highly sought after by prominent independent Central Asia news outlets including Asia Plus, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, and NewEurasia.net.



Top: Kloop founder Bektour Iskender (right) interviews Robert Blake, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Left: Kloop students in Dushanbe. Above: This year marks Kloop's fifth anniversary.

Online Journalism in Kyrgyzstan Spurs Greater Accountability

The increasing popularity of internet reporting and social media in Kyrgyzstan is changing the nature of journalism in the country. As a result, elected officials are becoming more open and accountable to citizens. A growing number of elected officials in Kyrgyzstan use Twitter and post statements on the micro-blogging platform. PYJ journalists use Twitter to follow government officials' statements and then use them as a springboard for interviews or to verify quotes.

Young people, especially in Bishkek, are active on social media sites, and often leave comments on Facebook and Twitter in response to elected officials' statements.

Even though Kyrgyzstan's elected officials are not known for their responsiveness to citizen demand, they feel obligated to reach out. In a sense, social media is prompting the country's elected officials to engage in more give-and-take with journalists and ordinary citizens.

Akmaral Satinbaeva, a 24-year-old PYJ trainer based in the southern city of Osh, Kyrgyzstan, sees the spike in internet journalism as a positive trend. Online journalism allows for immediate feedback from readers and its speed prevents government or opposition party interference with media content before it is published. "For these reasons, I think trust in in-

ternet journalism is increasing," Akmaral offered. "We're not just training journalists — we are training young people to be skeptical."



Kloop graduates proudly display diplomas.

Hyperlocal News in Armenia

For the second year in a row, Eurasia Partnership Foundation organized the intensive 48-hour Mardamej Social Innovation Camp in Yerevan, gathering young activists, civil society representatives, and tech enthusiasts to create web-based solutions for social problems. This year's "itch workshop" called for submissions that addressed anti-corruption and received 75 proposals, from which six were chosen to be further developed during the camp.

With support from EPF, a project that began as an "itch" at the 2011 Mardamej camp came to full fruition this year. The idea for a hyperlocal news website first came to Gayane Mirzoyan while attending a journalist-training workshop in Germany, and she was inspired to start a crowd-sourced site with real-time news in her home country.

When her team didn't win Mardamej's contest, they continued to search for support and with funding from EPF, Taghinfo.am launched in July 2012. Journalists, students, and citizens share stories, photos, and videos on Armenia's first hyperlocal outlet. The site covers a wide range of topics, including social, environmental, cultural and educational issues, and also holds workshops for aspiring citizen-journalists.

Gayane returned for Mardamej's 2012 conference to present on the challenges of transforming an "itch" into a thriving news source and fire up this year's batch of social innovators.



Workshop participants broke up into small teams and had 48 hours to strategize, design and pitch project proposals that incorporated the latest and most innovative technology.



At the end of the workshop, Mardamej participants presented their projects that spur social change.



Taghinfo.am (above), Armenia's first hyperlocal media outlet, designed at Mardamej.



Institution Building

Eurasia Foundation programs improve the accountability of public institutions and make local government more responsive to the needs of citizens. EF supports public accountability through capacity building and the establishment of institutions that gather and analyze reliable data for informed policy decisions.

Delivering Basic Services in China



With assistance from EF's community grants program, the Tu Nationalities Association provided basic health exams to 115 migrant workers in 2011. The exams were part of a larger effort to increase knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention among migrant workers in Xining.

EF has expanded beyond the Eurasia region and now strengthens civil society in China. EF currently operates in Qinghai Province, which is one of China's poorest regions. The nascent NGO sector in Qinghai plays a vital role in delivering basic services to citizens, especially in education and public health. EF's support provides these civic organizations with access to training and resources to improve the quality and delivery of their work. EF has provided financing for more than 10 citizen-driven projects, including a public awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS prevention for migrant communities, training local teachers and administrators on new teaching methods, and cultivating volunteerism among youth. In addition, EF's other projects in China have assisted more than 150 grassroots NGOs and community leaders.

University “In Exile” Flourishes



“In state-run educational institutions, they don’t appreciate creativity and they want you to be a robot,” said Ihar Kiryienka, a third-year undergraduate. “EHU is building a generation of deep-thinking people... it is not the destination, it is the door.”

Eight years ago, after being forcibly shut down by the Belarusian government, it seemed unlikely that the European Humanities University (EHU) in Minsk, Belarus, could continue. But instead of closing, the country’s only private university went into “exile,” relocating to Vilnius, Lithuania. Following its shuttering, the university received vigorous moral and financial support through its partnership with the Eurasia Foundation and from Western governments and international academic institutions.

“For me, [EHU] is a place of freedom. At EHU, there’s a plurality of opinions and EHU gives me the opportunity to be active in political and social life without constant fear of expulsion.”

— **KARYNA BOBRYK**
International and European law masters student



In 2012, students from EHU visited Washington, DC, for a celebration of the university’s twentieth anniversary.

Now celebrating its twentieth year, EHU is an academic environment where young Belarusians excel because of the exceptional education and tremendous freedoms they enjoy. EHU’s student body of 1,850 is split between roughly 700 students who attend classes on campus in Vilnius and those who study online.

After School: EHU Alumni

EHU alumni are active in all sectors from business to non-governmental organizations to the arts. Here are just a few of the university’s graduates:



Volha Karach graduated in 2012 with an MA in public policy and is one of the most active female politicians in Belarus. She runs the civic organization “Our House.”



Viktor Prokopenya, a 2004 alumnus, is the founder and CEO of Viaden Media, the first Belarusian company to join the International Chamber of Commerce.



Anastasiya Matchanka, a law alumna, works for the Election Observation: Theory and Practice Project. It engages young Belarusians in the election process.



Uladzimir Puhach graduated in 1998 with a BA in law and now is the frontman for one of Belarus’s most popular rock bands, J:MORC.



Data from the 2012 Caucasus Barometer indicates that connections are considered the strongest factor for getting a job in Armenia and Azerbaijan, while education is considered the most important factor in Georgia.

Leading Research Center Fills Critical Gap

Obtaining accurate public opinion data remains notoriously difficult in the Eurasia region, and numbers are often wobbly. Basic statistics such as unemployment figures are often inaccurate, especially when techniques and standards differ from those of Western social scientists.

The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), a project of the Eurasia Partnership Foundation, offer a notable exception to the regional trend. Based in the capital cities of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, this university-based network strengthens social science research and public policy analysis throughout the South Caucasus. Since their founding in 2003, the centers have become the region’s most trusted research network. In addition to the Caucasus Barometer — the centers’ annual survey that tracks social, political, and economic issues — the centers work on specific projects for external clients. In 2012, CRRC began a World Bank project to assess the regional labor market in order to fill critical gaps in the workforce. Drawing on the CRRC data, policymakers and NGOs are better able to craft policies to improve employment prospects in the South Caucasus.



The 2012 Caucasus Barometer found that 25% of Azerbaijani households own a personal computer, of which 75% have internet access.



Rule of Law and Good Governance

An independent judiciary is fundamental to the protection of civil and economic rights. Eurasia Foundation works to make justice available to all citizens by providing pro bono legal counsel, improving legal education, and by providing opportunities for young lawyers.

Foreign migrant laborers in Russia are often exploited, suffering poor working conditions and receiving late pay or no wages at all. Together, with financial support from Western Union Foundation, Eurasia Foundation and Tajikistan Foundation provided free legal expertise to vulnerable migrant workers in Russia to better inform and protect them. Specifically, the program offered legal advice through a telephone hotline and in-person consultations to over 2,300 individuals and delivered in-depth aid in 172 cases.

One of those cases was profiled by the Russian television channel *Mir*, which filmed a group of migrant laborers in Moscow as they petitioned for wages that had been unjustly withheld from them. After much pressure, the workers, who were fully aware of their rights, were given what they were owed. The program resulted in a total of \$90,000 of back wages being paid to foreign migrant laborers.

Legal Aid to Labor Migrants in Russia



These migrant laborers in Moscow picketed outside of their employers' offices until they were paid their back wages.

Justice in an Apricot Orchard



EBL Lawyer Toktokan Muratova (right) prevented the local government from prematurely ending Rabiya Shadibekova's (left) lease of an apricot orchard, her only source of income.

Fifteen children and a sick husband depend on Rabiya Shadibekova and her tiny apricot orchard in Batken, Kyrgyzstan. In 1997, Rabiya and her three brothers leased 3.7 acres from the local government to grow and sell apricots. Not long thereafter, tragedy struck: two of her younger brothers were killed in terrorist attacks, leaving behind their 11 children for whom Rabiya is now responsible. With an ill husband and four children of her own, Rabiya relies on the meager earnings from her apricot orchard for survival.

Rabiya's legal problems began in January 2012 when she received notice from the local government that her lease would be terminated early. Not knowing where else to turn, Rabiya called Toktokan Muratova, a lawyer with Eurasia Foundation's Equal Before the Law (EBL) program, in partnership with the government of Finland. Since 2011, EBL's 32 lawyers have provided more than 5,000 pro bono legal consultations in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan in communities where legal aid is unavailable. Over 80 percent of EBL's clients are women, often in precarious situations.

The district court ruled in Rabiya's favor, finding that the local government had no right to terminate her lease early. Rabiya's neighbors were not so lucky. Without legal representation, the city government

was able to illegally reclaim the land. Cases like Rabiya's show that with vigorous advocacy and expertise, justice is possible, even under the most challenging circumstances.



Pro bono lawyers meet with clients to assess winning legal strategies in Central Asia.

The Sarah Carey Program

Eurasia Foundation honored Richard Lugar and Sam Nunn with the 2013 Sarah Carey Award for their visionary efforts to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe around the world. Richard Lugar is a former U.S. senator from Indiana. Sam Nunn, a former U.S. senator from Georgia, is chief executive officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright presented the award to Lugar, who accepted it on behalf of both recipients at Eurasia Foundation’s 20th anniversary gala. Robert Zoellick, president of the World Bank from 2007 to 2012, delivered the keynote address.



Richard Lugar (right) accepts the Sarah Carey Award from former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) and EF Chair Jan Kalicki (center) at Eurasia Foundation’s Gala Dinner on May 9, 2013 at the Willard Hotel.

“Bottom line: the world is safer and freedom is more widespread because of the determined efforts and wise judgment of [Dick Lugar].”

— MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Connecting The Next Generation

Sarah Carey was a mentor to young people interested in the Eurasia region. To honor Sarah Carey and her lifelong commitment to giving back to the next generation, EF launched the Young Professionals Network in September 2012.

Within the network of 32 members, there are Russia watchers, Georgia hands, Central Asia scholars, as well as journalists, bloggers, analysts, energy and defense experts and human rights advocates. The group speaks Azerbaijani, Belorussian, Chinese, Georgian, German, Persian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Uzbek.

The Young Professionals Network is a nine-month program that creates regular opportunities for young people in Washington to discuss developments in the Eurasia region and interact with diplomats, journalists and analysts.

The network’s 2012 events included a breakfast briefing on the elections in Georgia and Ukraine with Caucasus expert Thomas de Waal and BBC Ukraine correspondent Nataliya Jensen, a meeting with Russian journalist Vladimir Pozner and American media personality Phil Donahue in November, and an opportunity to meet Roza Otunbayeva, former president of the Kyrgyz Republic, in December.



The Young Professionals Network with former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in May 2013.



Hedrick Smith, Phil Donahue, Marvin Kalb and Vladimir Pozner (left to right) discuss the ups and downs of US-Russian relations over the past decades at the Embassy of Finland in November 2012.

Opening Policy Dialogues

The value of “climbing up the other guy’s belfry” and seeing the world from another perspective was the dominant theme of the inaugural Sarah Carey Forum. Organized by Eurasia Foundation in November 2012 at the Embassy of Finland, six leading journalists and thinkers discussed the ups and downs in the US-Russian relationship at the forum.

“If we want a normal relationship,” long-time Russian journalist Vladimir Pozner said, “you’ve got to understand, you’ve got to climb up the other guy’s belfry, as they say in Russian, and look at the world from that person’s point of view.”

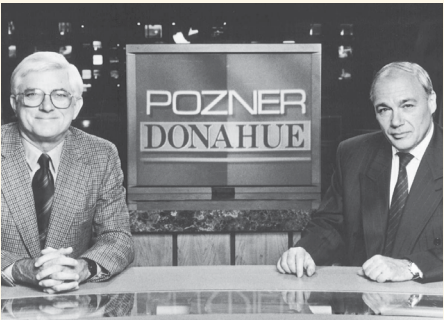
The Carey Forum reunited Vladimir Pozner and his American counterpart Phil Donahue to discuss US-Russian relations and the important role of citizen engagement. In the 1980s, Pozner and Donahue co-hosted a series of televised discussions, or “space bridges,” between audiences in the Soviet Union and the US that gave ordinary Russians and Americans an opportunity to connect in an era when direct interactions were incredibly rare.

Moderated by veteran journalist Marvin Kalb, the panel also included John Beyrle, former US Ambassador to Russia, Hedrick

Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *The Russians*, and Anna Koshman, executive director of the Russian Alliance of Independent Regional Publishers.

The panelists agreed that improving relations depends on the degree to which both the US and Russia make increasing mutual understanding a priority. Obstacles exist on both sides. In the US, Donahue identified patronizing attitudes as a stumbling block, while in Russia Pozner pointed to institutions like the Orthodox Church and state-run media outlets that are perpetuating perceptions of antipathy toward the West.

Despite the many challenges that currently beset US-Russian relations, participants all expressed optimism for a strengthened relationship through people-to-people interactions.



Phil Donahue meets with Russian gender equity advocates Marina Pisklakova Parker and Liudmila Vasilenko at a reception following the forum.



Bill Maynes Fellows Denys Nizalov (left) and Marinika Babanazarova (right) and Bill Maynes Award recipient Roza Otunbayeva.

The Bill Maynes Fellowship offers an opportunity for civil society leaders from the Eurasia region to enhance their professional networks and expertise by visiting the US. The Maynes Fellowship goes beyond citizen-to-citizen exchanges to forge meaningful professional connections between experts and organizations in fields vital to the growth of stable and prosperous societies.

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MARINIKA BABANAZAROVA, *UZBEKISTAN*



Marinika Babanazarova is the director of the Savitsky Karakalpakstan Art Museum in Nukus, Uzbekistan, which hosts the second largest collection of avant-garde Russian art in the world. Its collection of about 90,000 items includes Soviet-era paintings and sculptures as well as textiles and jewelry from the ancient Khorezm civilization and contemporary works from Uzbek and Karakalpak artists.

Over the last 25 years, Ms. Babanazarova's efforts have resulted in establishing the museum as an international art attraction drawing tourists from around the world to Nukus. The museum has been featured in the *New York Times* and documented in the film "The Desert of Forbidden Art."

DENYS NIZALOV, *UKRAINE*



Dr. Denys Nizalov is the academic director of the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) in Ukraine. A practicing economist, Dr. Nizalov received his training in the US and Ukraine and is among a growing number of Ukrainians who, after acquiring academic credentials abroad, have returned home to educate the country's next generation.

Dr. Nizalov joined KSE in 2006 as a senior economist. Since being named KSE's academic director in 2010, he is responsible for managing the school's strategic development and supervising its transition from a faculty of visiting foreign professors to one that is almost entirely Ukrainian. Dr. Nizalov also teaches graduate courses in microeconomics, econometrics, economics research and policy analysis.



"Democracy is the only destination."

On Roza Otunbayeva's first visit to the United States since leaving the presidency of Kyrgyzstan, the energetic former head of state spoke to a packed ballroom at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, in December 2012. There Eurasia Foundation honored President Otunbayeva with the Bill Maynes Award for demonstrating visionary leadership throughout Kyrgyzstan's constitutional transition and providing a lifelong example of public service. Otunbayeva is both the only leader in the region to have left office voluntarily and the first female head of state in Central Asia. She served as interim president of Kyrgyzstan from 2010 to 2011.

In a free-ranging discussion with Christian Caryl, a Legatum Institute senior fellow and *Foreign Policy* contributing editor, President Otunbayeva outlined the many challenges that Kyrgyzstan has faced since independence.

"It is difficult to live in a democracy," Otunbayeva acknowledged. "We have always lived under authoritarian systems, whether our leaders were tsars or khans, and people find the parliamentary system to be chaotic and messy." And yet, "We pulled through and held [our] first ever transparent, open, fair elections."

Unlike her predecessors, Otunbayeva stepped down following the presidential elections in October 2011, demonstrating that a democratic transition can occur in Kyrgyzstan and setting a precedent for leaders in the region.

Since leaving office, Otunbayeva has sought to establish the office of the former president in Kyrgyzstan. As part of that effort, she continues to support Kyrgyzstan's development through The Roza Otunbayeva Initiative, which she launched in 2011. The foundation's numerous projects promote education, arts, and culture, as well as improved opportunities for women and children.



Roza Otunbayeva in conversation with Christian Caryl.

"Nobody wants us to succeed. But we want to succeed and we will do our best."

— ROZA OTUNBAYEVA

Eurasia Foundation Financials

Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2012

ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,735,726	\$2,416,568
Money market/CDs	298,225	-
Investments	7,434,352	6,661,818
Grants, accounts and other receivables	9,664,703	12,852,914
Prepaid expenses	86,507	83,269
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,579,934	197	4,122
Advances and deposits	68,110	46,448
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,287,820	\$22,065,139
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$365,131	\$511,228
Grants payable	7,163,327	9,607,953
Refundable advance	48,625	83,076
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,577,082	10,202,257
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	7,329,833	6,570,032
Temporarily restricted	4,380,905	5,292,850
TOTAL NET ASSETS	11,710,738	11,862,882
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$19,287,820	\$22,065,139

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets for the Year Ended September 30, 2012

REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL - 2012	TOTAL - 2011
Grants and contributions	\$35,365	\$ 7,720,944	\$7,756,309	\$13,790,571
Investment gain/(loss)	979,897	-	979,897	(324,793)
Other income	19	-	19	864
Cancellation of donor awards	(15,592)	(333,333)	(348,925)	(255,935)
Net assets released from donor-imposed restrictions	8,299,556	(8,299,556)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	9,299,246	(911,945)	8,387,301	13,210,707

EXPENSES	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL - 2012	TOTAL - 2011
PROGRAM SERVICES:				
Russia	1,423,063	-	1,423,063	1,031,273
Caucasus	516,005	-	516,005	1,426,150
Central Asia	2,050,613	-	2,050,613	3,207,733
Ukraine/Belarus/Moldova	1,113,935	-	1,113,935	2,019,243
Other - MENA/China/Maynes Fellowship, etc.	1,759,511	-	1,759,511	1,079,326
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	6,863,128	-	6,863,128	8,763,725
SUPPORTING SERVICES:				
Management and General	1,676,316	-	1,676,316	1,819,647
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,539,444	-	8,539,444	10,583,372
Change in net assets	759,802	(911,945)	(152,143)	2,627,335
Net assets at beginning of year	6,570,031	5,292,850	11,862,881	9,235,547
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$7,329,833	\$4,380,905	\$11,710,738	\$11,862,882

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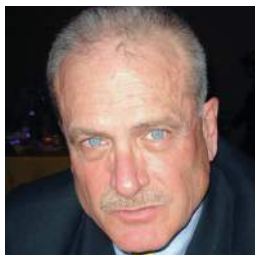
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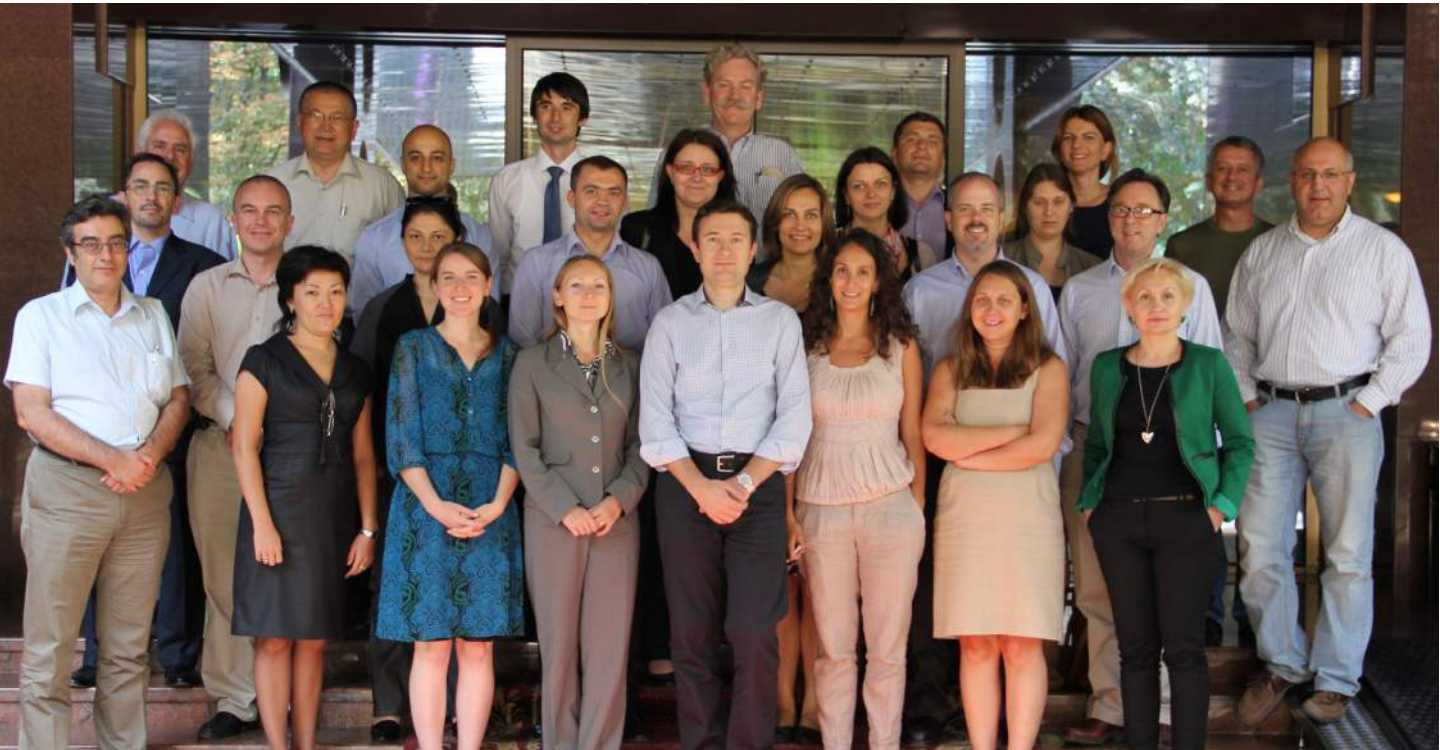
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