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## **WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- May'15– present      **Director, Center for Environment and Development, American University of Central Asia**
- May'15– Feb' 2016    **Leading Researcher for Valuation of Natural Capital in Chong Aksuu, CAREC**
- Apr'15– Apr' 2017    **Leading Researcher for the Assessment of Ecosystem Services, Economics of Land Degradation, Economics of Land Degradation Initiative.**
- Nov'16– present      **Leading Researcher, Payment for Ecosystem Services in Tyup oblast, FAO, CAREC**
- June'15– present     **Researcher, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Bonn, Germany.**
- Nov'15– June 16      **Consultant, Capacity building in Valuation of Ecosystem Services and System of Ecological-Economic Accounts, UNDP.**
- Aug' 09 – present    **Environmental Economist, Economics Department, American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan**  
**Research interests:** Environmental Economics, Ecosystem Services
- Sep'12 – present      **Project Coordinator, Kyrgyz-Norwegian Educational Project, 6 million NOK project (750 000 USD)**
- 2013  
2010 - 2012          **Consultant, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group**  
**Consultant, Capacity Building for Economic Management, World Bank**
- Aug' 09 – Jan' 10    **Consultant, State Intellectual Property Service of the Kyrgyz Republic**
- Jul' 08 – Dec' 08    **General Assembly Affairs Branch, United Nations, New York**
- Jan' 05 – Sep' 05    **Policy Support Project, Helvetas, Kyrgyzstan**
- Jun' 04 – Dec' 04    **Credit Expert, Joint Stock Commercial Bank Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek**

## EDUCATION

- Jan' 14 – present      **PhD Candidate in Economics, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences**  
Thesis working title: “Essays on Environment, Valuation and Climate Change”
- Nov'14                      **“Valuation methods”, training seminar for PhD researchers, TIDES, Spain**
- Sep'05 – Aug'06        **Masters in Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (*transferred*)**
- Oct' 06 – Jan' 09      **Masters Degree in International Political Economy (*with merit*), University of Birmingham, United Kingdom**
- Sep' 99 – Jun' 04      **Diploma in Economics (*with first class distinction*), Bishkek Humanities University, Kyrgyz Republic**

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Ecosystems of high land pastures. Economics of Land Degradation Initiative, 2016
- Valuation of Urban Ecosystems in Central Asia: case of the Kyrgyz Republic (forthcoming)
- Climate change adaptation: case of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2014, Academic Review.
- Analysis of the foreign investment into the Kyrgyz Republic, Institute of Eurasian Studies, University of Tokyo, 2013
- “IP system as a criterion for FDI attraction: case of Kyrgyzstan”, Vestnik BGU, 2011
- “Software production as potential source of economic growth in the Kyrgyz Republic”, Economies of Eurasia – International Conference, 2011.

## COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Stata, SPSS, Lotus, R, Python (beginner).
- Kyrgyz - native, Russian - fluent, English - fluent, Turkish – fluent.

## INTERESTS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Aug' 10 – present      Member of Economist Club of Kyrgyzstan
- 2nd – 4th Mar' 07      European Athletics Indoor Championship, Team Attache, Birmingham, England
- Jul' 02 – Jul' 004      University Athletics Team, Bishkek Humanities University

**Interests:** Roman Philosophy (Stoicism), Cycling.