

CAMCA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fall 2024 Fellows

Dr. Fayazuddin Ghiasi

Afghanistan



Dr. Fayazuddin Ghiasi, 41, is a post-doctoral research fellow at the Institute of Economics and Demography at the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan and a senior researcher in the Centre for Afghanistan and Regional Studies in Dushanbe. With over 16 years of experience in the Afghan government, including as Director General for Trade Policy and Commercial Attaché in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Ghiasi has organized various national and international exhibitions and business forums for the development of trade and commerce in Afghanistan and the wider region. From 2012-2018, Dr. Ghiasi served as an advisor and Deputy for Civilian Affairs in the Ministry of Interior Affairs of Afghanistan, supported by the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and the U.S.

Army, and facilitated the functioning of international forces within the government. Dr. Ghiasi has also coordinated numerous seminars and conferences including the 10th and 11th Herat Security Dialogue in Dushanbe in recent years. He has also written papers on refugee rights in Tajikistan as well as regional trade and transit, published internationally in English and Persian. He authored a guide book on refugee rights in Tajikistan and organized awareness programs to facilitate the resettlement of Afghan refugees in Tajikistan. Dr. Ghiasi holds a PhD in Commerce from Mangalore University, India (2020), an MBA in International Business (2012) and a BA in Economics and Political Science (2009), both from the University of Mysore, India.

Mr. Zalbey Aghadashov

Azerbaijan



Mr. Zalbey Aghadashov, 33, is the Founder and Managing Partner of Turan Legal and Tax Services LLC, a legal and consulting firm. With an extensive professional background in legal consulting, Mr. Aghadashov established Turan Legal and Tax Services, now serving over 45 local and international clients with accolades from major international rankings such as Legal500 and IFLR1000. Previously, from 2016-18, Mr. Aghadashov served as Head of the Legal Department at a major local pharmaceutical holding and from 2014-16 he worked as a lawyer at Ekvita Legal and Tax services LLC. Mr. Aghadashov has been recognized for his strategic contributions to advocacy and legislative projects aimed at enhancing business and social environments. His work in public projects,

including winning tenders from international organizations such as UNHCR, and his active role in improving

business regulations, have been highlighted by various media outlets. In addition, Mr. Aghadadashov regularly conducts specialized training sessions on compliance and anti-corruption, sharing expertise with professionals and relevant organizations. Mr. Aghadadashov holds a law degree from Baku State University (2013) and a Master's in Law (LLM) from University Paris CY (formerly Cergy-Pontoise University, 2014).

Dr. Giorgi Danelia

Georgia



Dr. Giorgi Danelia, 36, is the Director of BOG Asset Management, a member of the Bank of Georgia Group, overseeing the company's asset management services and investment funds. Previously, from 2023-2024, Dr. Danelia was the Head of Asset Management Direction at Galt & Taggart, an investment bank and brokerage house in Georgia. From 2020-2023, he served as the CEO of the Pension Agency of Georgia, where he was responsible for managing a \$1 billion investment portfolio. From 2017-2020, Dr. Danelia was a member of the Advisory Committee of Gazelle Finance, a multi-country investment fund with \$31 million in capital commitments. From 2011-2020, Dr. Danelia held several key positions, including Deputy CEO at JSC Partnership Fund (now Development Fund of Georgia), managing an extensive investment portfolio and attracting international investors across various sectors

such as real estate, tourism, manufacturing, and infrastructure. Since 2016, Dr. Danelia has served as an Associate Professor at the School of Business, Technology & Education at Ilia State University. Dr. Danelia holds a PhD in Economics from Tbilisi State University (2018) and a MSc in International Economics and Finance from Otto Von Guericke University, Germany (2012).

Ms. Tamar Ioseliani

Georgia



Ms. Tamar Ioseliani, 35, is the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of Anaklia Sea Port LLC, where she oversees the construction and development of Georgia's first deep-water port in Anaklia. The Anaklia Deep Water Port project is crucial to boosting regional economic growth and integrating Georgia into global trade networks. A lawyer by profession, Ms. Ioseliani has over 12 years of experience at the Georgian Maritime Administration, where she progressed from a specialist to becoming the first female head of the agency in the region, a role she held from 2018-2023. As head of the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia, Ms. Ioseliani was responsible for ensuring maritime safety and security in ports and for vessels flying the Georgian flag. Her duties also included supervising maritime education, fulfilling

flag and port state obligations, coordinating search and rescue operations, and establishing legal frameworks. She also played a key role in representing Georgia in international maritime forums and actively promoting gender equality within the maritime sector. Since June 2024, Ms. Ioseliani has also served as an Authorization Board Member for Higher Educational Institutions in Georgia, and from 2016-2018 she was the first President of the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association's Georgian branch, where she remains a member. Ms. Ioseliani holds a BA in Law from Georgian American University (2009), a UN/Nippon Fellowship in Ocean Governance from the University of Southampton, UK (2015), and has completed several certificate programs at the London School of Economics and Political Science.



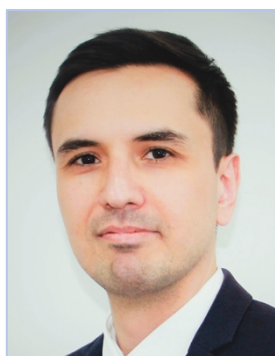
Mr. Gani Khamzin, 30, is an entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is CEO of StroyKom-Samuryk LLP, a construction and architectural design company, and a Board Member of Enactus Kazakhstan. From 2021-2023, Mr. Khamzin was a member of the Parliament of Kazakhstan from the leading opposition party, Ak Zhol. During his term in the Parliament, Mr. Khamzin spearheaded 50 legislative changes and 31 amendments to Kazakhstan's youth policy legislation. His initiatives allowed two million young people to gain access to affordable housing, scientific grants, and business subsidies. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Khamzin's advocacy ensured 100,000 Kazakhstanis studying and working abroad received access to WHO-approved vaccines, allowing them to continue their study and work in the United States and Europe. As an active Board Member of Enactus Kazakhstan, Mr. Khamzin organized Kazakhstan's successful bid to host the Enactus World Cup for the first time in Central Asia. Previously, in 2020 at the age of 25, Mr. Khamzin founded a construction service company, Stroyintegration, which became the market leader with over 2000% growth within one year. Mr. Khamzin holds a BA in Finance from Gumilyov Eurasian National University in Astana (2020) and a BA in Metallurgy from the National University of Science and Technology in Moscow (2017).



Ms. Aigerim Turgunbaeva, 36, is a freelance journalist covering Central Asia for international outlets, covering political and security issues in the region as well as human rights, women's rights and freedom of speech. A contributing writer for *EurasiaNet* and *Reuters*, she has also collaborated with *Al Jazeera English*, *The Diplomat* and *IWPR* as well as writes on women's rights issues for *The Guardian*. Currently, Ms. Turgunbaeva focuses on domestic violence and femicide in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan as well as freedom of the press, pressure on journalists and changes in media laws in Central Asia. In 2023, Ms. Turgunbaeva completed the ForSet scholarship program on data storytelling, and now writes stories working with big data. In 2023, she participated in the Forum on Cultural Diplomacy "Promoting Democracy and Peace through Dialogue & Cultural Diplomacy" in New York at the UN headquarters. In 2024, she was selected as the runner-up of the Elizabeth Neuffer IWPMF Fellowship for journalists. Ms. Turgunbaeva is also a lecturer in journalism at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan as well as conducts trainings for journalists. Ms. Turgunbaeva holds an MA in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan (2019) and a BA from the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (2011).



Mr. Enkhtur Lkhagvajav, 30, is the Director of Energy, Renewables & Projects at MCS Group, a Mongolian diversified conglomerate. Mr. Lkhagvajav focuses on renewable energy projects and decarbonization solutions in Mongolia. Previously, from 2020-23, Mr. Lkhagvajav was the Director of Capital Markets and Financial Sector at MCS Investment, a subsidiary of MCS Group. During this time, he was responsible for building an equity investment portfolio for the group's internal fund, which included public companies from the U.S., EU, and other global markets. From 2018-20, Mr. Lkhagvajav worked as a Senior Investment Analyst at DFA Capital, a Hong Kong-based multi-strategy investment fund. From 2016-18, he was an Investment Analyst at Newcom Group, where he played a key role in the development and successful completion of the 50MW Tsetsii Wind Farm project in South Gobi, Mongolia, a joint venture with SoftBank Group's energy arm, SB Energy. Mr. Lkhagvajav holds an MPhil in Management from Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge (2016) and a BSc in Applied Mathematics and Economics from Brown University (2015). In 2022, he became a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder and he has also been a board member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mongolia since 2023.



Mr. Kormon Rakhmatullaev, 34, is the Country Director for the regional USAID Trade Central Asia Activity (TCA), where he oversees efforts in Tajikistan to improve trade, enhance inter-regional connectivity, and support economic resilience. His work focuses on collaborating with government institutions, private sector stakeholders, and international partners to create a more conducive environment for cross-border commerce and regional cooperation. Before joining USAID, from 2015-2018, Mr. Rakhmatullaev worked with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), advising the Government of Tajikistan on investment and business regulation reforms to encourage a more competitive private sector. In addition to his professional roles, Mr. Rakhmatullaev is committed to youth development in his community. He is a board member of Ilmhona Skills Accelerator, an NGO focused on youth economic empowerment through tech training and fostering a supportive network for young innovators. Mr. Rakhmatullaev has a multidisciplinary academic background and holds a MSc in Accounting and Financial Management from the University of York (2015), an MBA (2013) and a BA in Public Administration and Political Science (2012) and a BA in Economy (2012), all from Fatih University, Turkey. He has also been a fellow with the John Smith Trust and the Asia Society's Next Generation Leaders program.



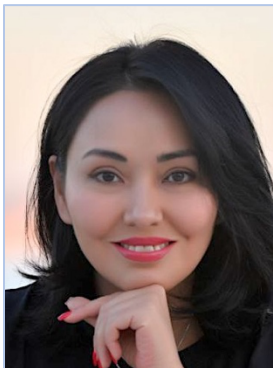
Ms. Umeda Sattorzoda, 34, is the Head of the Financial Market Department at the National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT). She manages monetary policy operations, evaluates transmission channels, and advises on public debt management. Her work focuses on developing the capital market, enhancing coordination between monetary and fiscal policies, and strengthening monetary policy effectiveness in line with national strategies. Ms. Sattorzoda has led significant initiatives, including strengthening monetary policy transmission channels and modernizing financial operations. Previously, from 2018-2021, Ms. Sattorzoda served as Head of the Consumer Protection Department and Head of the Operational Division of the International Reserve Management Department, overseeing Tajikistan's first Eurobond issuance, upgrading trading platforms and managing the National

Processing Centre. Ms. Sattorzoda is a member of the Women's Committee and serves as Deputy Chairman of the People's Democratic Party Committee at the NBT. Her contributions to the banking sector have earned her a Certificate of Honour from the Chairman of the NBT. Ms. Sattorzoda holds an MA in World Economy from Tajik National University (2015) and a BA in Economics from Russian-Tajik Slavonic University (2012). She also completed the Women's World Banking Leadership and Diversity Program for Regulators at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford (2021).



Mr. Ahmetyar Kulov, 40, is National Project Coordinator at Deutsche Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit's (GIZ) regional project on trade facilitation in Central Asia, commissioned by Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. In 2020, Mr. Kulov worked at the International Trade Centre, a multilateral agency with a joint mandate between the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations (UN). From 2020-2023, Mr. Kulov was an independent consultant on trade procedure facilitation in Central Asia. Previously, from 2008-2019, Mr. Kulov served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan as well as at the diplomatic missions of Turkmenistan in France, Switzerland and the UN Office in Geneva. Prior to his diplomatic career, from 2002-

2008, Mr. Kulov worked in media as a news presenter and editor at the State Committee of Turkmenistan for TV, Radio Broadcasting and Cinematography. Mr. Kulov holds a BA in Philology from the Institute of World Languages in Ashgabat (2006) and has completed graduate work in European Security Studies at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland (2021).



Ms. Nodira Saidkarimova, 40, is the Chief of Party for USAID’s “Safe Migration in Central Asia” Project, implemented by Winrock International where she has been working since 2019. Prior, from 2015-2019, Ms. Saidkarimova worked at the Tashkent Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Migration Agency. Ms. Saidkarimova is an expert in labor migration and countering human trafficking, with nearly two decades of experience in international development programs in Central Asia. Over the years she has managed projects funded by USAID and the U.S. State Department’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP) and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), overseeing a portfolio exceeding \$8 million USD. Her

leadership in research, community development, and capacity building has driven successful efforts to reduce vulnerabilities to trafficking and provide critical support to survivors. Ms. Saidkarimova’s contributions in the promotion and protection of human rights in Uzbekistan was honored by the President Mirziyoyev Medal in 2022. Outside of her professional work, Ms. Saidkarimova advocates for women’s empowerment as the author and host of a podcast highlighting female role models. Ms. Saidkarimova holds an MA in World Economy and Geopolitics (2008) and a BA in International Economic Relations (2005), both from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent.