Kazakh security policy and its position as a vanguard for East-West cooperation

with

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This presentation first describes the foundations of Kazakh security policy, i.e. the key security-related documents, especially the Law on National Security, the Military Doctrine and the Foreign Policy Concept, and the policy aspects derived from them. Next, the different actors in the regional and global security arena – with whom Astana cooperates – are discussed. Subsequently, this lecture explains the security issue of post-2014 Afghanistan. The paper concludes with the options that Kazakhstan has to enhance cooperation between East and West.

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