

## UCA Highlights – May 2026



### **First Expedition Assessing Winter Snow Dynamics of Pamir Glaciers in more than 35 years**

University of Central Asia in cooperation with the State Scientific Institution 'Centre for Research of Glaciers of the National Academy of Sciences of the Tajikistan' successfully conducted the first scientific field expedition to assess the winter mass balance of Pamir glaciers at Glacier No. 457 in the Gunt River basin. For the first time in the history of independent Tajikistan, the team carried out direct field measurements of glacier winter snow dynamics.

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## **UCA and Kyrgyz State University Enhance Academic Cooperation**

University of Central Asia and Kyrgyz State University named after I. Arbaev have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking the beginning of expanded cooperation between the two institutions. The MoU focuses on academic exchange, professional development, and collaborative initiatives.

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## UCA Strengthens AI and Digital Innovation in Tajikistan with New Laboratory at Khorog State University

The University of Central Asia, in partnership with Khorog State University, officially inaugurated a new Artificial Intelligence Laboratory in Khorog, marking another milestone in UCA's ongoing support for digital innovation and higher education development in Tajikistan.

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## UCA Hosted International Conference on Cultural Heritage Documentation and Performance in Central Asia

UCA's Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit (CHHU) hosted the international hybrid conference "Digitising the Past, Nourishing the Present: Cultural Heritage Documentation and Performance in Central Asia" in Dushanbe. The conference brought together scholars, researchers, artists, archivists, cultural practitioners, and students from Central Asia and beyond to explore how digital technologies, performance, and community participation can support the preservation and sustainability of cultural heritage.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**



## International Conference on Mountains, Climate and Health in Central Asia

Mark your calendars for 18–19 June for the International Conference on Mountains, Climate and Health in Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. The conference will bring together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore climate and health challenges facing mountain regions across Central Asia.

[Register here](#)

### Spot Us in the Media



### UCA at the Conference on 'Water for Sustainable Development'

UCA Rector Christopher Gerry shared his perspectives on the growing global importance of cryosphere research and the urgent impact of glacier melt on

Central Asia with the Tajik National TV Channel Jahonnamo.

[Watch the TV report](#) (from 01:17)



## UCA's Lecturer Achieves Highest ACCA Score in Tajikistan

We celebrate the achievement of [Sitora Mirzoeva](#), Senior Lecturer in Economics at the School of Arts and Sciences, who has been recognised as an Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Prize Winner for the Audit and Assurance exam — achieving the highest score in Tajikistan and ranking 18th worldwide.

More: [YourTJ video](#) and [article](#)



## UCA's Pulat Shozimov Awarded Gold 'Olzhas Suleimenov' Medal

Professor Pulat Shozimov, Senior Research Fellow at the UCA's Aga Khan Humanities Project (AKHP) was awarded the gold honorary medal "Olzhas Suleimenov" at the VII International Forum for the Rapprochement of Cultures of Eurasia in Kazakhstan.

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**Social Media Highlights**



May became a month of research, partnerships, cultural heritage, and regional cooperation at the University of Central Asia.

[May Highlights](#) - video



Follow UCA Rector Christopher Gerry's visit to Tajikistan, engaging with staff and alumni, and taking part in key discussions in Khorog and Dushanbe, while also experiencing the rich local culture.

[Link to the posts](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **18-19 June** - International [Conference](#) on Mountains, Climate and Health in Central Asia
- **20 June** - Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2026
- **23 June** - IPROMO Central Asia [Summer School](#) 2026