

4th EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE (ESTEC 2026)

ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

New Technologies and Change in Central Eurasia: Hype, Hope, or Harm?

29 September 2026 | 09:00–13:00

ADA University, Building B, Conference Hall, Baku, Azerbaijan ([Map](#))

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:15–09:00	REGISTRATION Participant registration and arrival
09:00–09:05	OPENING OF ESTEC 2026 Murod Ismailov on behalf of the Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan (CAMCA) Academic Consortium
09:05–09:10	WELCOME REMARKS H.E. Representative of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, Vice Rector, ADA University
09:10–09:20	OPENING REMARKS Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Founding Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council
09:20–09:40	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>Cultural Fluency in the Age of AI: Why International Relations Needs More Than Artificial Intelligence</i> Prof. Timur Dadabaev, Professor of International Relations and Director, Special Program for Japanese and Eurasian Studies, Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan; Vice Rector, University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED), Uzbekistan
09:40–10:30	SESSION I HUMAN AGENCY AND CULTURAL FLUENCY IN THE AGE OF AI [Roundtable discussion] <i>How is AI changing the ways people learn, communicate, interpret cultures, and exercise judgment? What forms of human knowledge, cultural fluency, and agency become more important as intelligent technologies become embedded in education, diplomacy and everyday life?</i> Moderator: Dr. Murod Ismailov, Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan
10:30–10:40	CAMCA–UWED PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY & GROUP PHOTO Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CAMCA Academic Consortium and the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, host of ESTEC 2027 in Tashkent; Group photo

10:40–11:00	COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
11:00–11:50	SESSION II EDUCATION, YOUTH AND KNOWLEDGE IN A TECHNOLOGY-SATURATED WORLD [Roundtable discussion] <i>How are new technology, digital platforms and social media reshaping learning, expertise, attention, trust, and the ways young people understand the world? What should universities and educators preserve, rethink or redesign?</i> Moderator: Dr. Fuad Karimov, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and National Coordinator for Azerbaijan, CAMCA Network; Regional Managing Director, Xsolla.
11:50–12:40	SESSION III TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN CENTRAL EURASIA: HYPE, HOPE, OR HARM? [Roundtable discussion] <i>What opportunities and risks do emerging technologies create for work, governance, culture, social cohesion, and regional connectivity? How can Central Eurasian societies engage technological change while retaining meaningful human choice and responsibility?</i> Moderator: Prof. Timur Dadabaev, Vice Rector, University of World Economy and Diplomacy.
12:40–13:00	CLOSING REMARKS & REFRESHMENTS Reflections, acknowledgements, and informal networking

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