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Kazakhstan at 35: A Symposium on a Transforming Nation

4th November 2026 - KCL / Hybrid

09:30-10:00 - Arrival

10:00-10:30 - Opening Remarks – HE Sally Axworthy MBE and HE Alibek Bakayev

10:30-11:10 - Keynote Address – Aiganym Gali

11:10-11:30 - Break

11:30-12:40 - From Empire to Independence: Kazakhstan's Historical Legacies

Moderator – James Sharp
Panellists – Dr Diana Kudaibergenova, Dr Beatrice Penati and Dr Alexander Morrison

12:40-13:40 - Lunch break (lunch not provided; there are cafés and restaurants nearby)

13:40- 14:50 - Power and Prosperity: Kazakhstan's Political and Economic Trajectory

Moderator – Dr Carolyn Browne CMG
Panellists – Dr Saltanat Janenova, Professor Yelena Kalyuzhnova and Nicholas Pomeroy

14:50-15:10 - Break

15:10-16:20 - Beyond the Steppe: Kazakhstan's Natural and Cultural Heritage

Moderator – Dr Guillaume Tiberghien
Panellists – Indira Dyussebayeva-Ziyabek, Dr Aliya de Tiesenhausen and Professor Mark Macklin

16:20-16:30 - Closing Remarks

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