

**The Centre for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
(SAM) and ADA University**

Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA)

VISITING RESEACH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Proposed research topics for SAM and ADA.

1. Azerbaijan as a regional economic driver;
2. Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway: the Iron Ground for the Silk Road;
3. The view from Azerbaijan: the European gas supply/demand outlook. The European gas market dynamic;
4. The view from Azerbaijan: the race to export – possible competition of gas supply to Europe;
5. The view from Azerbaijan: LNG pricing and trading taskforce;
6. Geo-economic reshaping of the South Caucasus and Central Asia;
7. Azerbaijan's economic & trade cooperation with Gulf countries;
8. Sustainable development and competitiveness in Azerbaijan;
9. International financial institutions and their investment strategy in Azerbaijan;
10. Economic diversification and modernization in Azerbaijan;
11. Azerbaijan as a link between Europe and Asia: Silk roads (geo-economic aspects);
12. Azerbaijan as a link between Europe and Asia: Silk roads (geopolitical aspects);
13. The role of Azerbaijan in exporting Central Asia's hydro-carbon resources to the world market;
14. Transit potential of Azerbaijan and its impact on regional development;
15. New possible integrative process among the Caspian Sea states;
16. South Caucasus and possible developments in the region;
17. The role of regional organizations in development of multilateral relations between Azerbaijan and the countries of the Black Sea region;

18. Cyber security and its importance for Azerbaijan;
19. Soft power and bargaining leverage in Azerbaijan's foreign policy;
20. Azerbaijan's foreign policy in the Wider Black Sea: prospects and implications
21. Azerbaijan's foreign policy in the Balkans Region: prospects and implications;
22. The role of Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA) in the implementation of the Azerbaijan's foreign policy.
23. The role of Azerbaijan in Non-Alignment Movement;
24. Azerbaijan-NATO relations: cooperation in security field;
25. Azerbaijan's relations with the Muslim states: current situation and future perspectives;
26. Azerbaijan's input in post 2014 Afghanistan;
27. Azerbaijani model of religious tolerance: life of Jewish and Christian minorities in traditionally Muslim society;
28. Azerbaijan as a model of contemporary Muslim state;
29. Protracted armed conflicts in GUAM states;
30. 20 years since the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire agreement: simmering conflict and failed initiatives;
31. The resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan and legal aspects from the perspective of International Law;
32. The impact of the OIC towards the resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
33. OSCE Minsk Group efforts around the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
34. The impact of the international organizations towards the resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
35. The EU stance in the resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

36. The UN and its impact towards the resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
37. The Arab League and its contribution to the resolution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
38. Contradiction to the norms of international law of facts of visa issuance by a number of states for the leadership of the separatist regime and the population of the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
39. Illegal business activities carried out by the Armenian and foreign companies in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
40. Assessment of the damage inflicted on the environment of the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
41. Possibilities for solution of Azerbaijani-Turkmenistan legal dispute over the oil fields in the Caspian Sea;
42. The role of Azerbaijan-Kazakhstan cooperation in revitalizing Silk Road: East-West transportation corridor between Asia and Europe;
43. Azerbaijan-Uzbekistan relations: current situation and future perspectives;
44. Azerbaijan-China relations: current situation and future perspectives;
45. The possibility of energy cooperation between Azerbaijan and China;
46. Azerbaijan-Japan relations: current situation and future perspectives;
47. Azerbaijan relations with the South-East Asian states: expectations and prospects;
48. Azerbaijan-U.S. relations: current situation and future perspectives;
49. Azerbaijan's relations with the Latin American states: expectations and prospects;
50. Azerbaijan-Russia relations: current situation and future perspectives;
51. Azerbaijan-Ukraine relations: current situation and future perspectives;
52. Azerbaijan-Moldova relations: current situation and future perspectives;
53. Azerbaijan-Georgia relations: current situation and future perspectives;
54. Azerbaijan-Turkey relations: current situation and future perspectives;
55. Contradiction to the norms of international law of the ongoing practice of destruction and armenization of the historical and cultural Azerbaijani heritage in historical

Azerbaijani lands in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, as well as in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan; **(only for SAM)**

56. Middle class in Azerbaijan: a stabilizer and bulwark; **(only for SAM)**

57. Assessment of the possible danger of the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant for the region; **(only for SAM)**

58. Reasons of unsuccessful mediation by third parties in reaching of peaceful settlement of the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan; **(only for SAM)**

59. Activities and political objectives of the Armenian Diaspora in foreign countries; **(only for SAM)**

60. Assessment of the competitiveness of Azerbaijan's tourism and eco-tourism potential; **(only for SAM)**

61. Azerbaijan – Georgia relations: role of Azerbaijani minority in the development of Georgia; preservation of Azerbaijani historical and cultural heritage in Georgia. **(only for SAM)**

Center for Analysis of Economic Reforms and Communication

Research Topics

1. Azerbaijan's integration to the Global Value Chain.
2. Sharing experience of the Republic of Azerbaijan in economic reforms on improvement of business environment.
3. Assessment of the Strategic Road Map of the National Economy of Azerbaijan.
4. Potential of Azerbaijan as a regional Transport and Logistics Hub.
5. New Perspectives for privatization in Azerbaijan.
6. Increasing competitiveness of Azerbaijan's agricultural sector.
7. New economic model of Azerbaijan.
8. Investment opportunities in Azerbaijan and determining non-oil export-potential sectors.
9. Research and assessment on the role of Azerbaijan in ICT Global Value Chain.
10. Industrial parks and estates in Azerbaijan.

**The Institute of Law and Human Rights
Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences**

Research topics

1. Role and importance of economic and social factors in the development of democratic institutions, civil and political rights and freedoms.
2. Challenges in achieving transcultural consensus in human rights issues: nations and civilizations, peculiarities and differences.
3. Legal issues in interstate cooperation on transportation of the Caspian energy resources to the world markets.
4. Nuclear Power Plants in the territories of the CIS member states: environmental protection and associated international legal issues.
5. Ethnic conflicts in post-soviet space and, political and legal problems of their resolution.
6. Legal aspects of compensation for economic damages to Azerbaijan as a result of Armenian aggression.
7. Restoration of violated rights of Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons.
8. Contradiction to the norms of international law of facts of visa issuance by a number of states for the leadership of separatist regime and the population of the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
9. Illegal activities carried out by Armenian and foreign companies in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
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Baku International Multiculturalism Center

1. Caucasian Albania and the history of Albanian Apostolic Church;
2. Concepts of tolerance and multiculturalism in the classic Azerbaijani literature;
3. Religious diversity and tolerance in Azerbaijan;
4. Reflection of the ideas of multiculturalism and tolerance in the Azerbaijani press in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century;
5. The role of multiculturalism in the Azerbaijan's state policy;
6. Heydar Aliyev Foundation's activities in the field of multiculturalism;
7. The "Islamic Solidarity" in the context of tolerance in Azerbaijan;
8. Multiculturalism in the Azerbaijani folklore;
9. The ethnic diversity in Azerbaijan;
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