



### **Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev**

Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev has been working as a Distinguished Visiting Professor and currently as a Lecturer in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University (UVU), USA, since 2005. During 2012-2014, he also served as a Distinguished Associated Faculty at the Center of Constitutional Studies at UVU. He teaches courses on International Relations, Comparative Politics, Sustainability and Mountain Development, few to mention. His assignment on teaching classes by using the New York Times is included in the Teaching Toolkit of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Under the development student engaged learning model his students advocate for sustainable mountain development in the state of Utah and globally since 2011. Since 2017, through Dr. Abdrisaev mentorship UVU students regularly contribute to the agenda of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations headquarters.

He writes extensively on issues of Central Asia and Kyrgyzstan and sustainable mountain development in international and U.S. media outlets like OpenDemocracy, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, CNN, and Foreign Policy. As a former Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to USA and Canada from 1997-2005, and for his extensive expertise, he testified in 2010 before the US House Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs of the Committee of Oversight and Government Reform about recent upheaval in Kyrgyzstan and the implications it might have on U.S. policies. Dr. Abdrisaev's professional career after receiving his Ph.D. in Applied Physics in 1990 and before coming to USA included serving as Associate Professor at Bishkek Polytechnic Institute and National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyzstan, in addition to his appointment in 1992 to the position of expert in the International Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration which he chaired later in 1993. Furthermore, Dr. Abdrisaev was also a Member of the Kyrgyz Parliament from 1995 to 2000. As an academician, Dr. Abdrisaev has authored more than one hundred articles in the areas of applied optics, international relations, and sustainable development and diplomacy.