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- 1997-** Chief Department of Conflictology and Migration Studies of Institute of Peace and Democracy
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BIOGRAPHY of Dr ARIF S. YUNUSOV

Dr Arif S. Yunusov was born January 12, 1955 in Baku. In 1981 graduated from Azerbaijan State University, Historical department. He worked at the Institute of

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He is author of more than 30 scientific works on Warfare of Muslim World and Azerbaijan and around 190 articles on Armenian-Azerbaijan conflict, problems of national minorities of Azerbaijan and current situation in Azerbaijan and Caucasus region, published in the Azerbaijan, Armenia, Russia, England, France, USA and Poland.

Since Karabakh conflict he took an active part in democratic movement. He had taken part in a number of meetings and negotiations with Armenian on the solution of Karabakh problem as a military expert. As historian he took part in a number of scientific conferences and seminar: Russia (Moscow - 1991,1992, 1995,1996, 1998-2004; Sochi - 1997); Georgia (Tbilisi - 1989, 1992, 1995, 1997-2004); United Kingdom (London - 1992, 1995, 1999); Poland (Warsaw - 1998); Turkey (Istanbul – 1999, Antalya – 2000, Ankara - 2001); Austria (Vienna - 1999), Czech (Prague - 1999), Armenia (Yerevan – 2000-2003), France (Corsica – 2001, Paris - 2003), Moldova (Chishinau - 2001), Germany (Loccum – 2001,Berlin - 2003), Tunis (Tunis – 2002).

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In 2000 owing to the financial support of the Open Society Institute – Azerbaijan published the book “Meskhetian Turks: twice deported nation” in Russian and English languages. In 2002 owing to the financial support of the MaCarthur Foundation published in Russian and Azeri languages textbook “Culture of Peace”. In 2003 owing to the financial support of Ebert Foundation implemented the project “Islam in Azerbaijan”.

Major Publications:

1. Karabakh conflict: peace, agreement or war? – Journal «Azerbaijan» (Baku), 1993, № 8-10 (in Russian).
2. Statistics of Karabakh conflict. – Journal «Commonwealth» (Baku), 1995, № 1 and 3 (in Russian).
3. Azerbaijan in the post-Soviet period: problems and possible ways of development. – Collection «Northern Caucasus – Transcaucasus: problems of stability and prospects of development». Edited by Vorkunova O.A., Iskandaryan A.M. - Moscow: Company Grif-F, 1997, p.127-147 (in Russian).
4. Demographic disaster. – “Index on Censorship” (London), 1997,Volume 26, No 4, July/August, p.69-73.
5. Contested Ground. – Journal “War Report” (London), January/February, 1997, N 48, p.26-28 (in English).

6. The Status of Nagorno-Karabakh: The Root of Conflict. – New Approaches to Nagorno-Karabakh – A Window of Opportunity? - EastWest Institute Policy Brief N 3, 1999, p.8-13 (in English).
7. Armenian-Azeri Conflict: Migration Aspect – Collection «Migration Situation in the CIS Countries». Edited by Zh. Zayonchkovskaya. – Moscow: Complex-Progress, 1999p.77-90 (in Russian).
7. Urbanization and Migration in Azerbaijan in 1989-1998. – Collection “Migration and Urbanization in the CIS and Baltic States of the 1990s”. - Edited by Zh. Zayonchkovskaya. – Moscow: Adamant, 1999, p.95-100 (in Russian).
8. Migration and a new Community in Baku. – Collection “Migrants in the capital cities”. Edited by Zh. Zayonchkovskaya. – Moscow: Adamant, 2000, p.64-76 (in Russian).
9. Meskhetian Turks: Twice Deported People. – Baku: Zaman, 2000 – 164 p. (in Russian) and 92 p. (in English).
10. Culture of Peace. – Baku: Sharq, 2001 – 68 p. (in Russian and Azeri).

Information about Institute of Peace and Democracy

The Institute of Peace and Democracy (IPD) is the humanitarian project of Azeri branch of the Transcaucasus Dialog of Women for Peace and Democracy founded in June 1994 by the National Foundation for Peace, the USA and registered on 27 March 1996 by the Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan.

The IPD – is nongovernmental, non-political and non-commercial public organization. The activity of the IPD is directed on the research of the ways and methods of achievement of peace and interethnic consensus in the region, problems of security, development of independence and statehood of Azerbaijan, formation of democratic and legal society. At the same time the IPD carries out regular monitoring over the situation with the democratic freedoms and human rights in Azerbaijan, is engaged in the problems of civil education and formation of the legal consciousness in the society.

The objectives of the IPD include the democratization of the public consciousness, enlightening activity in the form of lectures, seminars, conferences, “round tables”, educational programs, sociological researches and publication of books, brochures and magazines dedicated to the prevention or solution of conflicts, different aspects of life of national minorities in the republic, problems of refugees and forced migration of the population, also of building of legal society, human rights protection, carrying out of the reforms, development of the market economy, conduct of elections.

The IPD closely cooperates with such international organizations as UNCHR, International Organization of Migration, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Committee to Ban Landmines, State of World Forum, East West Institute, International Alert, FEWER. The IPD is the member of the Caucasus Forum of NGOs and Independent Research Council on the Migration of CIS and Baltic countries and also in the network of ethnological monitoring and early conflict prevention of CIS countries.

The IPD consists of the following Departments: Conflict Studies and Migration, Human Rights Protection, Women Problems, State and Society, Youth Issues. The Director of the IPD is Leyla Yunus, Doctor of Historical Sciences.