



# American Studies Association of Kyrgyzstan

## Theory & Practice

### Information Letter

#### “Academic Writing and Research Workshop”

Location: **American Studies Department, American University of Central Asia**

Workshop dates: **October 24- December 24, 2011 Tuesday and Thursday from 2.10-4.30PM**

Dear colleague:

We are pleased to inform you about the American Studies Development workshop « **Academic Writing and Research Workshop**» organized by American Studies Association and sponsored by US Embassy in Kyrgyzstan. This workshop will give the opportunity for selected faculty members, research scholars, and research associates of Universities/institutions in Kyrgyzstan. One of the Association’s goals is to promote quality research culture in the universities through services in research related activities. This specifically designed workshop will lead the participants from understanding the basics of academic writing to producing high quality research theses/research papers and reports. The workshop will especially focus on enhancing participants’ skills in this very specialized area with the aim to equip them research and writing skills to enhance their academic career and to accomplish the following goals:

1. To train 15-20 Association members who are teachers from different local Universities on writing academic papers and doing research;
2. Disseminate knowledge on writing academic papers;
3. To enhance critical and analytical thinking;
4. To analyze, paraphrase, quote, and provide attribution for textual evidence in participants’ own work;
5. To employ rhetorical strategies that distinguish their ideas from another writer’s ideas or to avoid plagiarism;
6. To provide teachers with an opportunity to implement the knowledge into practice;
7. Publication of training materials such as developed guide for writing academic papers, informative articles, statement of purposes for distribution among the Association members, American centers and corners.

The first workshop starts on **October 24- December 24, 2011** Along with the workshop trainers we will invite guest speakers to share their experiences on various academic writing skills development. Classes will be held twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for about two hours. Selected participants will be supplied with the instruction manuals (necessary materials are included) and awarded with Certificates of successful completion of the course.

**DEADLINE** for application submission is **5:00PM, October 14, 2011.**

If you have further questions, please, don’t hesitate to contact us: [ascommittee.kg@gmail.com](mailto:ascommittee.kg@gmail.com)

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Sincerely,

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