## Dear Colleagues,

We welcome you at the  $4^{\text{th}}$  International Silk Road Symposium - New Trends In Higher Education.

Contemporary society is changing. So is the higher education system all over the world. High requirements towards contemporary specialists, standardization of these requirements in order to provide the students with high quality knowledge and give them an opportunity to be mobile and to be able to receive different parts of their education in different countries, pragmatic (skill) approach towards education, democratization of the teaching/learning process - these and some others are typical features of higher education system today.

Any changes are connected with problems. That is why sharing the experiences of education reform are so important for specialists working in higher education. As European Union has its own policy in higher education, it is especially important for EU countries and for countries aiming at becoming its members to be aware of Bologna process and to be involved in this process. Thus, the goal of the symposium is to discuss the new trends in higher education and to promote mutual understanding in this sphere, in order to be able to train competitive specialists in higher education.

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