Central Asia Security Workshop

Join us for the Second Security Workshop to celebrate the two year anniversary of the Central Asia Program.

We will discuss the current state of affairs in Central Asia and offer a fresh look at the main policy issues, including the future of the US Silk Road Strategy in the wake of the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the stakes of forthcoming presidential successions in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. The Workshop will also explore what the Program considers as key societal and political issues that will shape the future of Central Asia, i.e. the small and medium business circles.

For its anniversary the Program is launching a new web initiative, the Uzbekistan Initiative, which will be presented first at this Workshop. The country’s history and culture, its geographical location at the heart of Central Asia, and its booming demography and economic potential shape the overall picture of the region and its strategic weight. However, Uzbekistan has increasingly become a kind of ‘black hole’ in terms of scholarly and policy-oriented analysis. The goal of this Initiative is to create an apolitical platform of discussion for knowledge exchanges that promote Uzbekistan beyond the divergences in assessing its current course.

Monday, February 24, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
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