Tracking Factors of Change in Tajikistan

Part of the Central Asia Program’s CERIA Initiative

12:30pm Light Lunch

12:45-1:30pm Keynote Speaker
Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University) Using a Wide Lens to Assess the Narrow Risk of Radical Islam in Tajikistan

1:30-3:30pm Panel I. Tajikistan Today: Security, Economy and Media
Chair: Sebastien Peyrouse (CAP, GWU)
Muzaffar Olimov (Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan) Afghan factor and the Threat of Islamic Radicalization: fear of a Tajik ‘Islamic Spring’?
Brent Hierman (Virginia Military Institute) National Policy, Local Politics: Patterns of Land Reform in Tajikistan
Abdulfattoh Shafiev (Fulbright Scholar, GWU) On/off, on/off. Blocking Social Media in Tajikistan

3:30-4:00pm Coffee break

4:00-5:30pm Panel II. Islam and its transforming role in Tajik society
Chair: Marlene Laruelle (CAP, GWU)
Umed Babakhanov (Asia Plus) The Evolution of Political Islam in Tajikistan: From the Tranches to the Parliament…and Back?
Saodat Olimova (Sharg Analytical Center) Sharia and Tajikistan’s Law in the Mirror of Public Opinion
Khashayar Beigi (University of California, Berkeley) Theological Geography and Tajik Migrant Mosques in Russia

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Voesar Conference Room
1957 E St. NW, Suite 412

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