Islam in Eurasia:
State Policies, Social Changes and Globalized Interactions

Eurasia is often a forgotten space on the radar of the public opinion and the policy community looking at the Islamic world. However, Eurasia offers diversity of Islamic traditions, including both Sunni and Shiite. Islam in Eurasia has been at the crossroads of many influences, interacting with Christianity, European secularism and Soviet atheism, as well as with Islamic revivalist movements from the Middle-East and South Asia.

This conference gives the floor to a generation of scholars who have been working on the ground to renew our knowledge of Eurasian Islam in its plurality, going beyond the media hype of Islamist radicalization and terrorism. The first two panels will look at the relationship between state and religion in the region and at the place of Islam in everyday life. The second day will explore Eurasian Islamic actors as they interact with the globalized world: they discover other Islamic traditions, enjoy the rise of digital media as a new platform to discuss religion, and a minority engage in internationalized insurgency theaters.

Session I. State and Religion in Eurasia
Session II. Islam and Everyday Life in Central Asia
Session III. Interacting with the World. Travelers, Migrants and Proselytes
Session IV. Roundtable: Digital Islam. A New Marketplace for Religion
Session V. From Pakistan to Syria. Trajectories of Eurasian Insurgents

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