CENTRAL ASIA, IRAN, AND THE NUCLEAR LANDSCAPE IN ASIA

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9:00 – 9:30 AM  Registration and Breakfast

9:30 – 9:45 AM  Welcoming Remarks by Douglas Shaw, Associate Dean for Planning, Research and External Relations, GWU

9:45 – 11:15 AM  Panel I. Asia’s Changing Nuclear Landscape
Chair: Douglas Shaw, Associate Dean for Planning, Research and External Relations, GWU

Japan’s Nuclear Tremors: Domestic Debates about Energy & Security after 3/11
Mike Mochizuki, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, GWU

China’s Nuclear Priorities--Implications for Iran and Central Asia
Robert Sutter, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, GWU

India’s Evolving Nuclear Discourse and Search for Policy Coherence
Deepa Ollapally, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, GWU

11:15 – 11:30 AM  Coffee Break

11:30 – 1:00 PM  Panel II. The Iranian Question and its Regional Environment
Chair: Cory Welt, PONARS Eurasia, IERES, GWU

Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions: US and Israeli Threat Perceptions
Janne Nolan, Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU

Partners or Rivals? Contextualizing the Russian-Iranian Nuclear Relationship
Jeff Mankoff, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Central Asia’s Viewpoint on being in Iran’s Vicinity
Marlene Laruelle, Central Asia Program, IERES, GWU

1:00 – 2:00 PM  Lunch
2:00 – 3:45 PM  **Panel III. Central Asia’s Nuclear Strategies and Challenges**
Chair: Deepa Ollapally, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, GWU

*Central Asian Nuclear Weapons Free Zone: Bold Ambitions Confront Geopolitical Realities*
Richard Weitz, Hudson Institute

*Proliferation Challenges in Central Asia and Need for International Cooperation*
Dauren Aben, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Almaty

*Kazakhstan in the Global Nuclear Order: Carving Out a Role That Matters*
Togzhan Kassenova, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

*Nuclear Domestic Debates in Kazakhstan: Public Opinion and Expert Controversies*
Sebastien Peyrouse, Central Asia Program, IERES, GWU

3:45 PM  **Wrap-up**

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