The Tablighi Revivalism and its Social and Political Implications in Kyrgyzstan

How are revivalist forms of Islam emanating from the Indian subcontinent, especially the ‘preaching group’ of the Tablighi Jama'at, impacting the construction of post-Soviet national identities and attitudes vis-à-vis society and politics? From its emergence in the early 1990s, Tablighi proselytization gradually drew a new universe of meaning that rejects the values of contemporary Kyrgyz society, supposedly hostile to ‘authentic’ Islam. The Tablighi strategy to establish ‘authentic’ Islam in local communities and to form new spaces of Islamization flirts with a political posture that radically questions the established social or political order.

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