9:00am Introductory Remarks
Marlene Laruelle (CAP, IERES, GWU)

9:15am Session I. Governance Changes in Turkmenistan
Chair: Marlene Laruelle (CAP, IERES, GWU)
Myles Smith (IREX)
*Forget political will - Would good governance even be possible in Turkmenistan?*
Chris Miller (USAID)
*Governance Challenges and Opportunities in Turkmenistan*

Discussion

10:45-11:15pm Coffee-break

11:15-12:45pm Session II. Economic Development, Progress and Challenges
Chair: Victoria Clement (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA)
Theresa Sabonis-Helf (National Defense University)
Casting a Wider Net: Turkmenistan and Regional Electricity

Jan Šír (Charles University, Prague)

Going Private? Denationalization and Privatization in Turkmenistan under Berdymukhammedov

Kenyon Weaver (Dentons LLP)

The Transformation of Commercial Law under President Berdymuhamedov.

12:45-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm Session III. Turkmenistan in its Regional Environment

Chair: Myles Smith (IREX)

Nazik Muradova (Central Asia Fellow, GWU)

Turkmenistan’s Regional Energy Initiatives

Slavomir Horák (Charles University, Prague)

Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan. From personal approach to ordinary authoritarian regimes relations?

Sebastien Peyrouse (Central Asia Program, GWU)

Turkmenistan-Afghanistan: Political Pragmatism, Security Tensions?

3:00-3:15pm Coffee-break

3:15-4:45pm Session IV. Historical and Social Transformations

Chair: Sebastien Peyrouse (Central Asia Program, GWU)

Victoria Clement (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA)

Intrepid Reformers: Turkmen Jadids

Aynabat Yaylymova (Turkmenistan Health Initiative)

Reproductive Health: How do I say this in Turkmen?

Jahan Taganova (Syracuse University)

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