25th Anniversary of the Kyrgyz Republic's Independence Day:
The Road to Parliamentary Democracy

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9:00. Opening
H.E. Kadyr Toktogulov, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United States

9:15-10:15. Panel I. A Policy Perspective
Chair: Fiona Hill (Brookings)
Nisha Bishwal (Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs)
John O'Keefe (Former Ambassador of the United States to the Kyrgyz Republic)
Alexander Cooley (Columbia University)

10:30-11:30. Panel II. An Academic Perspective
Chair: Marlene Laruelle (GWU)
Eric Rudenshiold (USAID, GWU)
Eric McGlinchey (George Mason University)
Sean Roberts (GWU)

11:45-12:45. Panel III. A Peace Corps Perspective
Returned Peace Corps volunteers and Peace Corps director Carrie Hessler-Radelet discuss the partnership between Peace Corps volunteers and Kyrgyzstan since independence.

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