

Panelist Biographies

Mahmut Cengiz

Mahmut Cengiz is a decorated Major in the Turkish National Police. He served for twelve years in its Anti-Smuggling and Organized Crime Department countering organized crime, nuclear smuggling, arms smuggling, as well as helped establish the Turkish Witness Protection and Undercover Unit. Prior to this, he served one year in the Kosovo Peacekeeping Mission. Dr. Cengiz holds two master's and as well as two doctoral degrees. His master's degrees are from Kirikkale University and from the School of International Service at American University. He earned doctorates in Sociology from Ankara University and in Public Policy from the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. His dissertation at Ankara University was entitled "How Corruption Becomes Entrenched in the Public Bureaucracy". His recently completed dissertation at the School of Public Policy at George Mason University is entitled, *The Globalization of Turkish Organized Crime and the Policy Response*. He is the author of two books in Turkish: *Turkish Organized Crime Groups*, and *How Mafia is Explained Using Conflict Theory*. He also has several published articles in journals about organized crime and corruption. He will assume the position of Deputy Director of the Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime (TADOC) when he returns to Turkey later this Fall.

Johan Engvall

Johan Engvall is currently a visiting scholar at the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He is a PhD Candidate in Political Science, Department of Government of Uppsala University. He earned a Master's Degree in East European Studies from Uppsala University in 2004. Mr. Engvall is also a teacher at the Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Uppsala University. He is working on his dissertation, which focuses on state building in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan. He has conducted field studies in Kyrgyzstan on a regular basis over the last several years. He has numerous published articles on Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia in journals such as *Problems of Post-Communism* and *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Nazia Hussain

Nazia Hussain is currently pursuing her PhD at George Mason University. During the summer, she started blogging on issues in Security and Development for Policynet- a project of the Center for International Governance Innovation, based in Waterloo, Canada, She has coauthored a paper with Dr. Louise Shelley on narco-trafficking in Afghanistan-Pakistan and its implications for national security for the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR). She holds an MA in Political Science from University of Punjab, Lahore and received an MA in International Relations from Boston University while a Fulbright scholar.

Daniel Kimmage

Daniel Kimmage received his undergraduate education at the State University of New York at Binghamton and earned an MA in Russian and Islamic history from Cornell University. From 1997-2001, Mr. Kimmage lived in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he

was the English-language editor of the quarterly journal *Manuscripta Orientalia* at the Institute of Oriental Studies. From 2003 to 2008, he was a regional analyst at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, where he focused on politics, business, and media issues in Central Asia and Russia. During his time at RFE/RL, Mr. Kimmage co-authored *Iraqi Insurgent Media: The War of Images and Ideas* (2007) and authored *The Al-Qaeda Media Nexus* (2008), which detailed the media branding and distribution strategies of Al-Qaeda and affiliated movements. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Slate*. He is currently an independent consultant based in Washington, D.C.

Alexander Kupatadze

Dr. Alexander Kupatadze is a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for European, Russia and Eastern European Studies of the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. He holds an MA in International Studies from Uppsala University and just completed his PhD at the School of International Relations of St Andrews University. Before going to St. Andrews, he conducted in-depth research on organized crime while an Associate Research Fellow at the Georgia Office of American University's Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC). His research interests include criminal networks, informal politics and corruption, international relations of Caucasus and Central Asia. He has authored several articles and book chapters on criminality, smuggling and policing in post-Soviet Eurasia. He is now completing his book entitled *State Formation and Organized Crime in post-Soviet Eurasia* to be published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2010.

Erik McGlinchey

Dr. McGlinchey is an Assistant Professor of Politics and Government at George Mason University and a Research Fellow with the NBR / Woodrow Wilson Center's National Asia Research Program. Professor McGlinchey's areas of interest include comparative politics, Central Asian regime change, political Islam, and the effects of Information Communication Technology (ICT) on state and society. Grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, the Soros Foundation and the Social Science Research Council have funded his research. His book manuscript, *Blood, Chaos and Dynasty in Central Asia*, is under contract with the University of Pittsburgh Press.

Thomas Sanderson

Thomas M. Sanderson is deputy director and senior fellow in the CSIS Transnational Threats Project. His work is mainly on terrorism, intelligence, and information sharing; U.S. national security policy; and global threats and trends. He comments regularly on these topics in the international media and serves as a terrorism course instructor and private consultant for the U.S. government and the private sector.

In the winter of 2005, Mr. Sanderson completed a fellowship at the American Academy in Berlin, conducting research on U.S.-German counterterrorism cooperation and threat perception. Prior to joining CSIS, Sanderson was a defense analyst with Science Applications International Corporation, where he conducted extensive studies of terrorist groups for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, Office of Counterterrorism Analysis. He held the 2001 Henry L. Stimson Center Fellowship at Fudan University in Shanghai,

China, and has four years of nongovernmental organization development experience, based in the United States and focused on Central Asia and Russia. Sanderson holds a B.A. from Wheaton College and an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Karen Saunders

Karen Saunders joined TraCCC in 1998 and has served as a Program Assistant, a Program Manager and Executive Director for International Programs. Her areas of academic interest include human trafficking, child exploitation, international development, drug trafficking and other illicit trade.

Her prior work experience includes Russian-language project work for the International Monetary Fund, management and ownership of a small Russian-English translation firm, contractual work in Washington, DC and Moscow for the agribusiness and packaging industries, and marketing promotions management for a large joint-venture corporation in Moscow.

Ms. Saunders holds a Master's Degree in International Development from American University. She received a dual B.A. in International Relations and Russian Language and Literature from Tufts University. She was selected to spend one academic year in St. Petersburg and Moscow in 1993-94 to participate in a specialized language fluency program. Ms. Saunders has traveled extensively in the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Louise Shelley

Louise Shelley is a Professor in the School of Public Policy and the founder and Director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University. Professor Shelley received her undergraduate degree cum laude from Cornell University in Penology and Russian literature. She is the recipient of the Guggenheim, NEH, IREX, Kennan Institute, and Fulbright Fellowships and received a MacArthur Grant to establish the Russian Organized Crime Study Centers. She is the author of four books, the most recent of which is *Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective* that was published by Cambridge University Press in August. She serves on the boards of several journals. Her expertise in transnational crime and corruption includes money laundering and illicit financial flows, human smuggling and trafficking and national security issues.

Professor Shelley has testified before the House Committee on International Relations Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and other committees on transnational crime, human trafficking and the links between transnational crime, financial crime and terrorism. She is on the co-chair of the Global Advisory Council group on organized crime of the World Economic Forum (WEF), and serves as an ambassador to the group on Illicit Trade of the WEF. She has spoken at various international fora and at many universities both in the United States and abroad on terrorism, diverse aspects of transnational crime and corruption. Additionally, she appears on television and radio.