The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University’s School of Public Policy invites you to attend a one-day conference on Instability in Central Asia: Scale, Scope and Regional Consequences

Tuesday, October 5, 2010
8:30am-4:00pm
Room 244, Original Building
3401 Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22201

As the U.S. considers its policies in Central Asia, TraCCC invites you to attend a forum exploring demographic trends, religious extremism, political instability and ethnic violence in Central Asia, their impact on vulnerable populations and their contribution to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, organized crime, illicit trade and political stability in the region.

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Registration

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Opening Remarks
Dr. Ed Rhodes, Dean, School of Public Policy, George Mason University
Dr. Louise Shelley, Professor, School of Public Policy; TraCCC Founder and Director

8:45-10:30am
Political and Social Instability in Central Asia
Moderator: Dr. Louise Shelley, Professor, School of Public Policy; TraCCC Founder and Director
- Dr. Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University – Authoritarian Governance in Central Asia
- Ms. Karen Saunders, TraCCC Sr. Program Officer – Consequences of Instability for Family and Gender
- Mr. Thomas Sanderson, CSIS – The Revival of Islam in Central Asia: Regime Responses
Discussion

10:30-10:45am
Intersession break

10:45am-12:30pm
Criminal Networks and Criminal Extremism
Moderator: Dr. Kim Thachuk, TraCCC Research Professor
- Mr. Daniel Kimmage, Homeland Security Policy Institute – Extremist Networks: From Pakistan through Afghanistan to Central Asia: The Symbiotic Relationship between Extremism and Criminality
- Ms. Nazia Hussain, TraCCC-SPP Scholar – Whither the State? A Case Study of Pakistan in the Aftermath of the Floods
- Dr. Mahmut Cengiz, TraCCC-SPP Scholar, Major in the Turkish National Police – Trafficking between Turkey and Central Asia
Discussion

12:30-1:45pm
Lunch

2:00-3:45pm
Hijacking the State?: Non-State Actors in Central Asia
Moderator: Ms. Karen Saunders, TraCCC Sr. Program Officer
- Dr. Louise Shelley, Professor of Public Policy; TraCCC Founder and Director – The Criminal Aspects of the 2010 Conflict in Kyrgyzstan
- Mr. Johan Engvall, Visiting Scholar, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University – Evolution of Organized Crime in Kyrgyzstan: From Unorganized to Legalized Crime
Discussion

3:45pm
Closing Remarks