The Nature, State and Capacity to Address Illicit Trade in Tajikistan and its Effect on (In)Security in Central Asia

Tuesday, 22 February 2011
9:30am-3:30pm
Room 125
3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201

Event Program:

9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks: Dr. Edward Rhodes, Dean, George Mason University’s School of Public Policy

10:30-12:15 Actors and the Stage: The State of Tajikistan Today
- Dr. Louise Shelley, TraCCC Founding Director and George Mason University Professor, Past as Prologue: Is Tajikistan Really a Sovereign State?
- Dr. Kimberley Thachuk, Corruption and Cronyism: Government Links to Illicit Trade in Tajikistan: What Forces Influence President Rakhmon’s Leadership?
- Ms. Karen Saunders, TraCCC Researcher, Radical Groups in Tajikistan Discussion

12:15-1:30 Lunch and Networking

1:30-3:15 Terror and Crime: A Nexus or Just Convergences of Opportunity?
- Dr. Aleko Kupatadze, Visiting Scholar, The George Washington University, Security Relations between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- Dr. Alisher Latypov, TraCCC Researcher in Central Asia, Drug Trafficking and Regional Security
- Mr. Ashraf Haidari, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, How the Security Situation in Afghanistan is Only Part of a larger Regional Dynamic Discussion

3:15pm Closing Remarks

This event is FREE and open to the public but seating is limited.
For more information or to reserve a seat, please fill out a reservation form and send it to:
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