

During the Soviet era, religion and economy were conceived as distinct, even mutually opposed spheres with their own rationales (such as 'rational actors' on the one hand and 'irrational' 'otherworldly' motivations on the other). A focus on the impact of religious ideas and practices on economic processes - and vice versa - serves to question the common perception of Central Asia as a region determined by either dangerous religious movements or lucrative oil and gas reserves. The lecture series interrogates how 'religion' and 'economy' are shaped and negotiated through everyday strategies and practices. How are separations, links, cross-overs and mutual constitutions of 'religion' and 'economy' conceived and put into practice by Central Asian actors? The lecture series seeks to foreground Central Asian debates on the relationship between religious and economic domains in order to query these social, political and social science categories.

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Political Islam and Economy in Central Asia: Islamic Movements, their Socio-Economic Background and Ideological Aspects

Lecture by Parviz Mullojanov

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Economy and Life Cycle Rituals in Kara Buura Region, Kyrgyzstan

Lecture by Nathan Light

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The Boom, the Bust and the Mediating State: Housing Bail-outs and the Discourse of Fairness in the Wake of the Financial Crisis in Kazakhstan

Lecture by Alima Bissenova

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The Worst of Places, the Best of Places: Bazaar and Risk Economy in the Lives of Kyrgyz Muslims

Lecture by Emil Nasritdinov

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'Tengiz Crude' and the Making of a Nation-state in Kazakhstan

Lecture by Saulesh Yessenova

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Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong? Islamic Elites, Business and the State in Tajikistan

Lecture by Tim Epkenhans

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Rethinking Islam and the Soviet Economy

Lecture by Eren Tasar

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Muslim Selves, Experience, and the Problem of Categories in Uzbekistan

Lecture by Johan Rasanayagam

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Strategic Citizenship? Work, Home and the Pragmatics of 'Second Passports' amongst Kyrgyz Migrant Workers in Moscow

Lecture by Madeleine Reeves

June date tbd., 2012, 5 pm, HU

Economy and Islamic Proselytism in Central Asia: A Comparison of the Fethullah Gülen Movement and Jam'at al Tabligh

Lecture by Bayram Balci

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