



Online Workshop

**Cultures of Islam:
Variations of Muslim Belief and Practice
from the Irtysh River to the Black Sea**

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Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies

The George Washington University

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Monday, October 19

9:00 - 9:10 (EDT) – Welcoming Remarks

Marlene Laruelle, *Director, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies; Director, Central Asia Program, Director, Illiberalism Studies Program; Co-Director, PONARS-Eurasia; Research Professor of International Affairs.*

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9:10 - 10:30 – Section 1: Muslim Identities

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9:10 - 9:21 – The Sociology of Competition of “Traditional” and “Globalized” Islam among Tatars from Russia: Actors and Their Interests

Liliya Sagitova, *Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, Sh. Marjani Institute of History*

9:22 - 9:33 – Muslim Identity Politics in Contemporary Tatarstan: Historical Legacies, Secular Cultures and Religious Beliefs

Bulat Akhmetkarimov, *Kazan Federal University*

9:34 - 9:45 – To Be a Muslim in a Crimean Tatar Way: Ethnic Culture and Global Trends

Elmira Muratova, *Crimean Federal University*

9:46 - 9:57 – Some Reflections on the Study of Islamic Traditions in Siberia

Alfrid Bustanov, *University of Amsterdam*

10:00 - 10:30 – Discussion

10:30 - 10:40 – Coffee break

10:40 - 11:20 – Section 2: Religious Activism and Lifestyles

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10:40 - 10:51 – Muslim Communities of Kazan in the Beginning of the XXI century: Reasons of Rise and Fall of Islamic Youth Activism

Guzel Guzelbaeva, *Kazan Federal University*

10:52 - 11:03 – Halal Headaches: Entanglements of (Islamic) Rule and Law in Tatarstan

Matteo Benussi, *University of California, Berkeley*

11:05-11:20 – Discussion

Tuesday, October 20

9:00 - 9:40 – Section 3: Islamic Educational Systems

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9:00 - 9:11 – Islamic Education in Post-Soviet Tatarstan: Trans-locality, Ethnicity and the Struggle for Identity

Leila Almazova, *Kazan Federal University*

9:12 - 9:23 – Re-appropriating Traditional Tatar Educational Culture or Building its Own: Homeschooling Practices among Observant Muslims in Tatarstan, Russia

Liliya Karimova, *George Washington University*

9:25 - 9:40 – Discussion

9:40 - 9:50 – Coffee Break

9:50 - 11:10 – Section 4: Vernacular Muslim Practices

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9:50 - 10:01 – Pilgrimage to Muslim Shrines in Hybrid Everyday Cultures: Three Dagestani Cases

Vladimir Bobrovnikov, *Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg*

10:02 - 10:13 – Local Shia Community and the Sacred Mount: Social Practices around Shalbuzdag Pilgrimage in Dagestan

Ekaterina Kapustina, *Kunstkamera*

10:14 - 10:25 – Divine Presence: Sufi Practice as a Means of Enchantment in the Urals and Beyond

Jesko Schmoller, *Perm State University*

10:26 - 10:37 – Sufism in Dagestan after the USSR: A Retrospective View on the History of Discussions about Sufism (This presentation is in Russian)

Shamil Shikhaliev, *Institute of History, Makhachkala/University of Amsterdam*

10:40 - 11:10 – Discussion