

Tajikistan: Birth and Rebirth

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Tuesday 13th October

10.30am *Registration* (Hilda Besse Building)

11am *Welcome and Introduction* (Dahrendorf Room)

Professor Edmund Herzog and Dr John Heathershaw (conveners)

11.30am *Session 1 - History and Politics* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Dr Alexander Morrison, University of Liverpool

- *The role of Shirinsho Shotemur in the formation of Tajikistan*: Sultonbek Aksakolov, Institute for Ismaili Studies, London
- *Soviet population transfers and interethnic relations in Tajikistan: assessing the concept of ethnicity*: Dr Olivier Ferrando, Sciences Po, Paris
- *The Soviet national policy and the civil war in post-communist Tajikistan*: Dagi Dagiev, SOAS, London

1pm *Lunch* (Hilda Besse Building)

2pm *Session 2 - Nationhood, community and identity* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Dr Olivier Ferrando, Sciences Po, Paris

- *Trajectories of labour and shifting spatial imaginaries of Tajiks in the Sokh valley*: Dr Madeleine Reeves, University of Manchester
- *The politics of national-state ideology in Tajikistan*: Parviz Mullojanov, Political scientist, Dushanbe
- *tbc*: Zuhra Halimova, OSI Dushanbe

3.30pm *Coffee break* (Hilda Besse Building)

4pm *Session 3 - Islam and Islamic organizations* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Dr John Heathershaw, University of Exeter

- *The Religious Personnel of Islam in Tajikistan during the Soviet Period and the Civil War*: Dr Stéphane A. Dudoignon, CNRS, Paris/ University of Amsterdam
- *The Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan: current agenda and future challenges*: Dr Muhiddin Kabiri, Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan

- *Perceptions of "official" and "popular" Islam within Muslim communities in Tajikistan:*
Dr Tim Epkenhans, University of Freiburg

5.30pm *Drinks reception* (Hilda Besse Building)

7pm *Dinner for speakers, chairs and invited guests* (Hilda Besse Building)

Wednesday 14th October

9.30am *Session 4 – Education and development* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Dr Madeleine Reeves – University of Manchester

- *Higher Literacy or Greater Competency: Tajikistan's Tertiary Education Priorities:*
Dr Najam Abbas, Institute for Ismaili Studies, London
- *tbc:* Firuza Shahid, Business Center under Government of Dushanbe City
- *Tajikistani students in the Middle East:* Ilham Ashurov, Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan

11am *Coffee break* (Hilda Besse Building)

11.30am *Session 5 - Post-conflict peacebuilding* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Professor Neil MacFarlane, University of Oxford

- *Twelve Years after the Peace Agreements: What Lessons Have Been Learnt from the Civil War and its Causes:* Antoine Buisson, EHESS, Paris/ Bactria Centre, Dushanbe
- *International democratization and national stabilization:* Dr Anna Matveeva, LSE, London
- *The relationship between business and government in Tajikistan:* Dadojon Azimov, Independent analyst, London

1pm *Lunch* (Hilda Besse Building)

2pm *Session 6 - Security and International Relations* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Dr Tim Epkenhans, University of Freiburg

- *Tajikistan and its foreign policy of "bisyorsamti" (multivector):* Dr Rashid Abdullo, Independent analyst, Dushanbe
- *Tajikistan and Afghanistan: key regional security considerations:* Dr Stina Torjesen, NUPI, Oslo
- *Tajikistan: failed state or failed analysis?:* Dr John Heathershaw, University of Exeter

3.30pm *Coffee break* (Hilda Besse Building)

4pm *Round table: Post-Conflict Politics and Prospects* (Dahrendorf Room)

Chair: Professor Edmund Herzig, University of Oxford

- Dr Rashid Abdullo, Independent analyst, Dushanbe
- HE Trevor Moore, British Ambassador to Tajikistan
- Professor Neil MacFarlane, University of Oxford
- Dr Mohiddin Kabiri, Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan

5pm *Close*