



Einladung zur ZMO-Vortragsreihe „Islam und Gesellschaft in Zentralasien“

Thursday, May 19th, 2011, 5 p.m.

The Formation of Soviet Discourse on History of Islamic Peoples of Central Asia

Venue:

Zentrum Moderner Orient
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Starting from the early nineties, during the post-Soviet period, public discourse on history and culture in newly independent Central Asian states has been defined to a great extent by attempts to (re-)create national narratives of titular ethnic groups. Most considerable differences with their Soviet analogues consisted in overcoming ideological restrictions in regional historiography, cultural studies, history of religion and related fields, and restoring numerous fragments of neglected social phenomena. The lecture will focus on contributions about history of several ethnic groups of Central Asia, which were at the early 20th century subjects of the Russian Empire, and observe the transformation of the discourse during the Soviet period, with particular attention to the attitudes to statements and quotations from works written in accordance with Islamic historiographic tradition.

Dr. Zifa-Alua Auezova is President of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) and a Visiting scholar at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam. Her research interest focuses on Culture and Intellectual History of Central Asia. She received MA and Ph.D. at the Department of Oriental Studies at the St. Petersburg State University. She was Deputy Director of the Soros Foundation –Kazakhstan (1998-1999), and Executive Director of the Educational Center “Bilim – Central Asia “ (2004-2007). She has held series of lectures on Central Asian Intellectual History in U.S. universities, by the invitation of the Silk Road Foundation. Dr. Auezova has several publications on history of Islamic philosophy in Central Asia. She is Translator of the XI century historical lexicon by Mahmud al-Kashgari “*Diwan Lughat at-Turk*” (from Arabic into Russian, 2005).

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The lecture will be held in English.