



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

Monday, July 4th, 2011, 5 p.m.

Islamic Groups in Contemporary Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Lecture by Prof. Ashirbek Muminov

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In this lecture, Ashirbek Muminov addresses the intense processes of religious revival in Central Asia and how state and religious leaders dispute questions of religious authority, law and legitimacy. He contrasts the complex discourses in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan around definitions of a 'national Islam'. For a long time, Sufism in these areas was discussed as the orientation of educated Muslims, a 'peaceful' and 'intellectual' form of Islam. More recently however Sufi practices have come under criticism as neither properly 'national' nor 'orthodox'. At the same time, the activities and views of Islamic groups such as Hizb al-Tahrir al-Islami, Tablighi Jama'at or Nurcular have been attacked by the state as dangerous and opposed to a 'national Islam'. In illuminating the relationship between these competing discourses and groups, Professor Muminov draws on decades of research on the history of Islam in Central Asia.

Ashirbek Muminov received his doctorate from the Institute of Oriental Studies in St. Petersburg and went on to work at Tashkent State University. He is now deputy director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Almaty. Professor Muminov has worked on numerous international collaborations and publications on the history of Islam, manuscript collections on pilgrimage sites, fatwas and sacred genealogies. His current project focuses on the formation and perspectives of inter-religious relations and dialogue in Kazakhstan.

The lecture will be held in English

Moderation: **Dr. Jeanne Féaux de la Croix (ZMO)**

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