



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

Thursday, April 14th, 2011, 5 p.m.

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### Islamic Revival in Contemporary Central Asia

#### Lecture by Prof. Vitaly Naumkin

Islam came to Central Asia in the 7th century with the Arab conquest and since that early wave of Islamization through centuries a part of the region has been the center of Islamic culture and knowledge (Bukhara and Samarqand in particular). Islam has never been dead here even during the Soviet atheistic rule but with the collapse of the Soviet Union began witnessing Islamic revival. This process was effected by several factors some of which are still shaping this open ended process. The lecture focusing on relationship between religion and ethnicity, between religion and politics will address the impact of foreign Islamic centers that are still playing a controversial role in the spread of Islamic culture in the region. Special attention will be also paid on the factors promoting the rise of Islamic radicalism in the region as well as on the role of local patronage networks – regional solidarity groups, clans, tribal groups which are used by the Islamist movements and parties in their political struggle against the ruling regimes.

**Prof. Dr. Vitaly Naumkin** is Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences. Since 1998 he is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal *Vostok-Oriens*, Russian Academy of Sciences. In 1991, he was Visiting Professor at the American University in Cairo, and in 2003, Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. His publications (about 500, in different languages) include *Radical Islam in Central Asia: between Pen and Rifle* (2005), *Russian Oriental Studies* (2004; editor/coauthor), *Red Wolves of Yemen: National Front in Revolution* (2004), *Central Asia and Transcaucasia: Ethnicity and Conflict* (1994), *Central Asia: State, Religion, Society* (1993; editor/coauthor), *History of the Arab World* (1989, 1990). He was awarded by a number of national and foreign prizes and decorations. In 2007, Prof. Naumkin was appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations an Ambassador for the Alliance of Civilizations. Currently he is Member of the Consultative Board under Security Council of Russia; Member of the Consultative Council under Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia; Member of High-level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNO).

#### Venue:

Zentrum Moderner Orient  
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#### Moderation:

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The lecture will be held in  
English.

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