



Public Panel “Religion as a Source of Stability/Instability in the Caucasus”,
May 25, 2016 18:00
RANEPa, Prechistenskaia nab., 11, room 22

We invite you to take part in the Public Panel “**Religion as a Source of Stability/Instability in the Caucasus**” that will take place on **25th May, 2016 at 18:00 (Moscow, Prechistenskaia nab., 11, room 22, RANEPa)**. The Public Panel will present some results of the Project sponsored by the European Commission, “**Internal and External Sources of Stability/Instability in the Caucasus**”, run by the Consortium of universities and research centers in 2014-2016. The Project deals with various aspects of current developments in the Caucasus as a wide region that includes both South and North: economy, internal politics, geopolitical conflicts, civil society, etc.

This Panel will specifically focus on just one aspect of the current sociopolitical processes in the Caucasus: **the role of religion**. The questions of the panel are as follows: Does religion play, overall, a stabilizing or de-stabilizing role in the region as a whole and in each particular republic? What are the main trends in the evolution of formal religious institutions, informal religious practices, and how religions are included in the secular political contexts? What are principal differences between the place and the role of various Christian and Muslim actors in today’s societies? What are major external religious influences that impact the structural transformations of societies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and the republic of the Northern Caucasus?

The Panel will bring together scholars and experts in the region:

Igor Alexeev, Russian State University of the Humanities

Alexander Krylov, Society for Caucasian Studies

Ruslan Kurbanov, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

Silvia Serrano, EHESS, Paris

Murat Shogenov, Kabardino-Balkarian State University

Alexander Agadjanian, Russian State U of the Humanities

The event is open to public and press, pre-registration is necessary. Please, send your application until 15:00 23.05.2016 to: sofyaragozina@gmail.com. If you want to be accredited as a journalist, please send us an e-mail with theme “Accreditation: Religion in the Caucasus”. You can reach us at the number: 8-916-920-26-98

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