

TAJIKISTAN BETWEEN IRAN AND ISLAM: Nationalism and Identity in Post-Soviet Central Asia

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The Republic of Tajikistan came into being in late 1991 as a state with no historical precedent, after centuries of Russian rule and Turkic dominance. Since then, the Tajik political establishment has sought to create a new national identity for Tajiks, while navigating between their Iranian heritage, Islamic tradition and the challenges of a post-Soviet Central Asia. Where is Tajikistan headed—and what can we learn from this about contemporary Central Asia in general?

Join us for a farewell
reception following the
lecture.

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