



Lecture

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Women's Translocal Peacebuilding: Family, Neighborhood, State, and International Organisations in Southern Kyrgyzstan

Lecture by Aksana Ismailbekova as part of the lecture series "Central Eurasian Studies and Translocality: A Debate Unfolding"

Venue

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There has been a significant amount of research on peacebuilding in Central Asia in general and in Kyrgyzstan in particular. This has helped us understand social and political processes in the republic itself while it also contributed towards a better general understanding of the shortcomings of the liberal peacebuilding framework. However, this work has, with rare exceptions, focused largely on male peacebuilding, both at the state and international levels. Aksana Ismailbekova offers a corrective to that trend, illuminating the role of women peacebuilders in the post-conflict city of Osh. Based on ethnographic research conducted in 2016, she argues that women have an important informal role in peacebuilding, which has been missed in existing accounts. Following Kandiyoti, she contends that women peacemakers engage in a form of bargaining whereby they

accept the gender rules of patriarchy in order to be able to influence social outcomes to their benefit. In this line, the translocal aspect of women's peacebuilding processes is based on the interconnectedness of family, neighbourhood, state and international dimensions.

Aksana Ismailbekova completed her dissertation at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle. Based on her PhD dissertation, she wrote the monograph 'Blood Ties and the Native Son: Poetics of Patronage in Kyrgyzstan', which was published by Indiana University Press in 2017. At ZMO she is working on her Habilitation project 'Future Building in Central Asia: Intergenerational Cooperation, Infrastructure, and Translocal Mobilities.'

