



# ISLAM AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IN RUSSIAN PRISONS: CASE STUDY OF UZBEK TRANSNATIONAL PRISONERS IN RUSSIAN PENAL INSTITUTIONS

ACGIS Guest Lecture with Rustom Urinboyev

Explore the impact of Central Asian migration on Russian prisons in this presentation. The collapse of the Soviet Union has turned Russia into a major migration destination, with a surge in Central Asian transnational prisoners. The presentation examines how this influx has reshaped power dynamics within these prisons, challenging the perception that Russian prisons have historically been blind to ethnicity and religion. Insights are drawn from extensive ethnographic research conducted in Moscow, Russia, and Fergana, Uzbekistan, from 2014 to 2020.

Rustom Urinboyev is an Associate Professor of Sociology of Law, conducting interdisciplinary research on migration, corruption, governance, and penal institutions in Russia, Central Asia, and Turkey. He authored the book *Migration and Hybrid Political Regimes: Navigating the Legal Landscape in Russia* (2020, University of California Press).

Pizza and refreshments will be served.



Wednesday  
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM  
October 18, 2023



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