

# Workshop on Civil Society in Kazakhstan and Central Asia

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Woodrow Wilson Center  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
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**Thursday January 20, 2011**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Woodrow Wilson Center**

**8:30-9:00 am**  
**Coffee and Tea**

**9:00-9:20 am**  
**Opening Remarks**

*William Pomeranz*, Deputy Director  
Kennan Institute

*Charles E. Ziegler*, Co-PI, Project on Civil Society in Kazakhstan  
University of Louisville

**9:30-11:00 am**  
**Panel 1**

Chair and Discussant: *Bruce Parrott*, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins SAIS, and Fellow, Kennan Institute

*Charles E. Ziegler*, Department of Political Science, University of Louisville, and co-PI, Project on Civil Society in Kazakhstan, "Civil Society in Kazakhstan and Central Asia"

*Ruslan Kazkenov*, Managing Director, Civic Peace NGO, Astana, Kazakhstan, and co-PI, Project on Civil Society in Kazakhstan "Civil Society in the Period of Transition"

**11:00-11:15, Coffee Break**

**11:15-12:45**  
**Panel 2**

Chair and Discussant, *Charles E. Ziegler*, University of Louisville

*Andrey Kazantsev*, Senior Research Fellow, Moscow State Institute of International Relations  
"Social Capital and Development of Civil Society in Central Asia: A Path Dependency Perspective"

*Vadim Ni*, Civic Foundation "Asian American Partnership,"  
"Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making Processes in Kazakhstan and Central Asia"

**12:45 - 1:30 pm**  
Lunch, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

**1:30-3:00 pm**  
Panel 3

Chair and Discussant: *Dishod Achilov*, East Tennessee State University

*Eric McGlinchey*, Department of Political Science, George Mason University  
"Explaining Ethnic Violence in Kyrgyzstan"

*Erica Johnson*, Lecturer and Director of Masters Studies, Global Studies,  
University of North Carolina,  
"The Politics of Non-State Health Care Provision in Central Asia"

**Public Lecture , 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Flom Auditorium**

**3:30 to 5:30 pm**

**"Civil Society in Kazakhstan: Scope and Prospects"**  
(Attendance is optional for other workshop participants)

*Charles E. Ziegler*, Professor and University Scholar,  
Department of Political Science, University of Louisville

*Ruslan Kazkenov*, Managing Director, "Civic Peace" NGO,  
Astana, Kazakhstan

*Vadim Ni*, Executive Director, Civic Foundation  
"Asian American Partnership," Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Friday January 21, 2011**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Woodrow Wilson Center**

**8:30-9:00 am**  
Coffee and Tea

**9:00-10:30 am**

**Panel 4**

Chair and Discussant: Reuel Hanks, Oklahoma State University

*Tastemir Abishev*, Secretary, Commission on Human Rights of the President's Office, Republic of Kazakhstan,  
"The Right to Freedom of Forming Associations"

*R. Assangaziyev*, UN Development Programme, Astana, Kazakhstan,  
"Civil Service and Public Satisfaction: From Functions to Services"

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:15**

**Panel 5**

Chair and Discussant: *Regine A. Spector*, Visiting Research Scholar, Kennan Institute

*Reuel R. Hanks*, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University,  
"Islamization and Civil Society in Central Asia: Religion as Substrate in Conflict Management and Social Stability"

*Marlene Laruelle*, Senior Research Fellow, Central Asia and Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program, Johns Hopkins SAIS,  
"National Minorities' Associations in Kazakhstan: Social Activism in the Name of an Ethnic Minority Identity?"

**12:30-1:30 Working Lunch and Closing Remarks**  
(Workshop participants only)

*Ruslan Kazkenov*

*Charles E. Ziegler*