

NODIRBEK SOLIEV

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EDUCATION

- PhD Student (Jan 2023 - Present)
 - S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore:
 - Awarded the *NTU Research Scholarship* for PhD studies.
 - Nodirbek's PhD research aims to explore the complex mechanisms driving the formation of fundamentalist views within vulnerable immigrant populations when exposed to fundamentalist content. Through in-depth study, it will examine why certain individuals exhibit a propensity for deeper engagement with fundamentalist content and the subsequent adoption of harmful views, while others, despite sharing similar vulnerabilities, demonstrate resilience and resistance to such ideological formation.
 - Main Supervisor: Professor Kumar Ramakrishna.
 - Thesis Advisor: Professor Paul Hedges.
- M.Sc. in Strategic Studies (2014)
 - S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU, Singapore:
 - Recipient of the *Terrorism Analyst Study Award* from the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), RSIS, NTU.
 - Completed a specialised coursework track offered by the ICPVTR – *Certificate in Terrorism Studies (CTS)*.
- LL.M. in International Law (2011)
 - University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED), Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- LL.B. in International Law (2009)
 - University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED), Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

EMPLOYMENT

- Senior Analyst at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), RSIS, NTU, Singapore (from 2015 to 2022):
 - Conducted regional strategic research on terrorist threats and trends in Central Asia, China's Xinjiang, and occasionally in Russia, analysing their implications on domestic and international security.
 - Conducted a review of official media sources and reports issued by national governments and international organisations on pertinent topics, alongside content analysis of extremist propaganda in online public domains. Published analytical findings on identified patterns in propaganda activities and potential strategic intentions of militant groups through op-eds and articles.
 - Presented at expert discussions and training programmes hosted by various international organisations and corporate sectors, including the Global

Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED), Interpol, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and Meta (Facebook) as well as the ICPVTR's annual Terrorist Analyst Training Courses (TATC).

- Research Analyst (part-time) at the ICPVTR, RSIS, NTU (from 2012 to 2014).
- University Administration Office Assistant (part-time), University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED), Tashkent, Uzbekistan (from 2010 to 2011).
- Assistant (part-time) to the Coordinator of the EU-UWED Jean Monnet Joint Programme – “Support for Education, Information and Research Activities on European Union Integration,” Tashkent, Uzbekistan (from 2009 to 2010).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publications:

- “Examining Theological Justifications for Kadyrovite Chechens Fighting in Ukraine,” [*Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*](#), co-authored, May 2023, Volume 32, 80-93.
- “The Digital Terror Financing of Central Asian Jihadis,” [*CTC Sentinel*](#), January 2023, Volume 16, Issue 4, 20-27.
- “Tracing the Fate of Central Asian Fighters in Syria: Remainers, Repatriates, Returnees, and Relocators,” [*Perspectives on Terrorism*](#), August 2021, Volume XV, Issue 4, 125-140.
- “Malhama Tactical: The Evolving Role of Jihadist Mercenaries in the Syrian Conflict,” [*Insights*](#), June 2021, Volume 262, 1-17.
- “The April 2020 Islamic State Terror Plot Against U.S. and NATO Military Bases in Germany: The Tajik Connection,” [*CTC Sentinel*](#), January 2021, Volume 14, Issue 1, 30-38.

Book chapters:

- “The Internationalisation of the Central Asian Terrorist Threat,” in *Terrorism and Insurgency in Asia: A Contemporary Examination of Terrorist and Separatist Movements*, Routledge, 2019.
- “Rehabilitation of Terrorists and Extremists: An Overview of Uzbekistan’s Experience,” in *International Case Studies of Terrorist Rehabilitation*, Routledge, 2018.
- “Kazakhstan,” “Kyrgyzstan,” “Tajikistan,” “Turkmenistan,” and “Uzbekistan,” in *Handbook of Terrorism in Asia-Pacific*, Imperial College Press, 2016.
- “The Endgame in Afghanistan Will Impact Central Asia,” in *Afghanistan after the Western Drawdown*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015.

Commentaries and Op-eds:

“Four Uzbek Islamists Detained in Indonesia; KTJ Denies Alleged Links,” *Terrorism Monitor*, the U.S. (2023); “Why Is the Islamic State in Afghanistan’s Propaganda Targeting China?” *The Diplomat*, Japan (2021); “The Pro-Al Qaeda Indonesian Connection with HTS in Syria: Security Implications,” *The Middle East Institute*, co-authored, the U.S.

(2021); “Syria: Uzbekistan’s Approach to IS Detainees,” *RSIS Commentary*, Singapore (2019); “Al Qaeda’s Resurgence in Syria: A New Caliphate?” *RSIS Commentary*, Singapore (2019); “Understanding the terror threat to the 2018 World Cup in Russia,” *Today*, Singapore (2018); “Malhama Tactical Threatens to Put China in its Crosshairs,” co-authored, *The Jamestown Foundation*, the U.S. (2017); “How Serious Is the Islamic State Threat to China?” *The Diplomat*, Japan (2017); “S-E Asia: An ‘alternative jihad’ for Xinjiang’s Uighurs?” *Today*, Singapore (2017); “Growing Uighur Militancy: Challenges for China,” *RSIS Commentary*, Singapore (2016), republished by *Eurasia Review*; “China’s Militancy Challenge Brings the Fight Home,” *Fair Observer*, the U.S. (2016); “China needs rethink on Uighurs before more blood is spilt,” *The Nation*, Thailand (2014); “Terrorist Threat to Sochi Olympics: Testing Time for Russia” *RSIS Commentary*, Singapore (2014), republished by US-based *Eurasia Review* and *Albany Tribune*; “China’s Xinjiang Predicament: Time to Look Out of the Box,” *RSIS Commentary*, Singapore (2013), republished by the *Eurasia Review* (the U.S.) and *Albany Tribune* (the U.S.).

ICPVTR’s Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis (CTTA):

“Central Asia Annual Threat Assessment: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan,” co-authored, (2022); “Annual Threat Assessment on China: Xinjiang Province,” co-authored, (2022); “Central Asia Annual Threat Assessment: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan,” co-authored, (2021); “Annual Threat Assessment on China: Xinjiang Province” (2021); “Uyghur Violence and Jihadism in China and Beyond” (2019); “Annual Threat Assessment on Central Asia” (2019); “Terrorist Threat to the 2018 World Cup in Russia” (2018); “Annual Threat Assessment on China: Xinjiang Province” (2017); “The Terrorist Threat in Turkey: A Dangerous New Phase” (2017); “The Rise of Uyghur Militancy in and Beyond Southeast Asia: An Assessment” (2017); “Central Asia Annual Threat Assessment: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan” (2017); “Terrorist Attacks: The Politics of Claiming Responsibility,” co-authored, (2016); “Central Asia Annual Threat Assessment: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan” (2016); “Central Asia’s New Threat Landscape: An Assessment” (republished by the Future Center for Advanced Researches and Studies in Abu Dhabi, UAE and The Al-Rawabet Center for Research and Strategic Studies in Amman, Jordan, 2015); “Central Asia Annual Threat Assessment: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan” (2015); “East Asia Annual Threat Assessments: China” (2014); “Central Asia Annual Threat Assessments: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan” (2014); “Caucasian and Central Asian Fighters in Syria: A Security Concern for the SCO” (2013); “Central Asia Country Assessments: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan” (2013).

RELEVANT SKILLS AND TRAININGS

- Teaching Assistants Programme (TAP), an academic course by NTU for PhD students, 2023.
- Psychological First Aid (Certificate), a training course by NTU and Singapore Red Cross Academy for NTU teaching staff and PhD students, 2023.

- Media Interview Workshop (Certificate), Singapore Media Academy, 2014.
- Academic Skills Workshop (Certificate), Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS), Singapore, 2013.
- Power Presenter Workshop (Certificate), RSIS, Singapore, 2013.
- Writing Skills Workshop, RSIS, Singapore, 2012.
- Training courses on Academic Skills by “Iste’dod” Foundation of the President of Uzbekistan (Certificate), Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 2012.
- Training courses on Public Diplomacy (Certificate), organised by the Ministry of International Affairs of Uzbekistan in cooperation with the UNDP and the Center for Political Studies (CPS), UWED, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 2010.
- Training courses on “Human Development” by the UNDP (Certificate), Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 2010.

Volunteer Work:

- Student Volunteer as Legal Consultant at Law Clinic on Civil Cases (Certificate), the UNDP - UWED Joint Project, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, (from 2006 to 2009).