

Canada-Russia/Commonwealth of Independent States Conference
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Muslims in Russia, the CIS and Canada: Cohabitation and Cooperation

March 8, 2013, Leeds 124, Carleton University, Ottawa



This conference will explore the patterns of Muslim and non-Muslim relations in Canada and the Russian/CIS contexts. Conference participants will explore a variety of issues related to Muslims in the East and West within their social, cultural and political contexts. Questions to be explored include: What are some commonalities and differences between the two communities? What are the areas that both communities can rely on for mutual understanding? What are the practical fields that one can explore for further and future collaboration?



Friday, March 8

9:00-9:45 Registration and Coffee

9:45-10:00 Opening remarks by Andre Plourde, Dean of Faculty of Public Affairs
and Igor Girenko, Russian Deputy Head of Mission

10:00-10:15 Themes and questions: co-chairs Piotr Dutkiewicz and Jeff Sahadeo

10:15-12:15 **Morning Session: “Muslims in Russia and Eurasia”**
Chair: Piotr Dutkiewicz (Carleton University)

Panel David Schimmelpenninck (Brock University)
“Islam in the Russian Mind”
Ed Schatz (University of Toronto)
“Was the Rise of Political Islam Inevitable in Central Asia?”
Alikber Alikberov (Russian Academy of Science)
“Traditional vs. Political Islam in Russia”

12:15-1:30 Lunch and networking

1:30-3:00 **Afternoon Session: “Muslim Experiences with Cohabitation:
Development, Governance, and Education”**
Chair: Jeff Sahadeo (Carleton University)

Panel Farhang Rajaee (Carleton University)
“Muslims in Canada or Canadian Islam”
Zijad Delic (South Nepean Muslim Community, Ottawa)
“Belonging and Loyalty of Canadian Muslims”
Nail Mukharyamov (Kazan State University)
“Islam at the Regional Level: the Case of Tatarstan”

3:00-3:15 Conclusion and closing remarks by Piotr Dutkiewicz and Jeff Sahadeo