

Thomas J. Wood
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Tufts University, Medford MA

Ph.D., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Program in Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization, 2005

Dissertation title: *The Formation of Kyrgyz Foreign Policy 1991-2004*. Chair: Professor Andrew Hess, Readers: Professor John Curtis Perry and Professor Sung-Yoon Lee

M.A.L.D., International Relations, 1993

Specialized subfields include politics of Middle East, former Soviet Union and Central Asia, US foreign policy

University of Exeter, England

B.A., with Combined Honours in History and Politics, 1989

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Thematic: comparative small state behavior, comparative foreign policy, nationalism, democratization and elections, Islam and politics, political corruption, politics of diaspora communities, regional integration

Regional: Middle East, Former Soviet Union with focus on Central Asia and the Caucasus, Turkey and Southeastern Europe, European Union

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

09/2008-present Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Political Science, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, SC

Courses Taught: *Non-Western Politics, Introduction to Global Politics, Comparative Politics, European Integration, Middle Eastern Politics, Political Corruption, US Foreign Policy, International Organizations, Russian and Former Soviet Foreign Policy*

09/2006-05/2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Courses Taught: *Introduction to Comparative Politics, Russian and Former Soviet Foreign Policy, European Integration, Political Corruption, Post-Communist Politics, Modern Turkish Politics, Politics of Post-Soviet Central Asia*

09/1997-11/2000 Lecturer, Program in International Relations, American University- Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Courses Taught: *Introduction to International Relations, Islam and Politics, Central Asian Politics, European Union Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, American Foreign Policy, Geopolitics, Public International Law and Organizations*

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

University of South Carolina, Aiken

2010-11 European History Search Committee Member (Departmental)

2010-2013 Academic Services Committee Member (Campus)

2010-2013 Faculty Welfare Committee Member (Campus)

2008-09 New Faculty Orientation Committee First-Year Member (Campus)

American University – Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

1998-2000 Chair, Program in International and Comparative Politics

Institution-building in post-Soviet higher education, designed and implemented a BA program in international affairs for 160 students with 12 faculty

FELLOWSHIPS

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 Civic Education Project, (CEP), Budapest, Hungary

Teaching fellowship funded through the Open Society Institute (OSI) awarded to enable teaching, curriculum design and outreach at American University-Central Asia 1997-2000

1995 Georgetown University, Washington DC, Institute of Turkish Studies Graduate Fellowship to conduct interviews and gather materials in Turkey on foreign policy issues

PUBLICATIONS

Wood, Thomas J. Review of *Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy* by Alexandros Petersen and Fariz Ismailzade (editors). *Europe-Asia Studies* 62:9 (November 2010): 1599-1601.

Wood, Thomas J. Review of *India-Kazakhstan Relations: Enhancing the Partnership* by K. Santhanam and K. Sultanov (editors). *Central Asia Survey* (December 2007): 627-629.

Wood, Thomas J. Review of *Modern Clan Politics: The Power of Blood in Kazakhstan and Beyond*, by Edward Schatz. *Comparative Political Studies* 40:6 (June 2007): 748-751.

Wood, Thomas J. 'Reflections on the Revolution in Kyrgyzstan' *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs* Vol. 30:2 (Summer 2006): 43-56.

OPINION/WEB PIECES

Wood, Thomas J. 'Kyrgyzstan: Too Early to Pass Judgment on Revolution' *Eurasia Insight*, *EurasiaNet*, January 2006

Mikosz, David and Thomas J. Wood. 'You Say You Want a Revolution?' *Democracy @ Large* Vol. 1:4 (2005) 18-19.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Challenges to Democracy Promotion in Central Asia. Paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, University of Michigan Lansing, October 31 2010

Central Asian Small State Trajectories (Almost) Twenty Years On. Paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Regional Conference, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, July 29 2010

Corruption in Central Asia Revisited Panel paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, University of Toronto, Oct 10 2009

Small States in the Former Soviet Space: System-Disturbers or System-Determiners? Panel paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, New York, February 15 2009

Rethinking Traditional Geopolitics. Panel paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference, Washington DC, September 21 2008

Failed Multilateralism or Emerging Bilateralism in Central Asia? Panel paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, March 2008

Roundtable discussion panelist, *New Directions in Central Asian Foreign Policy* at the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2007

Russia Resurgent in Central Asia? Panel paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Chicago, March 2007

Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: Yet to Fail. Paper presented at the Conference on Failed States, Westfield State College, Westfield MA, February 22, 2007

Roundtable discussion panelist, *Kyrgyz-American Relations* at the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October, 2006.

Nationalism Fatigue in Central Asia? The Case of Kyrgyzstan. Panel paper presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual Conference, Columbia University, March 25, 2006

Kyrgyzstan's Place in the World. Workshop presentation given by invitation of the Oxford Society for the Caspian and Central Asia, St. Anthony's College, Oxford University, England, March 07, 2006

An Overview of Kyrgyz Foreign Policy. Panel paper presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference, Boston University, October 31, 2005

INVITED LECTURES/TALKS

Spring Cleaning: Kyrgyzstan's Latest Political Transition: Prospects, Permutations and Policy. Panel discussion by invitation of the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), Washington DC, May 18, 2010

Welcome to the 'Stans: America and the Former Central Asian States. Lecture by invitation of the University of South Carolina Aiken International Programs Intercultural Roundtable, November 17, 2009

The Iranian Revolution at Thirty: Challenges and Opportunities for the Obama Administration. Lecture by invitation of the Aiken, SC International Association, April 01, 2009

The Wilting of the Tulip: Kyrgyzstan's Revolution One year On. Lecture by invitation of the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 04, 2006

Kyrgyzstan's Year of Change and the Challenges Ahead. W.P. Carey Forum Series Lecture by invitation of the Central Asia/Caucasus Institute, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, October 07, 2005

PANEL CHAIR/DISCUSSANT SERVICE

Panel Chair, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference 2009
Discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference 2009
Discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference 2008
Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2007
Discussant, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, 2006
Chair, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, 2006
Discussant, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities, Central Eurasian Studies Society, International Studies Association

Faculty Associate, Walker Institute for International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina 2009-present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Foundation for Electoral Systems, (IFES), Washington DC

01/2005-08/2006 Program Officer, Central Asian Republics (Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)

Managed large grant portfolio of USAID and State Department-funded democratization and civil society-related programs in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; international election observer, Kyrgyz Presidential elections July 2005; lead writer on fully-funded proposals to value of over \$2 million

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Civic Education Project, Washington DC and Budapest, Hungary

11/2000 – 08/2004 Director of Faculty Recruitment and University Relations

Part of small management team overseeing \$4 million per annum program. Directed recruitment and program administration for higher education NGO operating fellowship programs in former Soviet and East European universities

OTHER ACTIVITIES

International Observer, Kyrgyzstan Constitutional Referendum, 06/2010

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Central Asian Youth Network Seminars, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Faculty resource person teaching social science seminars organized for Central Asian undergraduates, 07 and 09/2010

Open Society Institute (OSI) Summer School, administered by Central Asian Research Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Designed and delivered seminar on emerging security landscape for junior Central Asian academics in the social sciences, 08/2002

OSI Summer School, Kazakh State University, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Led seminar on teaching introductory courses for junior faculty at summer school held under the auspices of the Higher Education Support Program, OSI Budapest, 08/2000

USIA/OSI Summer School, International University of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek Kyrgyzstan. Team-taught social science research methodology to Central Asian social science faculty 07/1998

LANGUAGES

Turkish, Kyrgyz, Russian (intermediate), French