

Silk Road Studies

2004 Yearly Report

The Program for Contemporary Silk Road Studies is the first research and policy unit in Northern Europe focusing exclusively on contemporary issues in the ancient Silk Road area. The main activity of the Program is research on security and conflicts in the Silk Road Area, incorporating Northeast Asia. Founded in 2002, it is established within the Faculty of Social Sciences at Uppsala University, and affiliated with the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Department of East European Studies.

The Program aims to be at the forefront in research of the region in Sweden, Europe, and internationally. This by studying new threats to peace and security such as transnational crime and potential emerging conflicts. The research is equally divided between academic and policy oriented research. At present the program consists of totally 10 different research projects, of which the main initiatives at present are the projects on Narcotics, Organized Crime, and Security in Eurasia and on Conflict Management in Northeast Asia.

December 2004

Conference on Afghanistan's Heroin Industry, Washington D.C.

The Narcotics, Organized Crime and Security in Eurasia project is conducted jointly with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of The Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. one of the United States' leading graduate schools devoted to the study of international relations. On Wednesday, December 15, Svante Cornell and Niklas Swanström, Silk Road Studies directors and Tamara Makarenko, Silk Road Studies Associate Research Fellow, were panellists at a W.P. Carey Forum held by the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute on "Afghanistan's Heroin Industry: Regional and International Implications".



November 2004

Conference on Conflict Management and Conflict Prevention, Beijing

The conference was organized by the Program's project on Conflict Management in Northeast Asia and had eleven participants from China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Sweden. The conference discussed the issue of conflict management and conflict prevention with specific reference to the specific circumstances of in Northeast Asia. The participants included the leading researchers in their fields of research as well as distinguished and experienced practitioners. This conference was one way in which the project strives to assist in the development of a culture of prevention in Northeast Asia.



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GUEST RESEARCHERS AND FELLOWS

The Program actively seeks to incorporate distinguished academics and prominent practitioners in order to enrich the research environment.

7 September

Jacob Townsend from the Australian National University was a junior research fellow at the Program for ten weeks. He conducted research within the Project on Narcotics, Organized Crime and Security in Eurasia.

21 August

Dr. Swanström was a Senior Visiting Fellow at Renmin University in Beijing. He taught a course on Conflict Management, Conflict Prevention at Renmin University. He was also engaged at the China Foreign Affairs University as a lecturer. Dr. Swanström also conducted research on regional cooperation, conflict management and conflict prevention. Dr. Swanström's fellowship has been funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

10 May

Kairat Osmonaliev, an Associate Professor at Chui University, Kyrgyzstan was a Visiting Researcher at the program. His visit has been made possible through a scholarship from the STINT Foundation.

20 April

Viljar Veebel, PhD Candidate, Tartu University, was a Visiting Fellow at the program. The visit has been made possible through a scholarship from the Margaretha af Ugglas Foundation.

19 January

Dr. Su Hao, Deputy Director for the Center for International Security, China Foreign Affairs University was a Visiting Fellow at the program. The visit has been made possible through a scholarship from the STINT Foundation.

EVENTS

The Program regularly organizes lectures and seminars for students and researchers at Uppsala University. This is often done in connection with a guest research visit.

26 - 28 November

The Silk Road Studies Program's first conference on "Conflict prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia" was held in Beijing.

23 November

Silk Road Forum: "Afghanistan After the Elections: Development, Drugs and Security"

23 September

Dr. Vladimir Fenopetov, head of analysis, UNODC Europe and Eurasia visited the program and participated in a round table discussion.

24 August

Open lecture on "China's Foreign Policy Choices and Security Strategies in East Asia" by Prof. Qin Yaqing, Vice President and Professor of International Studies, China. The lecture was organized in association with the Swedish Institute.

19 March

Seminar on "Creating New Horizons: China's Foreign Policy in the Early 21st Century" with Dr. Zhang Tiejun, Department of American Studies, Shanghai Institute of International Studies.

18 March

Seminar on "Narcotics, Security and Conflict Along the Silk Road" by Svante Cornell and Niklas Swanström. The seminar was organized in cooperation with Gamla Torget Forum.

4 March

Open lecture seminar on "Chechnya: War Without End" by Ms. Anna Politkovskaya. The lecture was organized in cooperation with the Department of East European Studies.

24 February

Seminar on Korean Security and Regional Security Doctrines with Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow, Dr. Su Hao, Dr. Niklas L. P. Swanström, and Prof. Tom Hart. The seminar was organized in cooperation with the European Institute of Japanese Studies.

4 February

Open lecture on "It's not about the 'Heartland': Approaching Geopolitics through the Study of Geo-Gravitational Centers and Pillars of World Politics" by Visiting Senior Research Fellow Dr. Su Hao.

ACTIVITIES

In addition to organizing events, staff at the Program participates in events organized by other universities, research and policy institutes such as workshops and conferences.

15 December

The SRSP's research on "Afghanistan's Heroin Industry" was presented at the W.P. Carey Forum, CACI, Johns Hopkins-SAIS, in Washington DC. See VOA News Report on Event or Sound file.

28-30 October

Dr. Swanström presented a paper on "The Korean Peninsula in the U.S.'s Post-9/11 Military-Security Paradigm" at the First ROK-U.S.-China Future Forum. The conference was organized at Hallym University in South Korea.

28-29 October

Johan Engvall attended a two-day workshop organized by the Norwegian Police Directorate on "Narcotics and Organized Crime" in Lillehammer, Norway. He made a presentation on "Narkotikahandel längs Sidenvägen: smuggling, stater, konflikter" (Drug Trafficking on the Silk Road: Smuggling, States and Conflicts).

10-11 June

Maral Madi attended a two day international conference on "Multilateral Organizations in the Caucasus and Central Asia" organized by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Oslo. She presented a paper on "How Effective is International Anti-Narcotics Cooperation in Central Asia?".

17 February

Dr. Niklas L. P. Swanström made a presentation (in Swedish) on "Threats to Society: International Organized Crime" at the Swedish Defense Research Agency in Stockholm.

27 January

Dr. Niklas L.P. Swanström participated in a three day conference in India organized by Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis. He presented a paper "The Emperors new clothes: international cooperation against drug trafficking in Central Asia".

12-15 January

Dr. Niklas L.P. Swanström participated in a three day regional conference on issues and challenges on conflict resolution in Southeast Asia which took place in Penang, Malaysia. He presented a paper "Drug trade a threat to security?: a general framework".

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in academic journals is the main written output of the Program's research. The program's researchers also contribute to the public debate by submitting articles to newspapers.

(in alphabetical order)

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Cornell, Svante E, "NATO's Role in South Caucasus Regional Security", *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, No. 3, June

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Cornell, Svante E, "Handelns Fortsättning med Kriminella Medel" (The Continuation of Trade with Criminal Means), *Axess*, No. 6

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Madi, Maral, "Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: Friends Indeed or Friends in Need", *Central Asia - Caucasus Analyst*, 1 December

Madi, Maral, "A First Case of Suspicion of State Treason in Kyrgyzstan", *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, 28 July

Madi, Maral, "Anna Politkovskaya Speaks Out on Chechnya", *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, 7 April

Madi, Maral, 2004 "Who is the New Director of the Tajik Drug Control Agency?", *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, 24 March

Swanström, Niklas L. P. and Svante Cornell, "Transnationell brottslighet: ett säkerhetshot?" Report to Krisberedskapsmyndigheten, *KBM* (Swedish Emergency Management Agency), November

Swanström, Niklas L. P. and Svante Cornell, "Is Afghanistan's Opium Boom Reversible," *Central Asia - Caucasus Analyst*, July 14

Swanström, Niklas and Emma Björnehed, "Conflict Resolution of Terrorist Conflicts in Southeast Asia," *Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence*, vol.16 no.2, Summer

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eralism and International Security., *Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses: SHIPRA Publications*

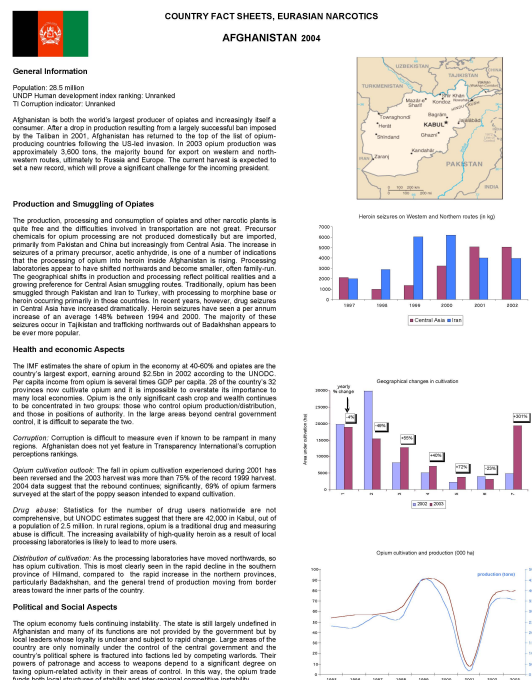
Swanström, Niklas L. P, "The Prospects for Multilateral Conflict Prevention and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia", *Central Asian Survey*, Vol. 23 No. 1, March

FACTSHEETS

The project on Narcotics, Organized Crime and Security in Eurasia are, as part of their research commitment, constructing a database with statistical information on organized crime and narcotics in the region.

Factsheets are containing information on Eurasian narcotics related issues in Central Asia, China and Southern Caucasus (upcoming) The aforementioned regions will be the first set of countries that the research at Silk Road Studies focus on. The factsheets cover drug production and drug trafficking dynamics within the aforementioned countries, starting from mid 90's up to the present time. By developing country factsheets the Program is contributing to the enhanced knowledge out the region helping fellow researchers in their work.

The Country Fact Sheets on Eurasian Narcotics Series was launched on 10 November. Below is a sample of the factsheet on Afghanistan.



STAFF DEVELOPMENTS

The Program is expanding its fields of research and at the same time working with PhD candidates and employing new personnel.

Emin Poljarevic was employed at the Silk Road Program as a Research Assistant and the Project Coordinator with the Narcotics, Organized Crime and Security in Eurasia project in December. His fields of research are state building, security issues and drug trafficking in the Balkans.

Johan Engvall started his PhD studies in Political Science during the year. His main fields of research are security politics in Central Asia, drug trafficking and security, criminalization of states, radical Islam and state building in Central Asia. He is also the coordinator of the Silk Road Forum.

Mikael Weissmann, the Program Coordinator of the Program for Contemporary Silk Road Studies began his PhD studies at PADRIGU, Gothenburg University. He is researching conflict management, security issues, and negotiation in East- and Northeast Asia. He, together with Johan Engvall, is also the coordinator of the Silk Road Forum.

RESEARCH COOPERATION

As part of its contribution to a stronger research environment regarding its focus issues, the Program is formalizing collaborating relationships with other universities, research and policy institutes.

Cooperation and partnership, both formal and informal, is central to the Program and its research. At present, cooperation is ongoing with a large number of research institutes both in the Silk Road region and elsewhere. These cooperative initiatives are under continuous development and expansion.

Below follow the departments, institutes and organizations with which the Program have formalized cooperation during 2004.

◆ The Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, Washington D.C. The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of The Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., is one of the United States' leading graduate schools devoted to the study of international relations. Central Asian – Caucasus Institute (CACI) affiliated with SAIS is one of the major research partners with the Program.

◆ Foreign Affairs University, Beijing

The Foreign Affairs College of China is the sole institution of higher learning affiliated with the Chinese Foreign Ministry. Its mission is to meet the nation's needs for well-trained diplomats, researchers and professional personnel in international affairs, international economy and international law.

◆ Renmin University, Beijing

Renmin University of China (RUC) is a comprehensive research-intensive university. Its main research focus is in the humanities, social sciences, and the science of management. Also, the Renmin University of China serves as a bridge for exchanges between China and foreign countries' higher education institutions in areas of humanities and social sciences.

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The Swedish Emergency Management Agency

(Krisberedskapsmyndigheten)

Sponsor of the project on Narcotics, Organized Crime, and Security in Eurasia.



The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT)

Sponsor of the project on Conflict Management in Northeast Asia.



Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

(Utrikesdepartementet)

Sponsor of the project on Conflict Management in Northeast Asia.



Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator

(Mobilisering mot Narkotika)

Sponsor of the project on Narcotics, Organized Crime, and Security in Eurasia.



Swedish Research Council

(Vetenskapsrådet)

Sponsor of the project on Conflict Management in

Northeast Asia and through this the conference on "Conflict prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia" in Beijing 26-28 November 2004.





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Mission

An increasing number of ‘hotspots’, actual and potential armed conflicts, in the world are found in the area that coincides with the ancient Silk Road, connecting Europe with Asia. The Silk Road area has been an integrated region for at least two millennia and has functioned as a nexus for cultural and economic exchanges over centuries. Today, however, the area is marked by deep social, economic and political problems that pose significant threats to the societies of the region and to international security more broadly.

The region is characterized by a long list of problems. Local societies display widespread poverty, ethnic and religious tensions, and political instability. Meanwhile, there is a serious absence of effective regional cooperation, which impedes efforts to stem the destructive force of the booming drug trade and manage potential and existing conflicts. The increasing importance of the regional oil and gas industry increases the region’s international profile, and makes it a geopolitically pivotal region.

The mission of the Program for Contemporary Silk Road Studies is to be at the forefront of research on conflicts and security in the region; and to function as a focal point for European academic, policy, and public discussion of the region through its applied research, its publications, teaching, research cooperation, and its public lectures and seminars.
