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Johan Engvall

Born: June 15, 1979, Uppsala, Sweden

Current Positions:

Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm 2014-

Non-resident Research Fellow, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute – Silk Road Studies Program, a joint Transatlantic Research and Policy Center affiliated with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University and the Stockholm-based Institute for Security and Development Policy 2007-

Previous Positions:

Short-term consultant, The World Bank, May-June 2014.

Post-doctoral researcher at Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, 2012-2014.

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government, Uppsala University. 2004-2011.
Dissertation title: The State as Investment Market: An Analytical Framework for Interpreting Politics and Bureaucracy in Kyrgyzstan. Defended December 21 2011.

Education:

Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Government, Uppsala University 2011.

Studies in Russian Language at the Department of Russian Language, American University – Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, August 2006- May 2007.

Master Degree in East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2004.

Teaching experience:

Course director, Institutional Change, Intermediate level, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, spring 2009 (5 weeks).

Course director, Central Asia and the Caucasus, Introductory level, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, fall 2008, 2009 (5 weeks).

Course director, Institutional theory, advanced level, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, fall 2007, 2008, 2009 (5 weeks).

Course director, State building processes, intermediate level, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, spring 2006 (5 weeks).

Lectures on Master Course, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University 2005, 2007, 2009.

Lectures on Central Asia and the Caucasus for the course Security Policy Analysis, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Lectures, introductory level, East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2004, 2005.

Lectures, intermediate level, East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2005.

Lectures, Regional Security and Conflict Management in Central Asia, The Silk Road Studies Program, Department of East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2004, 2005.

Seminar leader, International politics, introductory level, Department of Government, Uppsala University, spring and fall 2005, spring 2006.

Supervisor for students on intermediate and advanced level at the Department of Government and the Department of Eurasian Studies (2006-).

Visiting Researcher

Diplomatic Academy of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek, June 2013.

Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, June-August 2012.

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, September 2011.

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies-Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, September-December 2010 and April 2006.

Social Research Center of American University – Central Asia, Bishkek, February, May-June, August-December 2006.

University of Tartu, Estonia, June 2006.

Fieldwork Experience:

Kyrgyzstan: January-February 2006, May-June 2006, August 2006-May 2007, May –July 2008; June-August 2009, June-August 2012, June-July 2013, May-June 2014.

Georgia: September 2011.

Moldova: March 2013.

Coordinator:

Application to the Swedish Research Council of establishing Uppsala Centre for Russian Studies, a multidisciplinary center for building Swedish excellence in research on Russia, January 2009-March 2009. The application was approved and the Centre established in 2010.

Silk Road Forum, a monthly event at the Silk Road Studies Program, Uppsala University, 2005.

Outreach activities (selected):

Lecture on corruption in Kyrgyzstan at The World Bank Country Office. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 3, 2014.

Lecture on anti-corruption reforms at a seminar organized by the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic on “Anti-corruption Model for Public Bodies”. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, May 29, 2014.

Lecture on “The Challenge of Curbing Corruption in Eurasia: Reflections from Kyrgyzstan,” Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, January 28, 2014.

Invited for official meetings with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Almazbek Atambaev for discussing corruption in the country and how to fight it, July 2013 and July 2012.

Interview with Kyrgyz newspaper *Delo No.* on corruption in the country, July 24, 2013.

Press conference, Kabar News Agency, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on launching of the Russian translation of my book on corruption in Kyrgyzstan, July 9, 2013. A review broadcasted on Kyrgyz National Television. Reports on the book and the presentation published in several Kyrgyz news agencies and newspapers, including *Vecherniy Bishkek*, *Slovo Kyrgyzstana*, *Zaman*.

Invited as an expert to a closed conference on Kyrgyzstan co-organized by the Atlantic Council and the Atlantic Treaty Association, Brussels, May 15-16, 2013.

Interview with Fergana News Agency on my doctoral dissertation on Kyrgyzstan, December 28, 2011, reprinted or discussed in several Kyrgyz online news agencies and newspapers, including *Slovo Kyrgyzstan*, *Belyi Parokhod*, *Delo Nomer*, *Dengi i vlast'*,

Lecture on “Forming a New Government in Kyrgyzstan: Is a Fresh Start Likely?” Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm, November 19, 2010.

Presentation on “Evolution of Organized Crime in Kyrgyzstan: From Unorganized to Legalized Crime,” at the conference Instability in Central Asia: Scale, Scope and Regional Consequences, organized by The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University, Washington, D.C., October 5, 2010.

Presentation at the CACI Forum on “Update on Central Asia: Security, Stability and US Policy,” The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at SAIS-Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., September 23, 2010.

Lectures on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan for the “Central Asia and the Caucasus IUME (Intelligence Understanding Mission Environment), joint course Institute for Security and Development Policy and the Swedish Defense College, Stockholm, October 2007.

Lecture on “The Political Arena in Kazakhstan” for a group of Swedish election monitors to Kazakhstan organized by Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), July 2007.

Presentation on “Drug trafficking and state functioning in Central Asia” at the NATO-conference on “Invisible threats,” Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, October 2006.

Lecture on “The importance of law enforcement for state building” at the Kyrgyz Police Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, February 2006.

Lecture on “Narcotics trade – consequences for conflict and state building” at the conference “Narcotics trade – new routes – new challenges,” organized by The Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator, Rosenbad, Stockholm, November 21 2005.

Lecture on “Organized crime: a threat to stability” at the conference “A secure Europe in a better world,” organized by People and Defense and University of Karlstad, Karlstad, Sweden, May 19 2005 (broadcasted on local radio).

Lecture on “Transnational crime” at the Swedish Police Academy, Stockholm, May 19 2005 (broadcasted on Swedish television).

Lecture on “Organized crime and the drug trade as a security threat” for The Swedish Defense Research Agency, Rindö, Sweden, November 27, 2004.

Lecture on “The Afghan drug trade and its consequences for Europe” for the Norwegian Police Directorate, Lillehammer, Norway, October 28, 2004.

Academic conferences (selected)

Organizer of the conference “Kazakhstan beyond Economic Success” Uppsala University in cooperation with The George Washington University’s Central Asia Program, June 12-14, 2014.

“The Changing Nature of Corruption in Kyrgyzstan after 2010.” ASEEES-CESS Joint Regional Conference Nazarbayev University. Astana, Kazakhstan, May 22-24, 2014.

University of Exeter, United Kingdom, conference on The Strength of Weak States in Eurasia, September 11-12, 2013.

University of Newcastle, UK, annual conference on Central Asia, March 2013.

Organizer of the conference “Kyrgyzstan beyond ‘Island of Democracy’ and Failing State” Uppsala University in cooperation with The George Washington University’s Central Asia Program, December 16-17, 2012.

Indiana University, US, annual conference on Central Asia, April 2006.

Reviews

Peer-reviewer for *Demokratizatsiya, Nordisk Ostforum* [Nordic Journal of East European Studies].

Positions of Trust:

Member of the Board, Department of Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, 2008-09.

Member of the Board, Association for Political Science, Uppsala University, 2004-06.

Member of the board, Department of East European Studies, Uppsala University, 2004-06.

Publications list, Johan Engvall

Books:

Gosudarstvo kak investitsionnyi rynek. Osmyslenie korrupsii v Kyrgyzstane. Bishkek: Altyn Print, 2013.

The State as Investment Market: An Analytical Framework for Interpreting Politics and Bureaucracy in Kyrgyzstan. Ph.D. Dissertation, Uppsala University, Department of Government, 2011.

Reports:

The Transnistrian Conflict in a Changing Geopolitical Environment: Implications for the EU. Stockholm: ISDP Stockholm Paper, forthcoming 2014.

Against the Grain: How Georgia Fought Corruption and What It Means. Washington, D.C.: Silk Road Paper, September 2012.

Flirting with State Failure: Power and Politics in Kyrgyzstan since Independence. Washington, D.C.: Silk Road Paper, July 2011.

Book Chapters

“Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: Next in Line.” In *Putin’s Grand Strategy: The Eurasian Union and its Discontents.* Edited by Svante E. Cornell and S. Frederick Starr. Washington, DC: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program, 2014.

“Tajikistan: From Drug-Crime Nexus to Drug-State Nexus.” In *Conflict, Crime and the State in Post-Soviet Eurasia.* Edited by Svante E. Cornell and Michael Jonsson. Pittsburgh: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014.

“Hur känner man igen en institution?” [How to recognize an institution] In *Centrala frågor i modern statskunskap* [Central questions in modern political science]. Edited by Li Bennich-Björkman. Stockholm: SNS, 2013.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

“The State as Investment Market: A Framework for Interpreting the Post-Soviet State in Eurasia.” *Governance.* forthcoming 2014. Early online version published December 10, 2013.

“Why are Public Offices Sold in Kyrgyzstan?” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 30, no. 1 (2014): 67-85.

“Efter transitionen: Kirgizistans postsovjetiska politiska system” [After Transition: Kyrgyzstan’s Post-Soviet Political System]. *Nordisk Ostforum* [Nordic Journal of East European Studies] 22, no. 3-4 (2008): 247-270.

“Kyrgyzstan: Anatomy of a State” *Problems of Post-Communism* 54, no. 4 (2007): 33-45.

“The State Under Siege: The Drug Trade and Organised Crime in Tajikistan.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 58, no. 6 (2006): 827-54.

Other Articles:

“Sderzhat’ korrupsiyu v Kyrgyzstane vozmozno.” (It is possible to control corruption in Kyrgyzstan) *Vecherniy Bishkek*, August 25, 2014.

“Kak maksimizirovat’ vozdeistvie antikorrupsionnoi politiki Kyrgyzstan.” (How to maximize Kyrgyzstan’s Anticorruption Policies) *Kabar*, August 14, 2014.

“Uskorenie reform gosupravleniya v Kyrgyzstane.” (Governance Reforms Intensifying in Kyrgyzstan) *Kabar*, August 14, 2014.

“The Political Sources of Kyrgyzstan’s Recent Unrest.” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. June 26, 2013.

“Has the Fight against Corruption Started in Kyrgyzstan?” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. September 5, 2012.

“Kyrgyzstan’s Revolt: Prospects for Stability in a Failing State.” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. April 14, 2010.

“The Dismissal of Minister Suvanaliev and the Struggle against Organized Crime in Kyrgyzstan.” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. February 21, 2007 (with Kairat Osmonaliev).

“Uncertain Future for Kyrgyzstan’s Drug Control Agency.” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. June 28, 2006 (with Kairat Osmonaliev).

Op-eds:

”När korrruption är normen.” [When corruption is the norm] *Upsala Nya Tidning*. December 24, 2011.

“Risk för ännu ett Afghanistan.” [Risk for another Afghanistan] *Svenska Dagbladet*. June 20, 2010 (with Svante Cornell).

”Sverige ignorerar narkotikahotet.” [Sweden ignores the narcotics threat] *Upsala Nya Tidning*. July 22, 2005 (with Svante Cornell).

”Svensk utrikespolitik bär en del av skulden.” [Swedish foreign policy partly to blame] *Expressen*. April 30, 2005.

”Ny demokratiseringsvåg?” [New wave of democratization?] *Upsala Nya Tidning*. April 1, 2005.

Work in Progress:

License to Collect Rents: Making Money from Public Offices in Kyrgyzstan and Beyond. Book manuscript under review.

Franchising and Administrative Rents: Making Sense of Corruption in Post-Soviet Weak States (chapter for book volume on *The Logics of Weak States in Eurasia*, edited by John Heathershaw and Edward Schatz).