

NODIRBEK SOLIEV

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EDUCATION

- PhD Student (January 2023 - Present)
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
 - Awarded *NTU Research Scholarship* for PhD studies.
 - Nodirbek's PhD research examines the categories and persuasive functions of ideological narratives used in extremist propaganda, focusing on how these narratives, in interaction with contextual and individual-level factors, generate varying levels of motivational urgency and shape both violent and non-violent behavioural outcomes along radicalisation pathways in documented cases involving Uzbek-speaking immigrants and diaspora communities in Western contexts.
 - Main Supervisor: Professor Kumar Ramakrishna (RSIS, NTU)
 - Thesis Advisor: Professor Paul Hedges (RSIS, NTU)
 - Thesis Advisor: Dr Sherzod Eraliev (Lund University).
- M.Sc. in Strategic Studies (2014)
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU, Singapore:
 - Recipient of *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 (2015 – 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 (2012 – 2014).
- University Administration Office Assistant (part-time), University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED), Tashkent, Uzbekistan (2010 – 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 (2009 – 2010).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & SERVICE

- Managing Editor (June 2025 – Present); Second Managing Editor (February – May 2025)
Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology (ISIT) journal
 - Manage end-to-end manuscript workflows and peer-review coordination.
 - Conduct desk reviews (initial screening) of submissions for scope, quality, and fit.
 - Undertake full peer review for selected submissions aligned with my area of expertise.
 - Liaise with authors, reviewers, and editors across multiple time zones and support editorial meetings.
- Teaching Assistant, RSIS, NTU
MSc-level modules:
 - AS6046: Religious Hatred: Prejudice, Genocide, and Hate in Asian and Global Contexts (January – March 2026)
 - AS6035: Dialogue: Interreligious Encounters and Peacebuilding (January – March 2026)
 - AS6028: Studying Religion in Plural Societies: Theories, Methods, & Practices (November 2024 – February 2025)

Responsibilities:

 - Assisted in teaching and courses delivery
 - Supported seminars, student discussions, and assessment processes
 - Delivered a guest lecture session as part of the course teaching.

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:

“The Moscow Oblast School Stabbing: Understanding Hybrid Radicalisation and Transnational Online Subcultures,” *The Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET)*, (2026); “Moscow Crocus City Hall Attack and Immigrant Radicalisation: Four Challenges in Countering the Islamic State Terror Threat” (2024); “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

- CITI Program Certificate in Human Subjects Research Ethics for Social & Behavioural Research (Basic/Refresher), web-based research ethics training delivered via the NTU–CITI partnership, 2025.
- Psychological First Aid Training – Advanced (Certificate, 2025) and Basic (Certificate, 2023), training courses for teaching staff and PhD students delivered by NTU & the Singapore Red Cross Academy.
- Academic Writing in the Humanities & Social Sciences, NTU PhD training, 2024.
- Publishing in the Humanities & Social Sciences, NTU PhD training, 2024
- Epigeum Research Integrity Course (RI-ERIC) for Social & Behavioural Sciences, PhD research-integrity training conducted via the NTU–Epigeum partnership, 2024.
- Teaching Assistants Programme (TAP), NTU PhD training, 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).