Question 1: Please Comment on what you think worked well during the workshop and what did not work so well.

- I think the format worked excellently and gave ample time for discussion. The combination of Central Asian specialists with those working on the Middle East and elsewhere provided an opportunity for comparative analysis.
- Worked well: Comparative dimension assessing the state of Islam, secularism and security across multiple countries and contexts. Environment created some interesting interactions with policymakers and practitioners, although these did not take much of a leading role in presenting. Did not work well: There were some repetitions between the UK and US workshop.
- The distribution of papers in advance was good - it means the speakers can cut to the chase - but you have to make sure people actually read them - perhaps there could be a shorter version - a summary to get people to read the papers in advance.
- Probably having a relatively closed group of researchers and academic which provided a save environment to share opinion/ ideas
- The size of the group was perfect. I was sorry to miss the public aspect of the event due to teaching commitments; it would have been great to have this in the evening.

Question 2: Do you have any thoughts on the idea and process of writing and publishing short articles after the workshop(s). (We appreciate comments both from those who wrote an article and those who did not.)

- I thought the idea of publishing short pieces on secularism and religion to be an excellent way presenting some of the ideas discussed at the workshop to a broad audience.
- The workshop spurred me to turn my presentation into a short online article. The article helped me refine my thinking on issues surrounding radicalization and counter-radicalization policies.
- I was a commentator on the work of others - but I would have thought brief summaries might be of use - not abstracts, longer than abstracts - one page of A4 or something similar
- Was not involved in presenting papers
- This was very useful. I was glad to see the articles from others (though I didn’t know they had published until I published my own).

Question 3: What key recommendations, action points or outcomes emerged from the discussions for you?

- An appreciation of the multiple and complex state-religion arrangements existing across the Muslim world; The need for further research on the root causes of radicalization, which appears a field dominated by 'myths' more than carefully researched findings; I developed some useful contacts with US-based policymakers and analysts
- papers and summaries of papers - more than abstracts distributed in advance; some focus on secularisms rather than a simply secularism - there are many different types it seems from our conversations; Atheism - what sort of intellectual challenge does this pose for Islam - or is Atheism a "western" problem - in Central Asia, it is strange for people to self-identify as atheists.
- See the above comment

Question 4: Have the discussions informed any of your more recent work? Please specify.

- As well as publishing a piece in RFE/RL, I have also published pieces that discussed the implications of assertive secularism on Jihadology.net, Jamestown and RUSI. The discussions over situating the "secular" and the "religious" helped me negotiate these boundaries during my recent fieldwork in Moscow.
The short article I wrote on American foreign and countering violent extremism has led me to do new research and refined my thinking on the issue. I am assigning the article to my students to read and some of its conclusions will inform one of the chapters of the book I am currently writing.

The theme of secularism seems to be reoccurring - the question is whether we can bring the various perspectives into a coherent whole - certainly the case with which we use terms is needed - I have started using secularism in a more careful way now.

They touched upon some arguments made in my recently submitted PHD work.

This workshop spoke squarely to my research agenda, so yes they have. I learned a lot about regions other than my own and how the dynamics are similar or differ.

Question 5: Any further comments. If you are willing to chat about your comments further, please add your name and e-mail here, or e-mail John and David directly.