Radicalism, Morality, Islam and Authority in the Kyrgyz Republic (with a comparative endnote on Albania)

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The active reemergence of religion in post-socialist countries has been accompanied by the fear that increased Islamic practice presents a radical threat to the state. Contrasting the discourse of danger associated with banned Islamic groups in the Kyrgyz Republic to the way that local knowledge shapes practice reveals that everyday life experiences frame understandings of morality, the legitimacy of authority, and the structures that are drawn upon to maintain local order.

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