

PRESS RELEASE

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The Tian Shan Policy Center (TSPC) of the American University of Central Asia is now launching a project on "Protecting the Rights of Kyrgyz Migrants" (2012-2014). Its purpose is to raise awareness and heighten the level of debate on the policy issues relevant to protecting Kyrgyz migrants and their families. With a grant from the Open Society Foundations Central Eurasia Project, the TSPC will conduct research and analysis, and disseminate findings of best practices and standards for consideration by policy-makers, international agencies, as well as NGOs in the Kyrgyz Republic. It will facilitate more robust dialogue of reforms by convening stakeholder dialogue meetings. The TSPC anticipates that the Project can help strengthen the work of government, policy-makers, and NGOs.

Hundreds of thousands of people from Central Asian countries cross borders every year in search of a better life or to help their families. More than half of the 10 million migrants now working in