



(U) NEW COURSE: Instability and Challenges in the Caucasus

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(U) NSA and the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) School of Advanced International Studies, in a joint collaboration, will present a 3 day seminar titled "Instability and Challenges in the Caucasus". The seminar will be presented in the **FANX 2 Auditorium on 16, 17&18 September from 0800-1600**. See registration details below.

Course Description:

(U//FOUO) This seminar will explore threats to stability in the South Caucasus and to U.S. interests in this region. Strategically located on the crossroads of Europe and Asia, the Caucasus is plagued by a complex set of interlinked challenges to security. These include unresolved political and ethnic conflicts, internal threats such as state weakness, looming successions and increasing organized crime. These are exacerbated by external factors, especially the roles of neighboring powers. The region's importance is underlined by significant energy resources. The seminar will conclude by considering America's interests in the region and how it might effectively pursue them.

(U) JHU will conduct 2 days of unclassified presentations, and the SINIOs/NCS will organize classified presentations by government officials on the third day.

(U) REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

(U//FOUO) Student nominations are due by 5 September. Selections will be made by the SINIO for R/E, S17. All nominees will be notified of their enrollment status after the suspense date.

(U//FOUO) NOMINATION: *Eligible individuals who are interested in attending this course must submit the following information by COB Friday, 5 September, to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]:

- COURSE: AREA4125 (Caucasus)
- NAME:
SSN:
- ORG:
- JUSTIFICATION:

(U) STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS: All cleared SID personnel may apply, but priority will be given to those analysts needing a better understanding of the South Caucasus region. In addition, LAO, PAO, and FAD staffers are invited to submit applications.

(U//FOUO) Non-NSA affiliates should identify their agency. Contractors should be assigned to SID and must first coordinate with their CO/ COR, complete the SOP (click [HERE](#)), and forward to [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

(U) ATTENDANCE: This is a contracted course whose relevancy may pertain to a significant number of people. Therefore, students **MUST** be able to attend ALL three days. At this time, no additional sessions have been scheduled. This session will be videotaped and made available via [REDACTED] nsa (click [HERE](#)).

(U) ALLOCATIONS: SID(60)

(U//FOUO) POINTS OF CONTACT:

For course content: Course Managers: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@nsa), E44, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@nsa), E44, [REDACTED].
For special needs assistance: E111, [REDACTED]
Administrative or registration information: EIS/SID Internal Training Team, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]@nsa.
For more information about the SINIOs: 'go sinio' or (click [HERE](#))

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