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China's Ties with Central Asia (Asian Studies 491g)
Syllabus for the course offered in Spring 2002
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Asian Studies 491g
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This new course will explore the historical, cultural, religious, political and economic ties between China and the major states of Central Asia. It will address issues of ethnic and national identities, Islamic social movements, border relations, and foreign exchanges in the wake of the demise of the Soviet Union. Contemporary topics of analysis include cross border trade, environmental conflict, economic development, and regional independence movements.

A course web page will be created at the following site: www.hawaii.edu/dru/courses.html.

Participation: As an advanced reading/discussion seminar course, students are required to complete all readings before coming to class, and two students will be assigned to discuss/debate the merits (or shortcomings) of the articles, chapters or book assigned. Students should prepare a 1-2 page outline of the major points of the reading, and include 3 or 4 discussion questions to frame the session's presentation. The outline and questions should be delivered via e-mail to both instructors and fellow students at least one day prior (Thursday afternoon at the latest) to the class meeting (20%).

Short Research Assignment: Students will be asked to collect a digital archive of web-linked research articles, newspapers, and organizations related to the course syllabus, to be divided in consultation with the professors. Due the 6th week of class (20-30 items) (10%)

Research Paper - Rough Draft: A longer research paper will be required on a subject to be determined with the instructor, due in rough draft form in 12th week of class (10%, with proposal due earlier, worth 5%). Proposal is due Week 4.

Research Paper - Final Draft: A longer research paper will be required on a subject to be determined with the instructor, due last week of class (50%).

Final Examination/Readings Journal: A readings journal is due on the day of the final (10%) (1 page per seminar reading)

Required Books (additional articles to be made available):

Muslims in Central Asia: Expressions of Identity and Change

Jo-Ann Gross (Editor), Edward Allworth (Editor), Duke University Press / January 1994 ISBN: 0822311909 – try to get paperback

Meyer, Karl E. and Shareen Blair Brysac. Tournament of Shadows: The Great Game and the Race for Empire in Central Asia. Washington, DC: Counterpoint Press, 1999. Pp. 571. ISBN: 1-58243-028-106 (pbk)

Ebel, Robert and Rajan Menon, Editors. Energy and Conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Lanham: Rowen & Littlefield, Publishers, 2000. ISBN: 0-7425-0063-2 (pbk)

Humphrey, Caroline and David Sneath. The End of Nomadism? Society, State and the Environment in Inner Asia. Durham: Duke University Press, 1999. ISBN: 0-8223-2140-8 (pbk)

Rudelson, Justin Jon. Oasis Identities: Uyghur Nationalism along China's Silk Road. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997. ISBN: 0-231-10787-0 (pbk)

Course Schedule:

Week 1. (Jan. 18): Introduction to Course [Gladney and Harwit lead session]

Week 2. (Jan. 25): The Great Game and Formation of Contemporary Inner Asia [Gladney]

Meyer, Karl E. and Shareen Blair Brysac. Tournament of Shadows: The Great Game and the Race for Empire in Central Asia. Washington, DC: Counterpoint Press, 1999. Part I.

Week 3. (Feb. 1): Historical Conflicts: Colonization and Resistance [Gladney]

Meyer and Brysac. Part II.
Gross and Allworth: Chapter 7-9

Week 4. (Feb. 8): Post-Colonization and the making of modern Central Asian Identities [Gladney]

Meyer and Brysac. Part III.
Muslims in Central Asia: Expressions of Identity and Change
Jo-Ann Gross (Editor), Edward Allworth (Editor), Duke University Press / January 1994.
Introduction.

Week 5. (Feb. 15): Identity in Inner Asia: Islam and Pre-Islam [Gladney]

Gross and Allworth: Chapters 1-6

Week 6. (Feb. 22): Islam and Ethnic Identity in Inner Asia: The Case of the Uyghur [Gladney]

Rudelson, Justin Jon. Oasis Identities: Uyghur Nationalism along China's Silk Road.
New York: Columbia University Press, 1997. Chapters 1-4

Assignment: Research project for a digital archive of web-linked research articles, newspapers, and organizations related to the course syllabus, to be divided in consultation with the professors. (20-30 items) (10%)

Week 7. (March 1): The Uyghur and the Politics of “Cyber-Separatism” [Gladney]
Rudelson, Chapter 5-7

Gladney "The Ethnogenesis of the Uighur," Central Asian Survey 9.1:1-28 (1990b).
_____. “Cyber-Separatism: The Case of the Uygurs” (forthcoming essay)

Week 8. (March 8): Environmental Adaption in Central Asia and China [Gladney]
Humphrey, Caroline and David Sneath. The End of Nomadism? Society, State and the Environment in Inner Asia. Durham: Duke University Press, 1999. Chap. 1-5

Week 9. (March 15): The Nation-State and Sedentarization [Harwit]
Humphrey and Sneath, Chap. 6-8

Week 10. (March 22): The Environment and Nation-Building [Harwit]
Eric W. Sievers , “Transboundary Jurisdiction and Watercourse Law: China, Kazakhstan, and the Irtysh”
[Additional reading TBA]

[March 29: Spring vacation]

Week 11. (April 5): Economics and Trade: China’s Expansion into Central Asia [Harwit]
Articles to be provided

Week 12. (April 12): Energy and Economy [Harwit]
Ebel, Robert and Rajan Menon, Editors. Energy and Conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Lanham: Rowen & Littlefield, Publishers, 2000. Chapters 1-4

Assignment: Research Paper rough draft due

Week 13. (April 19): The Politics of Petro-dollars [Harwit]
Ebel and Menon, Chapters 5-7

Week 14. (April 26): Nation-building and Expansionism [Harwit]
Ebel and Menon, Chapters 9-11

Week 15. (May 3): Student Presentations/Papers [Harwit]
Student research project presentations
NOTE: WRITTEN PAPERS DUE!!

Final Exam Day: Readings Journal/Final: Due on day of Final Exam