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History 324

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In this course we will examine the history and culture of "Central Asia." In this class, "Central Asia" will refer to many places that share a heritage from a Turco-Mongol culture that dominated Asia from the Black Sea to Mongolia in the 13th century. "Central Asia" is a very flexible term, but in this course we will study the history of Mongolia, northwestern China (Xinjiang province), Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and parts of southern Russia. United under Mongol rule (a tribe? a state?) for only a short period, the tribal peoples of Central Asia eventually found that their form of social and political organization could not withstand the growing power of neighboring empires, Russia and China. These empires, in turn, after conquering Central Asia, fostered political nationalism among the Central Asian peoples. We shall investigate the concepts of tribe, state and nation in Central Asia, looking at change and continuity in social and cultural life in periods of dramatic political and economic transformations.

Books to be purchased for this course:

Aitmatov, Chingiz, *The Day Lasts Longer than One Hundred Years*

Black, Cyril, et. al, *The Modernization of Inner Asia*

Gleason, Gregory, *The Central Asian States*

Hopkirk, Peter, *The Great Game*

Strongly recommended (buy it new through Amazon or some other on-line supplier so that you get the enclosed CD):

Levin, Theodore, *One Hundred Thousand Fools of God: Musical Travels in Central Asia*.

Films: Shamans of Buryatia, Tuvan Shamans, Storm over Asia, Grass, Descent of the Snow Leopard, Waiting for Uighuristan, Generous Manas, Urga (Close to Eden), Beshkempir, Habiba, Three Songs of Lenin, A Mongolian Tale,

Organization:

History 324 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 pm. Classes will be divided between lecture and discussion. There will be some reading that all students in the class will do and will discuss, but each student will also be asked to select an area (place, people, theme) for focused reading, and will be expected to make contributions to discussion based on those focused readings.

There will be three map quizzes.

By the third week of the semester, each student will create a contract in which he/she

selects from the following list the writing projects and exams that he/she will complete for this course, and determines how much of his/her grade each project will constitute. Each student must write at least 25 pages, in total. In your contract, you will set the number of pages you will write for each project, and the date when you will turn it in. Here are the options:

- 1) A comparative examination of two travel accounts as historical sources.
- 2) An essay examining the historical validity of Hopkirk's interpretation in one section of *The Great Game*, comparing his writing with one of his published sources.
- 3) An essay based on a comparative reading of Black and Gleason: does the way that Black, et. al., described the development of Central (Inner) Asia from the 1920s to 1990 help at all in explaining the development of independent states in the 1990s?
- 4) A film review, of a film that is related to your area of focused reading; or a book review, of a book that is related to your area of focused reading.
- 5) A research paper on a topic of your choice.
- 6) An essay that explores Aitmatov's representation of the Stalin period and Kazakh culture.
- 7) A take-home final exam that will examine the concepts of tribe, state and nation by considering the historical experience of one Central Asian people group.

Syllabus:

Tribes

T Jan 18 and Th Jan 20

Introduction; Mongols and their legacy. Read: Christian. Film: *Storm over Asia*

T Jan 25 and Th Jan 27

Nomad culture and religions. Film: *Shamans*. Read: DeWeese, Golden, Humphrey, Lapidus

T Feb 1 and Th Feb 3

Tribes as social and political systems; Silk Route. Read: Barfield, *Tribe and State*; Allsen; Black; UNESCO Central Asian history. Shahrani's film?

States:

T Feb 8 and Th Feb 10

Empires on the Rise: China and the nomads. Read: Barfield, *Perilous Frontier*; Rossabi, *China and Inner Asia*

T Feb 15 and Th Feb 17

Empires on the Rise: Russia. Read: Khodarkovsky, Olcott, ??, begin Hopkirk

T Feb 22 and Th Feb 24

Central Asian states in the age of Empires; Gradual conquest. Read: Allworth, Fletcher, Sino-Russian relations; continue Hopkirk

T Feb 29 and Th Mar 1

Travellers and the Great Game. Discuss Hopkirk. Read a travel account.

T Mar 7 and Th Mar 9

Russian Imperial rule. Read: Pierce, Martin. Chinese Imperial rule. Read Fletcher, Heyday.

Nations:

T Mar 28 and Th Mar 30

Responses: rising nationalism and reform movements. Read: Khalid, Black. Revolutions 1911 and 1917. Read Black.

T Apr 4, NO CLASS, Whitman Student Conference

Th Apr 6 Independence, Autonomy or new Empires? Continue Black; film: 3 songs of Lenin

T Apr 11 and Th Apr 13

The Soviet Union: modernization, collectivization and nomads. Read: Black, Kamp, Aitmatov

T Apr 18 and Th Apr 20

Mongolia and Xinjiang in the Communist period. Read: Black, Gladney. Film: Waiting for Uighuristan.

T Apr 25 and Th Apr 27

1991 Independence. New states, new nations, new tribes? Read: Gleason Film: Beshkempir?

T May 2 and Th May 4

Oil and the new great game. Read: Gleason

T May 9 Last Day of Class

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