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A Modern History of Central Asia
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Course Description:
The course will examine the development of the modern history of Central Asia, taking into account the parallel development in the Middle East and contemporary changes in post-Soviet Central Asia. Major themes will be Islamic resurgence and the rise of national movements in colonial Central Asia, and the interaction between these trends and the Russian revolution. In the end of course the formation of present day Central Asian republics is to be examined.

Reference Books:
Komatsu Hisao, Revolutionary Central Asia: A Portrait of Abdurauf Fitrat, University of Tokyo Press, Tokyo, 1996.


Course Schedule:
The First Semester:
1. Introduction: A Historical Overview
2. Central Asia and Russia (1): The Tatars under Russian Rule
3. Central Asia and Russia (2): Tatar Merchants and Ulama: Economic and Cultural Relations between the Volga-Ural region and Mawarannahr
4. Central Asia and Russia (3): Islamic Reform and Russian Response in the Volga-Ural
5. Central Asia and Russia (4): Changes in the Kazakh Steppes under Russian Rule
6. Central Asia and Russia (5): Kazakh Intellectuals
7. Central Asia and Russia (6): Uzbek Khanates and the Ottoman Empire
8. Central Asia and Russia (7): Russian Conquest of Turkistan
10. The Andijan Uprising (2): Dukchi Ishan and his Order
11. The Andijan Uprising (3): Nomadic Qyrghyz and Russian Peasants
12. The Andijan Uprising (4): Jihad, Russian Orientalism and Muslim Interpretations

The Second Semester:
1. The Jadid Movement (1): Gasprinskii and his Strategy in Cultural Reform
3. The Jadid Movement (3): Russian Revolution in 1905 and the Rise of Muslim National Movements in Russia
4. The Jadid Movement (4): The Jadid Movement in Turkistan
5. The Jadid Movement (5): The Jadid Movement in Bukhara
6. Revolution in Central Asia (1): The Impacts of the February Revolution
7. Revolution in Central Asia (2): Muslim Autonomous Movements in Turkistan
8. Revolution in Central Asia (3): The All-Russian Muslim Congress
9. Revolution in Central Asia (4): The October Revolution and Muslim Autonomous Movements
10. Revolution in Central Asia (5): Civil War in Turkistan
11. Revolution in Central Asia (6): The National Delimitation in Central Asia
12. Soviet Central Asia: A Historical Overview
13. Post-Soviet Central Asia: Great Changes and Continuity
14. Central Asia and Afghanistan: A Comparative Analysis