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Tribes, States and Nations in Central Asia  (History 324)
Syllabus for the course offered in Spring 2000
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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), Kazakhstan, 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):

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

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

Bibliography
1200-1500: Mongols and the world they made

1500-1800: Expanding Empires, and the End of Nomad Dominance
Barfield, Thomas, *The Perilous Frontier*. Ch. 1, The Steppe Nomadic World; Ch. 8, The Last of the Nomad Empires
Khodarkovsky, Michael, *Where Two Worlds Met*. pp. 5-57, Ch. 1, Kalmyk Nomadic Society
Rossabi, Morris, *China and Inner Asia*. pp. 139-191; Chapter 6, the Decline of Inner Asia; Ch. 7, Cracks in the Ch‘ing Empire: Muslim Revolts

[needs something on early Russian expansion into Kazak steppe: Olcott?]

1800 to present:
Regressions:
Hiro, Dilip, ???
Humphrey, Caroline, *Shamans and Elders*. Ch. 4 Male and Female Traditions in Ritual pp. 141-182

Eastern (Chinese) Turkistan, or Xinjiang
Forbes, Andrew, *Warlords and Muslims*
Rudelson, Justin, *Oasis Identities: Uyghur nationalism along China's Silk Road.*

**Mongolia**
Baabar, *Twentieth century Mongolia*
Lattimore, Owen, *Nomads and Commissars, Mongolia Revisited*

**Russia's Nearest Others: Tatars, Kalmyks, and the North Caucasus**
Rorlich, Azade-Ayse, *The Volga Tatars*

**Kazakstan and Kirgizstan**
Bacon, Elizabeth, *Central Asians under Russian Rule*
Olcott, Martha, *The Kazakhs*

**Kokand, Bukhara, and Khiva, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan**
Allworth, Edward, *The Uzbeks*
Carrere d'Encausse, Helene, *Islam and the Russian Empire*, Ch. 1, Bukhara on the eve of Russian Conquest, pp. 3-36.
Hetmanek, Allen, "Islamic revolution and jihad come to the former Soviet Central Asia: the case of Tajikistan," *Central Asian Survey* 12:3 1993 365-378?.

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Kamp, Marianne, "Pilgrimage and Performance: Women and the Imagining of Uzbek National Identity in the 1920s".
Khalid, Adeeb, *The Politics of Muslim Cultural Reform: Jadidism in Tsarist Central Asia*
Massell, Gregory, *The Surrogate Proletariat*
Park, Alexander, *Bolshevism in Turkistan.*
Perry, John, *The Sands of the Oxus* (translation of Sadreddin Ayni's memoir)

**General works:**
Khazanov, Anatoly, *Nomads and the Outside World.*
Suny, Ron, *The Revenge of the Past*, Ch. 3, The Soviet Experience, pp. 84-126

**Travel Accounts and Great Game participant accounts:**
Boulger, Demetrius, *The Life of Yakoob Beg* (1878)
Boulger, Demetrius, *The Central Asian Question: essays on Afghanistan, China, and Central Asia* (1885)
Curzon, George [Lord], *Russia in Central Asia in 1889, and the Anglo-Russian Question* (1889)
Dunmore, The Pamirs...[1893]
Fleming, Peter, *News from Tartary* [1936]
Forbes, Rosita, *Forbidden Road, Kabul to Samarkand*
Forsyth, Sir Thomas, *The Autobiography and Reminiscences of Sir Dougals Forsyth* [1887]
Hughes, Langston, *I Wonder as I Wander* [pub. 1956, about 1930s travels]
Ignatiev, N. P., *Mission to Khiva, Bukhara* (1851)
Khanykov, *Bokhara, its Emire and People* (1841)
Kisch, Egon Erwin, *Changing Asia* [1930s]
Kunitz, Joshua, *Dawn over Samarkand* [1935]
Lansdell, Henry, *Through Central Asia*...[1887]
Lattimore, Owen, *Desert Road to Turkestan* [1929]
MacGahan, J.A., *Campigning on the Oxus* (1874)
Maclean, Fitzroy, *Eastern Approaches* [1949]
Maillert, Ella, *Turkestan Solo* [1930s]
Marvin, Charles, *An Eye-witnesses' account of the disastrous Russian campign against the Akhal Teke Turcomans* (1880)
Meakin, Annette ???
Przheval'skii, N., *From Kulja* (1879)
Stein, Aurel, *Innermost Asia* [1928]
Strong, Anna Louse, *Red Star in Samarkand* [1929]
Strong, *Road to the Grey Pamir* [1931]
Younghusband, Francis, *The Heart of a Continent* [1884-1894]
Wolff, *A Mission to Bokhara*, (or Narrative of a Mission to Bukhara) 1841