

Syllabus

FROM THE SILK ROUTE TO AFGHANISTAN: AN INTRODUCTION TO
CENTRAL ASIA

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 Spring 1988 Mon.Wed.Fri. 12:05 Room 395 Van Hise

- Sessions: 1 Geography as a determinant of CA politics and
civilization (Slides)
- 2 Ethnographic distribution of people: effects
on past and present (Slides)
- 3 Pastoral and oasis cultures
- 4 Patterns of trade: the silk route
- 5 Iranian tribal movements
- 6 Empires of the steppe: the early phase
(slides)
- 7 Greco-Roman culture on the silk route
- 8 Archeology as a source for Central Asian
history (slides)
- 9 Numismatics - the coin of history
- 10 The religions of Central Asia - Buddhism,
Christianity, Judaism, Manichaeism,
Zoroastrianism
- 11 as above
- 12 The spread of Islam
- 13 as above
- 14 The Impact of Islam on Central Asian history
- 15 Review
- 16 *** MID-TERM ***
- 17 Religious Institutions
- 18 Mysticism in its religious and political
context
- 19 The literary heritage
- 20 Islamic Art of Central Asia
(Slides)
- 21 Languages of Central Asia

- 22 The movement of the Turkic people
- 23 The Turkic folklore of Central Asians
(audial materials)
- 24 The conquerors and social change: Chinggiz
 Khan and Tamerlane
- 25 Central Asians in India: the origins of the
 Mogul empire
- 26 Prelude to conquest: Central Asia under
 indigenous rule
- 27 Expansion of the Tsarist Empire
- 28 Assertion of Chinese rule over Central Asians
- 29 Conflict on the "roof of the world" The
 Russians, Chinese and British
- 30 The "Great Game" and the creation of
 Afghanistan
- 31 Cultural and political revival in Turkestan
- 32 The Bolshevik Revolution
- 33 Resistance and reconquest
- 34 Leninist nationality policy: Ethnic strains
- 35 Union Republics: mechanisms of autonomy and
 integration
- 36 Islam in Soviet Central Asia
- 37 Central Asians between China and Russia
- 38 Chinese Turkestan in the aftermath of Beijing
 reforms
- 39 Afghanistan in the contemporary Central Asian
 context
- 40 The Afghan resistance and the future Central
 Asia

Requirements:

- Map exercise (5%) due Feb 5 (in class)
- Mid-term (25%) multiple choice & matching
- Take-home final (35%) due on May 9 (9 am, 1242 van hise)
- A book review (25%) based on a selection of novels,
monographs and other materials due on April 22
- Class participation and preparation (10%) based on lecture
and discussion

Reading Requirements

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The following books should be purchased if possible. They are also on reserve.

1. Edward Allworth, ed., CENTRAL ASIA: A CENTURY OF RUSSIAN RULE (New York, Columbia University, 1967 - paperback due in the spring)
2. Elizabeth Bacon, CENTRAL ASIANS UNDER RUSSIAN RULE: A STUDY IN CULTURAL CHANGE (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1980 paperback edition)
3. Aichen Wu, TURKESTAN TUMULT (Hong Kong, Oxford University Press, 1984 paperback edition)
4. Louis Dupree, AFGHANISTAN (Princeton, 1980)

Materials on Reserve (in addition to above)

1. Shirin Akiner, ISLAMIC PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION (Boston, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1986 edition [London, KPI])
2. Owen Lattimore, PIVOT OF ASIA (Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1950)
3. Richard N. Frye, A HISTORY OF ANCIENT PERSIA (Weisbaden, 1984) chapters 3, 4, 7, 9, 12
4. Bertold Spuler, "Central Asia: The last centuries of independence," in THE MUSLIM WORLD, ed., F.R.C. Bagley