

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester 1 Year 85-86

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
345	Central Asia and World Affairs (From 1880s to 1980s)	A. Altstadt-Mirhadi 4117 Humanities

COURSE DESCRIPTION

" The position of Russia in Central Asia is that of all civilized states which come into contact with half-savage, wandering tribes possessing no fixed social organization.... If we content ourselves with chastising the freebooters and then retire, the lesson is forgotten, for Asiatics respect only visible and palpable force...The task has therefore to be performed over and over again...and the greatest difficulty is knowing where to stop. "
- Prince Gorchakov, Russian Imperial Chancellor, Nov., 1864

For more than a century, the Russian then Soviet state has systematically moved southward into Central Asia, most recently entering Afghanistan, the traditional 'buffer state' between Russian-held territories to the north and British India, strategic counterweight to the south. After World War II, US influence gradually replaced British and a new strategic configuration gradually emerged. The 'Great Game' was complicated in the 20th c. by the emergence of a Communist power and 'Muslim Communists', by the creation of newly independent states, the exigencies of regional politics, the rise of 'Islamic fundamentalism', the demographic explosion of Soviet Muslims and other factors. These patterns of shifting influence and the myriad political, economic, ideological, cultural, and social factors that influenced them will be the focus of this course. We will strive to gain insights into this world area, its peoples and problems and to develop analytical skills.

LECTURES

Meetings (M,W,F at 1:20) will be lecture-discussion, sometimes more lecture, sometimes more discussion.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

2 tiny, take-home map assignments	(ea.5 % of grade)	= 10%
"Article review" (about 3-4 pp)		10%
Critical/Analytical Paper (about 10-15 pp)		30%
Midterm exam (in class)		25%
Final exam		25%

GRADING SYSTEM

As indicated above; class participation can help not hurt border-line grades

REQUIRED READINGS

ARE TO BE DONE BEFORE THE CLASS AS INDICATED ON SYLLABUS

See instructor for readings, syllabus.

Central Asia and World Affairs:
1880s - 1980s

History 345
Fall 1985
M,W,F 1:20 PM

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Th 10-11:30

GOALS OF COURSE: To study the geo-political significance and recent history of this little-known area of the world (Soviet Central Asia and the Caucasus, Afghanistan and Iran) with particular reference to political, socio-economic, and cultural problems over the past 100 years. Our goal is to foster deeper understanding of the problems themselves and of the natures of the indigenous societies -- an understanding crucial to sensible analysis. The underlying framework of the course is Great Power rivalry from the Anglo-Russian "Great Game" of the 19th c to present US-Soviet competition in this area. We will look at the views and actions of the regional powers as well as the "Great Powers."

READINGS: There are a variety of required and optional readings; some are available for purchase, others are on reserve in the College Library (Helen C. White). Please note that some REQUIRED readings are not required purchases, because we will not use the entire book, because it was very expensive, etc.

Available for Purchase (University Bookstore - Aisle 8):

READINGS PACKET (Designated as "Pack" in reading assignments) - Available at Kinko's (1201 Regent, near Charter St.)

Stanley Wolpert Roots of Confrontation in South Asia

Henry S. Bradsher Afghanistan and the Soviet Union

Richard Pipes Formation of the Soviet Union

Alexandre Bennigsen and S. Enders Wimbush Muslim National Communism in the Soviet Union

Nikki Keddie Roots of Revolution: Interpretive Essays in the History of Modern Iran

Alvin Z. Rubenstein Soviet Policy Toward Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan (required to read in part, but purchase is optional)

Other required and most optional readings are on reserve. Complete list of all readings follows weekly schedule. For your convenience and edification, I would strongly urge each of you to purchase AND USE ASSIDUOUSLY a dictionary, preferably a pocket-sized one which is small enough not to discourage you from using it.

NOTE: We will try to have a lecture-discussion format which depends as much on your preparedness as on mine. Please do your best to have readings completed for each class, to attend each class, and to be on time. Do not be afraid to raise questions about readings or lectures -- if you have questions, other people may very well be wondering about the same things.

ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING:

Two (2) tiny, take-home map assignments (ea. 5% of grade)	= 10%
"Article Review" (3-4 pages)	= 10%
Critical/Analytical Paper (10-15 pp; grads - 20-25pp)	= 30%
Midterm (7th or 8th week)	= 25%
Final (Mon, 16 December)	= 25%

Assignments must be handed in ON TIME unless you (1) have a very good reason AND (2) get my ok before the due date. Unapproved late assignments will be graded down one grade (i.e. from A to AB) for each day late.

Reasonable class participation can raise a border-line grade at the end.

Weekly Schedule

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u> (Notice Occasional Choices!) (Parenthetical = OPTIONAL)
Week 1	
W (4.S) Introduction	
F (6.S) Land and People; Rise and Fall of Early Empires to 8th c.	Caroe, Intro to 2nd ed. & Introductory Survey; Wheeler, Ch.1 OR Bacon Ch.1 (Opt: Caroe Ch.2,3)
Week 2	
M (9.S) Muslim Conquest, 8th c.; Islam in Central Asia	Wolpert, Ch. 1-3
W (11.S) Muslim CA, 8th-18th c.; Rise and Fall of Empires	Wheeler, Ch.2, OR Caroe Ch.4; Keddie, Ch.1; 1st MAP DUE

- F (13.S) The West Intrudes, 18-19th c. Hodgson III:176-222 w/o 208-218;
Keddie Ch.2 (Wheeler, Ch.3;
Hodgson III:134-151)
- Week 3
- M (16.S) Russia Takes Turkestan Gorchakov Memo (Pack); Wheeler
Ch.4 & pp.235-244; Caroe Ch.5
- W (18.S) British Expansion from south; the Great Game Wolpert, Ch.4 and Ch 5 to p.70;
Keddie, Ch. 3
- F (20.S) Transforming Ideas: Keddie "Pan-Islamism" & Kohn &
Pan-Islamism, Nationalism Arslan in Pack; Wheeler Ch.5
Revolution, Socialism (Hodgson III:303-313; Spector)
- Week 4
- M (23.S) Iranian Revolution, 1905-11: Keddie, Ch. 4; 2nd MAP DUE
Constitution and Great Game
- W (25.S) Russia's Muslims, 1900-1917: Bennisgen/Wimbush, Intro & Ch.1;
Islam, Socialism, Nationalism Pipes in Ch.1 On the Eve,
Nat'l Mvt:General & Turkic
- F (27.S) World War, October Revoltn, Pipes in Ch.2 Gen Causes, Moslems;
Civil War and the British Intervention Wolpert, rest of Ch.5, skim 5
Keddie, Ch.5 to p.93;
(Novel Ali and Nino; Caroe,
Ch.6 for excellent overview)
- Week 5
- M (30.S) Reconstitution of Pipes, Ch.4- all; Ch.5- Azerb
Soviet Russia Caroe, Ch.7
- W (2.0) Muslim National Communism Bennisgen/Wimbush Ch. 2-3
- F (4.0) Soviet Russia and Documents (Pack) for class disc;
Muslim Neighbors
- Week 6
- M (7.0) Muslim Communists as Bennisgen/Wimbush, Apndx A,B,C
"Springboards" of Revoltn; White, Stalin and Comintern
CP in Iran articles in Pack; Zabih
- W (9.0) Afghanistan: Reform w/c CP Bradsher, Intro, Ch.1
ARTICLE REVIEW DUE
- F (11.0) Special Class: TBA
- Week 7
- M (14.0) Destruction of Muslim Nat'l Bennisgen/Wimbush, Ch.4-6, Apndx
Communists; Iron Curtain Falls D,E; Caroe, Ch.9, w/o 145-8
- W (16.0) Socialist vs Non-Socialist Wheeler, Ch.8; Wolpert, Ch.7 to
Development: Soviet CA, p. 107; Keddie, rest of Ch.5
Iran, Afghanistan
- F (18.0) World War II and Central Caroe, Ch.15, Concl.; Keddie, Ch.6;
Asia Rubenstein, Ch 3,6 to War
- Week 8
- M (21.0) --continued--

Wk. 8 (contd)
W (23.0) Crises in Aftermath of War
F (25.0) MIDTERM EXAM (tentative)

Wolpert, Ch. 7

Week 9: CA and the Cold War
M (29.0) Overview; US Policy:
Afghanistan
Wolpert Ch 8-9; Honrocks (Pack)
Atyeo(Pack)

W (30.0) US and Soviet Policies:
Iran
Keddie Ch.7 to 160; Yodfat,Ch.2;
rest of Rubenstein, Ch.3,
F (1.N) Soviet Policy: Afghanistan
Bradsher, Ch 2;rest of R'stein,6
Dallin,Martin,Hayden (Pack)

Week 10
M (4.N) Afghanistan in 1960s;
Soviet Friendship
Bradsher, Ch.3; R'stein,Ch.7
W (6.N) Iran in 1960s;US Friendship
Yodfat, Ch.3;Keddie Ch.7
F (8.N) Islamic Opposition in Iran:
Tradition and Revival
Keddie, Ch.8;(her Essays
Ch.1,2,4)

Week 11: Iran
M (11.N) Islam vs Moderrization
CHOICE OF ONE: Baraheni;Behrangi
others TBA
W (13.N) Islam vs Marxism
Rodinson, Intro; Ch.2; Zabih
F (15.N) Revolution and Overtthrow
of the Shah
Keddie Ch.9, Conclusion;
Yodfat, Ch.4-5

Week 12: Afghanistan
M (18.N) Before the Saur Revolution:
Socio-economic picture
Connor (Pack); Bradsher, Ch.4
W (20.N) Role of Islam in Society
Phillips
F (22.N) Afghan CP & Soviet ties
Bradsher, Ch.5-6; R'stein,Ch.7
up to 1979

Week 13
M (25.N) Soviet Invasion;What and Why
Bradsher, Ch.7-9;R'stein Ch.8
W (27.N) International Repercussions
Russia's Muslims
Bradsher, Ch.10 to end

--THANKSGIVING BREAK-- (Needed by all. Well deserved??)

Week 14: Soviet Central Asia
M (2.D) Socio-Economic-Political
Profile Today
McAuley,Henze, Burg in Ro'i
(Caroe,Ch.13)
W (4.D) Soviet Muslim and Iranian
Revolution and Afghanistan
R'stein,Ch.5,9;Yodfat,Ch.6-8;
Shalinsky (Pack)
F (6.D) Soviet Muslims and
the Russians
Rywkin in Ro'i; CHOOSE ONE:
Rywkin, Challenge, Ch.6
Carrere d'Encause, Ch.7-8.
PAPER DUE

Week 15: Current Problems

		THINK!!
M (9.D)	On-going war in Afghanistan	Girardet, Braker, Bony (Pack);
W (11.D)	Iran and Question of Islamic Fundamentalism	Weinbaum in Ro'i; Bennigsen (Pack)
F (13.D)	Development, Western- ization and Nationalism	Review articles in Ro'i book; Possible new articles TBA

Course Readings

Required

READINGS and DOCUMENTS PACK Available at the Kinko's at 1201 Regent St.

BENNIGSEN, Alexandre and S. Enders Wimbush Muslim National Communism
in the Soviet Union (Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1979)

BRADSHER, Henry S. Afghanistan and the Soviet Union (Duke U Press, 1983)

CAROE, Olaf. The Soviet Empire: Turks of Central Asia and Stalinism
(London: Macmillan, 1950)

CARRERE d'ENCAUSE, Helene. Decline of an Empire (New York:
Harper Colophon, 1981)

HODGSON, Marshall G.S. The Venture of Islam (3 vols) (Chicago:
U of Chicago Press, 1974)

KEDDIE, Nikki R. Roots of Revolution: Interpretive Essays in the
History of Modern Iran (New Haven: Yale U. Press, 1981)

PIPES, Richard. Formation of the Soviet Union; Communism and
Nationalism, 1917-1923 (Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1957)

RODINSON, Maxim. Marxism and the Muslim World (New York: Monthly
Review Press, 1981)

RO'I, Yaacov (Editor). The USSR and the Muslim World (London:
George Unwin & Allen, 1984)

RUBENSTEIN, Alvin Z. Soviet Policy Toward Turkey, Iran and
Afghanistan (NY: Praeger, 1982)

RYWKIN, Michael. Moscow's Muslim Challenge (Armonk, NY:
Sharpe, 1983)

WHEELER, Geoffrey. The Modern History of Soviet Central Asia
(NY/London: Praeger, 1964)

WOLPERT, Stanley. Roots of Confrontation in South Asia (NY/Oxford:

Oxford U Press, 1984)

YODFAT, Aryeh Y. The Soviet Union and Revolutionary Iran (London: St. Martin's, 1984)

ZABIH, R. The Communist Movement in Iran (Berkeley: U of California Press, 1966)

Optional

AITMATOV, Chingiz. A Day Lasts Longer than an Age
The White Boat
"Jamile" or other short story from Collected Stories

ATKIN, Muriel. Russia and Iran, 1780-1828 (Minneapolis: U of Minnesota Press, 1983).

BARAHENI, Reza. Crowned Cannibals
God's Shadow

BEHRANGI (Also BIHRANGI), Samad. Little Black Fish (collected stories)

BENNIGSEN, Alexandre and Marie Broxup. The Islamic Threat to the Soviet State (London: St. Martin's, 1984)

CONNOR, Walker. Nationalism in Marxist-Leninist Theory and Practice (Princeton: Princeton U Press, 1984)

COTTAM, Richard W. Nationalism in Iran (Pittsburg: U of Pittsburg Press, 1964) There is also a later, updated edition.

EUDIN, X.J. and R.C. North. Soviet Russia and the East, 1920-1927; A Documentary Survey (Stanford: Stanford U Press, 1957)

KAZEMZADEH, Firuz. Russia and Britain in Persia, 1864-1914 (New Haven: Yale U Press, 1968)

MILLSPAUGH, A.C. The American Task in Persia (NY: Arno, 1973)
Reprint of a 1925 work.

POULLADA, Leon B. Reform and Rebellion in Afghanistan, 1919 - 1929 (Ithaca: Cornell U Press, 1973)

SAID, Kurban (pseud.) Ali and Nino (NY: Simon & Shuster, 1935)

SPECTOR, Ivan. The First Russian Revolution; Its Impact on Asia (Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1962)

ZENKOVSKY, Serge. Pan-Turkism and Islam in Russia (Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1957)

ZWICK, Peter. National Communism (Boulder: Westview Press, 1983)