

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

Semester 1 Year 85-86

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
106	Invasions and Empires: Central Asia from Genghis Khan to Stalin	A. Altstadt-Mirhadi 4117 Humanities

COURSE DESCRIPTION

"Samarkand is a noble city, adorned with beautiful gardens, and surrounded by a plain, in which are produced all the fruits that man can desire" - Marco Polo (13th c.)

"The Mongols had a curious and methodical way of numbering the slain. When a thousand dead had been completed, they placed one body with its head buried in the ground and its feet upwards, so that the thousands might be conveniently counted." - C. E. Stewart (19th c.)

There is little to say about Central Asia that is not implicit in these quotations -- the conflict between the nomadic and settled ways of life, the contrasts between destruction and cultivation, between unrestrained bloodshed and magnificent culture. This course will be a broad survey of this part of the world incl. areas that are today in Soviet Central Asia and the Caucasus, Afghanistan, and Iran. We will cover mainly the 8th to early 20th centuries focusing on patterns of invasions and the rise and fall of Empires as well as the cultures of nomadic and sedentary peoples from Shamanism to Sufism, from tribalism to nationalism. We will strive not only to learn about Central Asia but also to become aware of diverse modes of thought, to see historical patterns, and to analyze information from a variety of sources.

LECTURES

Class meetings (M W F, 9:55) will be lecture-discussion, sometimes more of one, sometimes more of the other.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

2 tiny take-home map assignments	(ea. 5% of grade)	= 10%
2 "article reviews" (5-7 pages)	(ea. 15% )	= 30%
Midterm	(in class)	= 30%
Final		= 30%

GRADING SYSTEM

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

REQUIRED READINGS

ARE TO BE DONE BEFORE CLASS PERIOD INDICATED ON SYLLABUS

Text Packet will be available at Kinko's (1201 Regent), plus other readings as indicated in syllabus.

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Invasions and Empires:  
Central Asia from Genghis Khan to Stalin

History 106  
Fall 1985  
M,W,F 9:55 AM

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Th 10-11:30

GOALS OF COURSE: To expose students to information and materials about a world area that is probably in whole or in part unknown to them; to enhance understanding of Central Asia and its problems in historical perspective; to lay a groundwork for future work in this or related areas and disciplines; to develop analytical skills through critical reading, class discussion, and writing assignments.

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, either because we will not use the entire book, because it was expensive, etc.

Available for Purchase (University Bookstore - Aisle 8):

TEXT PACKET - Available at Kinko's (1201 Regent, near Mills St.)  
Mircea ELIADE, Shamanism  
Reynold A. NICHOLSON, The Mystics of Islam (there are several used copies, more are reportedly on the way; can substitute Annemarie SCHIMMEL, Mysticism in Islam; it is on reserve)

Muriel ATKIN, Russia and Iran, 1780-1828 (required to read, but purchase is optional)

Marco POLO, Travels of Marco Polo (required to read, but purchase is optional)

KORAN (required to read, but purchase is optional)

Other required and most optional readings are on reserve. Complete list of all readings follows weekly schedule.

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. I would STRONGLY URGE all of you to buy and USE REGULARLY a dictionary -- pocket dictionaries are cheap, small and you are more likely to use them.

## ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING.

Two (2) tiny, take-home map assignments (ea. 5% of grade)	= 10%
Two (2) article reviews (3-4 pp) (ea. 15%)	= 30%
Midterm (5th, or 7th week)	= 20%
Final (Tues. 17 December, 12:25 PM)	= 30%

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.

## Weekly Schedule

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u> (Notice Occasional "Choices!")
Week 1	
W (4.S) Introduction	
F (5.S) Land and People	Text Packet, Ch. 1,2
Week 2	
M (9.S) Early Empires to 8th c.	Text Ch. 3, pp. 22-24, 38-48, Ch. 4 (Opt pp 123-139)
W (11.S) Nomadic Life	Eliade, pp. 1-32, 33-35, 57-74, 79-85, 115-122, 145-149, 158-160, (Opt 35-44)
F (13.S) Nomadic Culture	Eliade, pp. 181-259 (Opt Ch. 6, Ch. 13) FIRST MAP QUES
Week 3	
M (16.S) Indian Influences	Text, pp. 141-147 (Opt 147-174)
W (18.S) Islam: Faith and Culture	Text, pp. 74-88; Hodgson 1:71-83 KORAN: Suras 4,5,19,85, 67,68,71,73,75,90-94, 87-89,91-93,99,101-104, 107,109.
F (20.S) Arab Invasion of CA (8th c)	Text, pp. 88-100, Grousset*, pp. 115-126

\*Grousset is marvelous, but has MANY names of people and places: you need not memorize. But accustom yourself to the major people, places, etc.

Week 4

- M (22.S) Islam in CA Grousset, pp. 141-170; Bosworth, Frye articles ("Readings")
- W (25.S) Development of Sufism Nicholson, all OR Schimmel, Ch.1, 2,5 (Opt: Schimmel)
- F (27.S) Sufism - cont'd

Week 5

- M (20.S) Enter the Mongols Under Genghis Khan (13th c.) Text, pp.103-107,409-416, Grousset pp. 199-225
- W (2.0) Life in Mongol Empire (Opt: Hambly, Ch.7)
- F (4.0) Golden Horde; Timur Text, pp.107-115, Marco Polo, Bk.1 (14th c., (Opt: Clavijo travels)

Week 6

- M (7.0) CA Under Timur; Shaybanids Hambly, Ch. 11 OR Grousset, pp. 409-433
- W (9.0) Review
- F (11.0) Mid-Term (Tentative)

Week 7

- M (14.0) Great Dynasties (Origins) Text, 115-121, 229-235 (15th-16th c) (Opt to p.244)
- W (16.0) Great Dynasties (Political and Military Development) Text (VOL.2) II:25-32, Hambly, Ch.12 OR Grousset Ch. 13
- F (18.0) Great Dynasties (Religion, Culture) Jenkins, Duckett articles in "Readings": SECOND MAP DUE

Week 8

- M (21.0) Expansion of Muscovy(15th c) and Tsar's Muslim Subjects Text II:201-214 (Opt to 221) & Grousset, Ch.12
- W (23.0) Decline of Great Dynasties Hambly, Ch.13
- F (25.0) Rise of the West (17th c) Hodgson III:134-161 (w/o Ottoman)

Week 9

- M (28.0) Empire in Russia and Muslim Lands (18th c.) Hodgson III:176-222, Hambly, pp.187-197; Atkin, TBA
- W (30.0) CA in Flux Text II:32-38
- F (1.N) Creation of Afghanistan Fraser-Tytler, pp.47-70 (Opt 1-47)

Week 10

- M (4.N) Russia Moves into the Caucasus (19th c.) Text II:38-47, 222-225, Atkin, TBA (Opt: Henze in CAS)
- W (5.N) Origins of the Great Game Text II:251-256, Fraser-Tytler, pp.70-120; Layard("Read")
- F (8.N) Russian Conquest of the Steppe and Turkestan Hambly, pp. 197-207; McGahan Hedin in "Readings"

Week 11

M (11.N) Kazakhstan and Turkestan  
W (13.N) under Tsarist Rule

Hambly, Ch.15 OR Wheeler, pp 48-96  
(Opt: Becker)

CHOOSE ONE of the following  
traveller's accounts and  
read about 50-100 pages:  
Vambery, MacGahan, Marvin,  
Poulger, O'Donovan,  
de la Costa, Curzon.

F (15.N) The Great Game in CA

Fraser-Tytler, pp. 120-150  
SECOND ARTICLE REVIEW DUE

Week 12

M (18.N) Pan-Islamism, Pan-Turkism

Keddie "Pan-Islamism" (Readings)  
(Opt. Lemerrier in CAS Vol.1)

W (20.N) Industrialization,  
Nationalism, Socialism

Bennigsen, Pt.1; Kohn (Readings)  
Connor (Readings)

F (22.N) Russo-Japanese War;  
and 1905 Revolution

Spector, Ch 2-3

Week 13

M (25.N) Muslim National Movement

Zenkovsky, Ch. 4

W (27.N) Revolution in Iran and  
Russia's Muslims

Text II: 256-257 + 275

--THANKSGIVING BREAK--(Much needed; well deserved??)

Week 14

M (2.D) Great Game in Iran and  
Afghanistan

Hodgson III 303-313; Fraser-  
Tytler, pp. 150-180

W (4.D) The World War and  
the Muslim World

Zenkovsky, Ch.9, Hambly Ch. 16

F (6.D) Bolshevnik Revolution  
and Civil War

Zenkovsky, Ch. 10 (Opt: AJS and  
Ning)

Week 15

M (9.D) Reconstituting Soviet Russia  
Nation-Building

Bennigsen, Ch. 6,9

W (11.D) Reform in Iran and  
Afghanistan. Nation-Building?

Text II:416-424, 436-7;  
Stark ("Readings")

F (13.D) National Identity in CA

Bennigsen, Ch.14 (Opt. Ch.15)  
AND Choose one of the following  
Rywkin, Ch.6, Carrera d'Encause,  
Ch. 7-8, CAS Vol 1, articles by  
Shalincky or Girardet

## Course Readings

### Required

TEXT and READINGS PACKET- available at the Kinko's at 1201 Regent St.

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

BENNIGSEN, Alexandre and Chantal Lemerquier-Quellejay. Islam in the Soviet Union (London: Pall Mall Press, 1967).

CENTRAL ASIAN SURVEY (CAS): Periodical Room of Memorial Library OR on reserve in the History Library, Humanities 4249.)

ELIADE, Mircea. Shamanism (Princeton: Princeton U Press, 1974).

FRASER-TYTLER, G. Afghanistan; A Study in the Political Developments of Central Asia (London: Oxford U Press, 1950).

GROUSSET, Rene. Empire of the Steppes (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1970).

HAMBLY, Gavin. Central Asia

HODGSON, Marshall G.S. Venture of Islam (3 Vols) (Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1977)

KORAN - Any edition (several on reserve; one on sale)

POLO, Marco. Travels of Marco Polo (Any edition)

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

ZENKOVSKY, Serge. Pan-Turkism and Islam in Russia (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1960)

### Optional

AITMATOV, Chingiz. A Day Lasts Longer than an Age.

----- The White Boat

----- "Jamile" (And other stories in collections)

BAXTER, Wm. England and Russia in Asia

BINGHAM, Woodbridge, Hilary Conroy, and Frank W. Ikle. A History of Asia (2 vols.)

BOULGER, D. Central Asian Question in Essays

----- England and Russia in Central Asia

BOUILLANE DE LA COSTA Around Afghanistan

CARRERE d'ENCAUSE, Helene. Decline of an Empire

CURZON, Lord George. Russia in Central Asia in 1889

MACGAHAN, Campaigning on the Oxus

MARVIN, Charles. Reconnoitering Central Asia

----- The Russian Advance Toward India

O'DONOVAN, Merv Oasis

RYWKIN, Michael. Moscow's Muslim Challenge

SAID, Kurban (pseud.) Ali and Nino

VAMBERY, Arminius (Herman). The Adventures of Arminius Vambery  
Written By Himself

----- Travels in Central Asia