

Course Title: Great Power Interest in Central Asia during the Nineteenth Century
Course No: SA635
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Credits: 3 (Three)

INTRODUCTION

This course provides an understanding of the British, Russian and Chinese policies and activities in Central Asia during the nineteenth century, that is, at the height of 'Great Game'. It deals with the entire region from the Caspian Sea in the west to Tien Shan in the east, encompassing the whole of Central Asia, Xinjiang, Tibet, Mongolia and Afghanistan, providing a holistic view of developments there. While discussing the Anglo-Russian strategies in the region, this course evaluates the implications of these developments for India's north and north-west frontiers.

EVALUATION PATTERN

- i) Term Paper
- ii) End Semester Examination

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Central Asia: Geo-cultural and Historical Perspective
2. Central Asia-India Relations
3. Tsarist Russian Annexation of Central Asia and Russian Policies
4. British Policy in Afghanistan and Central Asia
5. 'Great Game': Anglo-Russian Rivalry over Central Asia and Afghanistan
6. Shadow of Anglo-Russian Rivalry over Kashmir and adjoining territories
7. Mongolia in Sino-Russian Relations
8. Chinese Policies in Xinjiang
9. British Policy towards Tibet
10. Changing Great Power Perspectives on the Pamirs, Xinjiang, Tibet and North Western frontiers of India (in late 19th Century)

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