

Course Title: Great Power Interest in Central Asia during the Twentieth Century
Course No: SA639
Total Credits: Three (3)
Course Teacher: Prof. K. Warikoo

INTRODUCTION

This course provides an understanding of the British, Russian, Soviet and Chinese policies in Central Asia during the twentieth century covering the Tsarist Russian rule, Soviet regime and the post-Soviet independence period. 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. The course discusses the Soviet policies in Central Asia (1917-1991), new geo-politics following the disintegration of former USSR and the subsequent great power strategies in the region. The course also evaluates the implications of the changing scenario, including in the Af-Pak region for both Central Asia and India.

EVALUATION PATTERN

- A. Mid-Term Paper
- B. End Semester Examination

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Establishment of Soviet Power in Central Asia,
2. Resistance movements in Central Asia and Allied Intervention
3. Soviet Policies in Central Asia
4. Chinese Takeover of Xinjiang and Tibet
5. Mongolia in Sino-Soviet Relations
6. Soviet Intervention in Afghanistan and its Aftermath
7. Emergence of Independent Central Asian Republics
8. New Geopolitics of Central Asia
9. Chinese, Russian, US and European Policies towards post-Soviet Central Asia
10. Politics of Oil and Pipelines
11. Revival of Silk Route and its geopolitics
12. 9/11 and Global War on Terrorism: Implications for Central Asia and Afghanistan
13. US Af-Pak Policy and new challenges in Central Asia

SELECTED READINGS

- Adamec, L.W., *Afghanistan, 1900-1923: A Diplomatic History*. California, 1967.
- Adamed, L.W., *Afghanistan's Foreign Affairs to the mid-Twentieth Century*. University of Arizona Press, 1974.
- Aitchen, K.W., *China and the Soviet Union: A Study of Sino-Soviet Relations*. London, 1950
- Fisher, M.V. and others, *Himalayan Battleground*. New York, 1963.
- Friters, G.M., *Outer Mongolia and its International Position*. London, 1967.
- Jackson, W.A.D., *The Russo-Chinese Borderlands: Zone of Peaceful Contact or Potential Conflict*. Princeton, 1968.
- Joshi, Nirmala (ed.), *Central Asia, the Great Game Replayed: An Indian Perspective*, Delhi, 2003.
- Kaushik, Devendra, *Socialism in Central Asia*, Bombay, 1976.
- Kleveman, Lutz, *The New Great Game: Blood and Oil in Central Asia*, New York, Atlantic Monthly Press, 2003.
- Laruelle, Marlene and Sebastian Peyrouse, eds., *Mapping Central Asia: Indian Perceptions and Strategies*, Surrey, Ashgate, 2011.
- Lattimore, Owen, *Nationalism and Revolution in Mongolia*. New York, 1955.
- Lattimore, Owen, *Pivot of Asia*. Boston, 1950.
- Maprayil, C., *The Soviets and Afghanistan*. London, 1982.
- Mc Millen, D., *Chinese Communist Power and Policy in Xinjiang, 1949-1977*. Westview, 1979.
- Nove, A., *The Soviet Middle East: A Communist Model for Development*. New York, 1966.
- Rashid Ahmed, *The Resurgence of Central Asia: Islam or Nationalism*. London, 1994.
- Rashid, Ahmed, *Jihad: The Rise of Militant Islam in Central Asia*. New Haven, CT, 2002.
- Rashid, Ahmed, *Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil and Fundamentalism in Central Asia*. New Haven, CT, 2001.
- Roy, Olivier, *Central Asia: The Creation of Nations*. New York, NY University Press, 2000.
- Roy, Olivier, *Islam and Resistance in Afghanistan*. Second edition, New York, 1990.

- Rywkin, Michael, *Moscow's Muslim Challenge: Soviet Central Asia*. New York, 1982.
- Vaidynath, R., *The Formation of Soviet Central Asian Republics*. New Delhi, 1967.
- Warikoo, K. (ed.), *Afghanistan: The Challenge*, New Delhi, 2007.
- Warikoo, K. (ed.), *Central Asia and South Asia: Energy Cooperation and Transport Linkages*. New Delhi, Pentagon, 2012.
- Warikoo, K. (ed.), *Central Asia: Emerging New Order*. New Delhi, 1995.
- Warikoo, K. (ed.), *Religion and Security in South and Central Asia*. London, Routledge, 2011.
- Warikoo, K., and Singh, Mahavir (eds.), *Central Asia since Independence*. New Delhi, 2004.
- Warikoo, K. *Afghanistan Factor in Central and South Asian Politics*. New Delhi, 1994.
- Warikoo, K. and Norbu, Dawa (eds.), *Ethnicity and Politics in Central Asia*. New Delhi, 1992.
- Quarterly Journals *Himalayan and Central Asian Studies*, *Central Asian Survey*