**An Introduction to Uyghur History (Seminar)**

**2022 & 2023 consolidated**

The Tarim Uyghur History class is designed to run for ten weeks as a series of seminars. **There will be no regular lecturer** in the class; it will be led by moderators. This class requires active attendance (asking questions and speaking in the sections) from each student during and after the class. Each week the students will be assigned to create and present the key points of the readings and prepare some questions to lead the class in discussion. **Students must read the required texts every week** to have an active discussion section. We invite the participants to engage critically with the readings. Each student will be required to write a short reflection every week regarding the readings - general thoughts, questions, concerns, or issues are all acceptable.

**Note**: This syllabus is subject to change!

**TEXTBOOKS**

Millward, James A. *Eurasian Crossroads: A History of Xinjiang*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021. (Please buy the newest version)

**IMPORTANT READINGS**

-Jacobs, Justin M. *Xinjiang and the Modern Chinese State*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2016.

-Thum, Rian. *The Sacred Routes of Uyghur History*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014.

-Bovingdon, Gardner. *The Uyghurs*. *The Uyghurs: Strangers in Their Own Land*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010.

-Rudelson, Justin Ben-Adam. *Oasis Identities: Uyghur Nationalism Along China's Silk Road*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997.

**Week 1 (June 24): Ancient times- 8th century**

**Required Readings:**

-Millward, *Eurasian Crossroads*, ch. 1.

-Michael Robert Drompp, *Tang China and the Collapse of the Uighur Empire: A Documentary History* (Leiden: Brill, 2005), 7-38.

- Michael C. Brose, *Uyghur Technologists of Writing and Literacy in Mongol China*, T’oung Pao 91.4/5 (2005): 396-435.

**Videos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AB4nXADdPPY&t=174s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23oHqNEqRyo&t=223s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST6snzHxq_c>

**Week 2 July 1: 9th century to 16th centuries**

**Required Readings:**

**-**Millward, *Eurasian Crossroads*, ch. 2.

-Rahile Dawut, “Mazar Pilgrimage among the Uyghurs,” in *Mazar: Studies on Islamic Sacred Sites in Central Eurasia*, ed. Sugawara Jun and Rahile Dawut (Tokyo: Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Press, 2016), 3-20.

-Jeff Eden, *Warrior Saints of the Silk Road: Legends of the Qarakhanids* (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 31-86.

**Optional Readings:**

**-**Thum, *Sacred Routes*, intro, ch. 1 ch. 2, ch. 3.

**-**Jeff Eden, tr. & ed., *The Life of Muhammad Sharif: A Central Asian Sufi Hagiography in*

*Chaghatay* (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, 2015), 29-54.

-Mirza Haydar Dughlat, *Tarikh-i-Rashidi: A History of the Khans of Moghulistan*, tr. W. M. Thackston (Cambridge: Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 1996), 39-57.

**Week 3 (July 8): 16th -19th centuries**

**Required Readings:**

-Millward, *Eurasian Crossroads*, ch. 3.

-Alexandre Papas, “Beyond the Khanate and the Caliphate: The Ishanate of Âfâq Khwâja in 17th century Eastern Turkestan,” *Etudes orientales* 25.1 (2008): 53-67.

-Onuma Takahiro, “Promoting Power: The Rise of Emin Khwaja on the Eve of the Qing Conquest of Kashgaria,” in *Yūboku sekai to nōkō sekai no setten: Ajiashi kenkyū no aratana shiryō to shiten*, 31–60 (Tokyo: Research Institute for Oriental Cultures, Gakushuin University, 2012).

**Optional Readings:**

**-**Thum, *Sacred Routes*, ch. 4.

-Muḥammad Ṣadiq Kashghari, *In Remembrance of the Saints: The Rise and Fall of an Inner Asian Sufi Dynasty*, tr. David Brophy (New York: Columbia University Press, 2020), 133-62.

-Laura Newby, “The Begs of Xinjiang: Between Two Worlds,” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London* 61.2 (1998): 278-97.

-Laura J. Newby, “' Us and Them' in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Xinjiang,” In Ildikó Bellér-Hann, et al., eds., *Situating the Uyghurs Between China and Central Asia* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007), 15-29.

-James A. Millward, *Beyond the Pass: Economy, Ethnicity, and Empire in Qing Central Asia, 1759-1864* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998), 194-231.

**Week 4 (July 15): Late nineteenth-early 20th century**

**Required Readings:**

-Millward, ch. 4.

-Eric Schluessel, *Land of Strangers: The Civilizing Project in Qing Central Asia* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2020), ch. 4 and ch. 6.

-Some excerpts from Mulla Musa Sayrami’s Tarikh-i Khamidi (you can find these in Eric Schluessel’s new book)

**Week 5 (July 22): The Republic of China**

**Required Readings:**

-Joseph W. Esherick, “How the Qing Became China,” in *Empire to Nation: Historical Perspectives on the Making of the Modern World*, ed. Joseph W. Esherick, Hasan Kayalı, and Eric Van Young (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2006), 230-59.

-Eric T. Schluessel, *The World as Seen from Yarkand: Ghulām Muḥammad Khān’s 1920s Chronicle Mā Tīṭayniŋ wāqiʿasi* (Tokyo: University of Tokyo, 2014), 1-2, 28-57.

-Jacobs, *Xinjiang and the Modern Chinese State*, ch. 1, ch. 2.

**Optional Readings:**

-Thum, *Sacred Routes*, 163-91

**Week 6 (July 29): 1910s-1940s**

**Required Readings:**

**-**Millward, ch. 5.

-Ablet Kamalov, “Uyghurs in the Central Asian Republics: Past and present,” in *China, Xinjiang and Central Asia*, ed. Colin Mackerras and Michael Clarke (New York: Routledge, 2009), 115- 32.

-Tursun, Nabijan. 2017. “Factors and Challenges of Uyghur Nationalism in the Early Twentieth Century.” In The Uyghur Community, 27–58. New York: Palgrave Macmillan US.

**Optional Readings:**

-David Brophy, “Taranchis, Kashgaris, and the ‘Uyghur Question’ in Soviet Central Asia,” *Inner Asia* 7.2 (2005): 163-84.

-Jacobs, *Xinjiang and the Modern Chinese State*, ch. 3.

-Joshua L. Freeman, “Print and Power in the Communist Borderlands: The Rise of Uyghur National Culture” (Ph.D. Diss., Harvard University, 2019), 54-70.

-Thum, Rian. 2012. “Modular History: Identity Maintenance before Uyghur Nationalism.” The Journal of Asian Studies 71 (3): 627–53.

-Kamalov, Ablet. 2016. “Birth of Uyghur National History in Semirech'ye.” Oriente Moderno 96 (1): 181–96.

**Week 7 (August 5): The East Turkestan Republic**

**Required Readings:**

-Roostam Sadri, "The Islamic Republic of Eastern Turkestan: A Commemorative Review," *Journal of the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs* 5.2 (1984): 294-319.

-Ondřej Klimeš, *Struggle by the Pen: The Uyghur Discourse of Nation and National Interest* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 226-47.

**Optional Readings:**

-Jacobs, *Xinjiang, and the Modern Chinese State*, ch. 4.

-Freeman, “Print and Power,” 112-26.

**Week 8 (August 12): The 1950s-1980s**

**Required Readings:**

**-**Millward, ch. 6.

-Söyüngül Chanisheff, *The Land Drenched in Tears*, tr. Rahima Mahmut (London: Hertfordshire Press, 2018), 242-59.

**Optional Readings:**

-Jacobs, *Xinjiang and the Modern Chinese State*, ch. 5.

-Freeman, “Print and Power,” 186-230.

**Week 9 (August 19): 1990s-2000s**

**Required Readings:**

-Millward, ch. 7.

-Memtimin Hoshur, “Festival for the Pigs,” tr. Darren Byler and Mutellip Enwer, - *Guernica*, 1 December 2014.

**Optional Readings:**

-Rachel Harris, “Reggae on the Silk Road: The Globalization of Uyghur Pop,” *The China*

*Quarterly* 183.1 (2005): 627-43.

-Thum, 191-209, ch. 6.

-Jay Dautcher, *Down a Narrow Road: Identity and Masculinity in an Uyghur Community in*

*Xinjiang China* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2009), 228-50.

**Week 10 (August 26): Colonialism, Assimilationism, Genocide to the Present)**

**Required Readings:**

-Millward, ch. 8

-Sean Roberts, *The War on the Uyghurs: China's Internal Campaign against a Muslim Minority* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020), 131-59.

-Rachel Harris, *Soundscapes of Uyghur Islam* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2020), 168-202.

**PODCASTS:**

The History of Xinjiang Podcast Series:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtH0_8HgSDE&list=PLIbDTFf1FSlHKvHpd1aCl9BvFcMvKN_-3>

Sacred Routes of Uyghur History by Rian Thum:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/rian-thum-the-sacred-routes-of-uyghur-history-harvard-up-2014-2/>

Land Of Strangers by Eric Schluessel:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/land-of-strangers>

The war on the Uyghurs by Sean Roberts:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-war-on-the-uyghurs>

Uyghur Nation by David Brophy:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/david-brophy-uyghur-nation-reform-and-revolution-on-the-russia-china-frontier-harvard-up-2016>

Terror Capitalism by Darren Byler:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/terror-capitalism>

People, Place, Race, and Nation in Xinjiang, China:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/people-place-race-and-nation-in-xinjiang-china>