

CHINA AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD SYLLABUS

WEEK ONE: CHINA AND CENTRAL ASIA BEFORE ISLAM (220 BCE-907 CE)

Monday, July 18

Topic:

- Introduction to the Program and to Chinese Civilization

Required Readings:

- Fairbank, John. *The United States and China*, 17-52, 80-121.

Tuesday, July 19

Topic:

- Traditional China's Relations with Its Central Asian Neighbors
- China and Central Asia: Nomads, Oasis Dwellers and Farmers

Required Readings:

- Barfield, Thomas. *The Perilous Frontier*, pages 1-31.
- Schirokauer, Conrad. *A Brief History of Chinese Civilization*, 27-49.

Supplementary Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. *China Among Equals*, 1-13.

Wednesday, July 20

Topic:

- China and the Silk Roads in Early Times (200 BCE-600 CE)
- China and Central Asia in Early Times (200 BCE-600 CE)

Required Readings:

- Juliano, Annette and Judith Lerner. *Monks and Merchants: Silk Road Treasures from Northwest China*, 15-19.
- Dien, Albert. "Encounters with Nomads." *Monks and Merchants: Silk Road Treasures from Northwest China*, 54-66.
- Watt, James, Anne Wardell, and Morris Rossabi. *When Silk Was Gold*, 3-29.

Supplementary Readings:

- Schirokauer, Conrad. *A Brief History of Chinese Civilization*, 50-76.

Thursday, July 21

Topic:

- **Buddhism and Islam in Central Asia (617-907)**
- **What is Buddhism?**

Required Readings:

- Wright, Arthur. *Buddhism in Chinese History*, 3-20, 42-64.
- Lopez, Donald S. *The Story of Buddhism*, 37-129.

Supplementary Readings:

- Wriggins, Sally. *Xuanzang*, 1-50.
- Schirokauer, Conrad. *A Brief History of Chinese Civilization*, 78-100.

Friday, July 22

Topic:

- **Islamic Central Asia and China: Material and Cultural Interactions**
- **Transmission of Islamic and Chinese Artistic Motifs Along the Silk Roads**

Required Readings:

- Schafer, Edward. *The Golden Peaches of Samarkand*, 7-39, 139-154, 176-194.

Supplementary Readings:

- Beckwith, Christopher. *The Tibetan Empire in Central Asia*, 108-142.
- Schirokauer, Conrad. *A Brief History of Chinese Civilization*, 101-129.

Week Two: China and the Islamic World From the Eighth to the Fourteenth Century

Monday, July 25

Topic:

- China and Islamic Central Asia (circa 700-907)
- Religious and Cultural Facets of Islam

Required Readings:

- Lewis, Bernard. "Politics and War" *The Legacy of Islam*. 156-209.

Supplementary Readings:

- Lapidus, Ira. *A History of Islamic Societies*, 10-111.
- Scanlon, G. "Egypt and China" *Islam and the Trade of Asia: A Colloquium*. 81-95.

Tuesday, July 26

Topic:

- Arabs and Persians in China
- Iran, China and Central Asia in Medieval Times

Required Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. "China and the Islamic World." *As Others See Us. Comparative Civilizations Review*, 269-283.
- Yanshater, Ehsan, ed. *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, "Chinese-Iranian Relations," 424-434, 443-446; "Chinese Turkestan," 460-473.

Supplementary Readings:

- Lapidus, Ira. *A History of Islamic Societies*, 112-132.

Wednesday July 27

Topic:

- China and Islamic Central Asia
- Trade with Islamic Central Asia

Required Readings:

- Curtin, Philip. *Cross-Cultural Trade in World History*, 109-127.
- Hopkirk, Peter. *Foreign Devils on the Silk Road*, 9-43.

Supplementary Readings:

- Shiba, Yoshinobu. "Sung Foreign Trade." *China Among Equals*, 89-115.
- Wang, Gungwu. "The Rhetoric of a Lesser Empire." *China Among Equals*, 47-65.

Thursday, July 28

Topic:

- The Mongol Empire (1215-1294)
- Mapping the Mongols

Required Readings:

- Morgan, David. *The Mongols*, 32-53.
- Smith, Paul J. "Steppe, Society, and the States in the Song-Yuan-Ming Historical Conjunction, ca. 1127-1450." *The Song-Yuan-Ming Transition in Chinese History*

Supplementary Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. *Khubilai Khan*, 53-75, 115-152.

Friday, July 29

Topic:

- The Mongols, Islamic Central Asia, and Global History (1260-1369)
- Marco Polo and the Muslims

Required Readings:

- Wood, Frances. *Did Marco Polo Go to China?*, 64-75, 96-110.
- Avery, Martha. *Women of Mongolia*, entire.

Supplementary Readings:

- Lapidus, Ira. *Muslim Cities in the Later Middle Ages*, 116-142.

WEEK THREE: CHINA, RUSSIA, AND ISLAM IN EARLY MODERN TIMES (1405-1911)

Monday, August 1

Topic:

- THE Last Chinese Travelers Across Islamic Central Asia(1405-circa 1516)
- Chinese Contacts with Islamic Central Asia (1405-1560)

Required Readings:

- Waldron, Arthur. *The Great Wall of China from History to Myth*, 171-193.

Supplementary Readings:

- Maitra, K. *A Persian Embassy to China*, 1-53.

Tuesday, August 2

Topic:

- China and Islamic Central Asia (circa 1690-1760)
- Western China and Central Asia (1750-1850)

Required Readings:

- Curtin, Philip. *Cross-Cultural Trade in World History*, 179-192.

Supplementary Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. *China and Inner Asia*, 106-138.
- Levin, Theodore. *The Hundred Thousand Fools of God: Musical Travels in Central Asia*, 260-287.

Wednesday, August 3

Topic:

- China, Russia, and Islamic Central Asia (1760-1868)
- Russian Expansion to Islamic Central Asia (1740-1868)

Required Readings:

- Olcott, Martha. *The Kazakhs*, 28-56.

Supplementary Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. *China and Inner Asia*, 166-191.

Thursday, August 4

Topic:

- The Great Game in Islamic Central Asia (1840-1900)
- Afghanistan: A Test Case of the Post-Communist Era

Required Readings:

- Vogelsang, Wilem. *The Afghans*, 303-334.
- Hopkirk, Peter. *The Great Game*, 123-164.

Supplementary Readings:

- Meyer, Karl. *Tournament of Shadows*, 52-136.

Friday, August 5

Topic:

- The Decline of China and Islamic Central Asia (1842-1911)
- Islamic Insurgencies in China and Central Asia (1862-1911)

Required Readings:

- Lipman, Jonathan. *Familiar Strangers: A History of Muslims in Northwest China*, 103-166.

Supplementary Readings:

- Millward, James. *Beyond the Pass*, 113-152.

WEEK FOUR: CHINA, RUSSIA, AND ISLAM IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD (1911- PRESENT)

Monday, August 8

Topic:

- The Breakdown of China and Its Loss of Territory in Islamic Central Asia (1911-1949)

Required Readings:

- Forbes, Andrew. *Warlords and Muslims in Chinese Central Asia: A political History of Republican Sinkiang, 1911-1949*, 1-37.

Supplementary Readings:

- Gillette, Maris. *Between Mecca and Beijing: Modernization and Consumption among Urban Chinese Muslims*, 1-21, 68-113.

Tuesday, August 9

Topic:

- China, Russia and Islamic Central Asia in the Communist Era (1949-present)
- The Communization of China and the Soviet Union

Required Readings:

- Gladney, Dru. *Muslim Chinese: Ethnic Nationalism in the People's Republic*, 293-340.

Supplementary Readings:

- Rossabi, Morris. *China and Inner Asia*, 262-287.

Wednesday, August 10

Topic:

- The Breakdown of the Soviet Union and Its Effects on Islamic Central Asia (1990-present)

Supplementary Readings:

- Allworth, Edward. *The Modern Uzbeks*, 120-140, 309-330.

Thursday, August 11

Topic:

- Islam and China, Post-1989
- The Rise of Islamic Identity among China's Muslim Ethnic Minority Groups

Required Readings:

- Rudelson, Justin. *Oasis Identities*, 39-70, 167-176.

Supplementary Readings:

- Bachman, David. "Making Xinjiang Safe for the Han?" *Governing China's Multiethnic Frontiers*. Ed. Morris Rossabi. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2002. 155-185.
- Goldstein, Melvyn. "Tibet and China in the Twentieth Century." *Governing China's Multiethnic Frontiers*. Ed. Morris Rossabi. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2002. 186-229.

Friday, August 12

Topic:

- Islamic Central Asia in the Post-Communist Era