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Objectives: Content

The Caucasus—Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia and Russian-controlled provinces to the north, including Chechnya—holds immense geostrategic importance but remains one of least stable, and least understood, regions of Eurasia. This course will analyze these states and societies from the period of imperial Russian control to the present. We will investigate colonial legacies and the complicated inheritance of the Soviet Union. The entire region, from Azerbaijan, blessed with oil and gas resources, to isolated mountain regions of the North Caucasus, continues to deal with poverty, corruption, and social transformation. “Frozen [perhaps not-so-frozen] conflicts,” in Georgia and Nagorno-Karabakh have already produced significant violence and international tension. Ethnicity and religion play key roles in informing identities and conflicts. Other issues we will discuss include political power, resource wealth and scarcity, resistance against Russian influence, the region’s role in the international stage, the roles of women, Islam, and, not least, everyday life.

Objectives: Skills

This course seeks to develop skills that will assist students either in further academic pursuits or at the early stages of their careers. Included among these are critical thinking; public speaking (oral participation/ reports/ role play); ability to write concise, focused papers (short writing assignments); ability to conduct and integrate secondary research (long writing assignment). We will also do small group work (project management). We will discuss over the semester how to leverage classroom skills on the job/ academic markets.

Required Texts:

Readings will be available on library reserve or through CU Learn

Requirements and Grading

Undergraduate Students

Oral Participation:	25%
News Analysis (see below) and Role Play:	10%
3 Short Papers (1-2 pp) (see due dates below)	15%
2 Medium Papers (3-4 pp) (see due dates below)	20%
Proposal and Bibliography (2 pp) (due Nov 3, by email) for Major Assignment:	5%
Major Written Assignment (10 pp) (due Dec 7, in class):	25%

DRAFT: Readings Subject to Change

Students will be graded on in-class participation and written assignments. Active and consistent class participation is VITAL to succeeding in this class. **Attendance is mandatory**: penalties for not attending (without medical documentation) are: 1 absence= 10% deduction of *entire* participation grade; 2 absences= 30% deduction; 3 absences= 50% deduction; 4 absences= 100% deduction from participation grade. Each **late arrival** will cost 25% of that day's attendance/ participation grade for every 15 minutes late. Ringing cellphones, note passing, under (or over) the table texting and other disruptions will also result in a loss of the participation mark on the same scale as absences.

Participation grades will be determined based on: (a) attendance and attention level and (b) active participation that (i) displays awareness of the subject (ii) contributes to the flow of conversation (iii) shows knowledge of the readings (iv) offers critical analysis of the readings and topic.

Each student will present one short (5 minute maximum) news analysis. Students will sign up for individual weeks and offer an analytical report of one important current event in the region. This emulates a briefing that an area-studies expert would give to a politician, minister, NGO director etc.

The short and medium discussion papers will analyze the readings for individual weeks (***only one paper may be handed in for each week***), discussing the authors' arguments and pinpointing major issues within the selected theme. Samples will be posted on the course website. The papers are expected to be structured around a thesis, supported with evidence from the readings (further details in class). Papers will be due on the day of discussion, or one week later; in the latter case, the student will not receive credit for ideas discussed in class. Papers may be handed in on any week, **BUT the first short/medium paper must be handed in on OR BEFORE Sep 21, the second, Oct 5, third, Oct 19, fourth, Nov 9, and fifth, Nov 23.**

***Students may, with permission of the instructor, substitute a **10 minute oral presentation** on the topic of their choice (related to the week's themes) in place of a medium paper.

The proposal will be 1-2 pages. It will include (a) a paragraph on research strategy (how you went about finding sources); (b) a paragraph on your topic, its central "puzzle" and your approach; (c) a paragraph (or annotated bibliography) on how 5-7 sources you have collected will be used for your paper.

The long paper will be an original piece of research using at least eight sources. The topic will be developed in consultation with the instructor, but can cover any region or theme within Central Eurasia from the late nineteenth century to the present. Papers will be graded on effectiveness of writing as well as analysis. Further details will be posted on the course website in advance of the deadline for the proposal and bibliography.

Do **NOT** cite wikipedia in your written work, and be careful and critical of websites not included on the list at the end of the syllabus (even those on the list will have their own lean).

Late papers will be penalized one letter grade (i.e. A- to B+) per day late. No work will be accepted after the end of classes.

Assignments sent electronically will not be accepted without prior consent of the instructor. It is not acceptable to hand in the same assignment for two or more courses. To obtain credit in a course, students must meet ALL the course requirements for **attendance**, term work, and examinations.

Note: no laptops/ tablets/ phones will be allowed for use in class, except as needed during news or oral reports.

Class Schedule

(I reserve the right to make minor changes to the schedule/ readings over the course of the semester.)
(note: readings with * are REQUIRED readings)

Sep. 7: Introduction: Major Issues

Sep 14: Introductory Class: The Caucasus: The Region and the World

- *Charles King, *The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus* (2010), 3-19
- *Charles King and Menon Rajan, "Prisoners of the Caucasus" *Foreign Affairs* 89, no. 4 (2010): 20-34
- *R.G. Suny, "The Pawn of Great Powers: The East-West Competition for Caucasia" *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 1, no. 1 (2010): 10-25
- *Alexander Cooley, "Abkhazia on Three Wheels" *World Policy Journal* 27, no. 2 (2010): 73-81
- *Liciano Simao, "The Problematic Rule of Democracy Promotion in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 45 (2012): 193-200
- *Tracy German, "'Good Neighbours' or Distant Relatives? Regional Identity and Cooperation in the South Caucasus" *Central Asian Survey* 31, no. 2 (2012): 137-151

Tracey German, "Securing the South Caucasus: Military Aspects of Russian Policy Towards the Region Since 2008" *Europe-Asia Studies* 64, no. 9 (2012): 1650-1666

Oguzhan Goksel, "Beyond Countering Iran: A Political Economy of Israel-Azerbaijan Relations" *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 42, no. 4 (2015): 655-675

Elaheh Koolae, "The Islamic Republic of Iran and the South Caucasus Republics" *Iranian Studies* 43, no. 3 (2010): 391-409

Scott Littlefield, "Citizenship, Identity, and Foreign Policy: The Contradictions and Consequences of Russia's Passport Distribution in the Separatist Regions of Georgia" *Europe-Asia Studies* 61, no. 8 (2009): 1461-1482

Thomas de Waal, "Reinventing the Caucasus" *World Policy Journal*, 19, no. 1 (2003)

Thomas de Waal, *The Caucasus: An Introduction* (2010)

Moshe Gammer, "Unity, Diversity, and Conflict in the North Caucasus" *Muslim Eurasia: Conflicting Legacies* ed. Yaacov Roi (1995), 163-186

O. Bayulgen, "Facing the dilemma of global capitalism: the case of Azerbaijan" *Central Asian Survey*, 22, nos. 2-3 (2003): 209-220

Ted Hopf, "Identity, Legitimacy, and the Use of Military Force: Russia's Great Power Identities and Military Intervention in Abkhazia" *Review of International Studies* 31, s1 (2005): 225-243

Steffany A. Trofino, "Dagestan: Moscow's Risk versus Gain" *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* 24, no. 2 (2011): 253-67

Richard Sakwa, "The Clash of Regionalisms and Caucasian Conflicts" *Europe-Asia Studies* 63, no. 3 (2011): 463-491

Svetlana Akkueva, "Caucasus, One or Many?" *Nationalities Papers*, May 2008 36 2, p253-273,

Daniel Friefeld, "The Great Pipeline Opera" *Foreign Policy*, 2009 no. 174: 12-7

Svante Cornell, *Small Nations and Great Powers: A Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict in the Caucasus* (2001)

Richard Giragosian, "The US Military Engagement in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus: An Overview," *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 17, no. 1 (2004): 43-77

Sep 21: Conquest of the Caucasus, Genocide and Memory

History

- *Timothy Blauvelt, "Military-Civil Administration and Islam in the North Caucasus, 1858-83" *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 11, no. 2 (2010): 221-55
- *Susan Layton, "Nineteenth Century Russian Mythologies of Caucasian Savagery" *Russia's Orient: Imperial Peoples and Borderlands* (1997), 80-99
- *Donald Bloxham, "Internal Colonisation, Inter-Imperial Conflict and the Armenian Genocide" in *Empire, Colony, Genocide: Conquest, Occupation and Subaltern Resistance in World History* ed. A. Dirk Moses (2008): 325-42

Memory

- *Andrew Foxall, "A Contested Landscape: Monuments, Public Memory and Post-Soviet Identity in Stavropol, Russia" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 46 (2013): 167-78
- *Current Press on Armenian Genocide Recognition (will be posted on CULearn)

Thomas M. Barrett, "The Remaking of the Lion of Dagestan: Shamil in Captivity" *Russian Review* (July 1994) 352-66

Audrey Altstadt, "The Azerbaijani Bourgeoisie and the Cultural-Enlightenment Movement in Baku: First Steps toward Nationalism" In *Transcaucasia, Nationalism, and Social Change* ed. R.G. Suny (1996), 199-210

Austin Lee Jersild, "From Savagery to Citizenship: Caucasian Mountaineers and Muslims in the Russian Empire" *Russia's Orient*, 101-114

Firouzeh Mostashari, *On the Religious Frontier: Tsarist Russia and Islam in the Caucasus* (2006)

Leyla Aliyeva, ed. *Baku Oil and Local Communities: A History* (2009)

Ryan Gingeras, *Sorrowful Shores: Violence, Ethnicity, and the End of the Ottoman Empire, 1912-1923* (2009)

Nick Breyfogle, *Heretics and Colonizers: Forging Russia's Empire in the South Caucasus* (2005)

Charles King, *The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus* (2010)

Jo Laycock, "Beyond National Narratives: Centenary Histories, the First World War and the Armenian Genocide" *Revolutionary Russia* 28, no. 2 (2015): 93-117

Sep 28: Soviet Rule

*Harun Yilmaz, "The Soviet Union and Construction of Azerbaijani National Identity in the 1930s" *Iranian Studies* 46, no. 4 (2013): 511-533

*Norman Naimark, *Fires of Hatred: Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth Century Europe* (2001), 85-99

*Bruce Grant, "Cosmopolitan Baku" *Ethnos* 75, no. 2 (2010): 123-147

*Maike Lehmann, "Apricot Socialism: The National Past, the Soviet Project, and the Imagining of Community in Late Soviet Armenia" *Slavic Review* 74, no. 1 (2015): 9-31

*Emil A. Draitser, *Taking Penguins to the Movies: Ethnic Humor in Russia* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1998), 35-55

Jeronim Perovic, "Highland Rebels: The North Caucasus during the Stalinist Collectivization Campaign" *Journal of Contemporary History* 51, no. 2 (2016): 234-260

James Pickett, "Soviet Civilization through a Persian Lens: Iranian Intellectuals, Cultural Diplomacy and Soviet Modernity" *Iranian Studies* 48, no. 5 (2015): 805-26

Arsene Saparov, ed., *From conflict to autonomy in the Caucasus: the Soviet Union and the making of Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno Karabakh* (2014)

Timothy Blauvelt and Jeremy Smith, eds. *Georgia after Stalin: Nationalism and Soviet Power* (2015)

Stephen Jones, ed., *The Making of Modern Georgia, 1918-2012* (2014)

- Timothy Blauvelt, "Resistance and Accommodation on the Stalinist Periphery: A Peasant Uprising in Abkhazia" *Ab Imperio* no. 3 (2012): 78-108
- Timothy Blauvelt, "Abkhazia: Patronage and Power in the Stalin Era" *Nationalities Papers* 35, no. 2 (2005): 203-232
- Jo Laycock, "Armenian Homelands and Homecomings, 1945-9" *Cultural and Social History* 9 no. 1 (2012): 103-123
- Bruce Grant, "An Average Azeri Village (1930): Remembering Rebellion in the Caucasus Mountains" *Slavic Review* 63, no.4 (2004): 705-73
- Ronald Grigor Suny, ed., *Transcaucasia: Nationalism and Social Change; Essays in the History of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia* (1983)
- Mark Saroyan, "Beyond the Nation-State: Culture and Ethnic Politics in Soviet Transcaucasia" In *Transcaucasia, Nationalism, and Social Change* **READ** 401-410.
- Kiril Feferman, "A Soviet Humanitarian Action?: Centre, Periphery and the Evacuation of Refugees to the North Caucasus, 1941-1942." 61, no. 5 (2009): 813-831.
- Michael G. Smith, "Anatomy of a Rumour: Murder Scandal, The Musavat Party, and the Russian Revolution in Baku, 1917-20" *Journal of Contemporary History*, 36, no. 2 (2001): 211- 240
- Alexander Statiev, "The Nature of Anti-Soviet Armed Resistance, 1942-44: The North Caucasus, The Kalmyk Republic, and Crimea" *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 6, no. 2 (2005): 285-318
- Michaela Pohl, "The 'Planet of One Hundred Languages:' Ethnic Relations and Soviet Identity in the Virgin Lands In *Peopling the Russian Periphery*, Nick Breyfogle et. al. eds (2007), 238-261
- Timothy Blauvelt, "Status Shift and Ethnic Mobilisation in the March 1956 Events in Georgia" *Europe-Asia Studies* 61, no. 4 (2009): 651-668.

Oct 5: South Caucasus: Politics and Leadership

- *Shahla Sultanova, Challenging the Aliyev Regime: Political Opposition in Azerbaijan" *Demokratizatsiya* 22, no. 1 (2014): 15-37
- *Katy Pearce, "Two Can Play at That Game: Social Media Opportunities in Azerbaijan for Government and Opposition" *Demokratiztsiya*, 22, no. 1 (2014): 39-66
- *Christofer Berglund, "Georgia between Dominant-Power Politics, Feckless Pluralism and Democracy" *Demokratizatsiya* 22, no. 3 (2014): 445-470
- *Tracy German, "Heading West? Georgia's Euro-Atlantic Path" *International Affairs* 91, no. 3 (2015): 601-614
- *Diana Ter-Ghazaryan, "'Civilizing the City Center:' Symbolic Spaces and Narratives of the Nation in Yerevan's Post-Soviet Landscape" *Nationalities Papers* 41, no. 4 (2013): 570-589
- Donnacha O. Beachain and Frederik Coene, "Go West: Georgia's European Identity and Its Role in Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy Objectives" *Nationalities Papers* 42, no. 6 (2014): 923-41
- Alexander Kupatadze, "Georgia's Break with the Past" *Journal of Democracy*, 27, no. 1 (2016): 110-123
- Martin Demant Fredriksen, "The Would-be State: Reforms, NGOs and Absent Presents in Postrevolutionary Georgia" *Slavic Review*, 73, no. 2 (2014): 307-321
- Sarah Kendzior and Katy E. Pearce, "Networked Authoritarianism and Social Media in Azerbaijan" *Journal of Communication* 62 (2012): 283-298
- Vahram Ter-Matevosyan, "Framing National Security Objectives: The Cases of Georgia and Azerbaijan" *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 13, no. 3 (2013): 325-340
- Jonathan Wheatley, "Managing Ethnic Diversity in Georgia: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back" *Central Asian Survey*, 28, no. 2 (2009): 119-134
- Lincoln A. Mitchell, "Compromising Democracy: State Building in Saakashvili's Georgia" *Central*

- Asian Survey* 28, no. 2 (2009): 171-183
- Babken V. Babajanian, "Local Governance in Post-Soviet Armenia: Leadership, Local Development, and Accountability" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 41, no. 3 (2008): 375-396
- Kyle L. Marquardt, "Framing Language Policy in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan: Political Symbolism and Interethnic Harmony" *Central Asian Survey* 30, no. 2 (2011): 181-196
- Laurence Broers, "After the 'Revolution': Civil Society and the Challenges of Consolidating Democracy in Georgia" *Central Asia Survey*, 24, no. 3 (2005): 333-50.
- Alec Rasizade, "Azerbaijan Descending into the Third World After a Decade of Independence" *Journal of Third World Studies* 21, no. 1 (2004): 191-219
- Rafali Hasanov, "Social Capital, Civic Engagement, and the Performance of Local Self-Government in Azerbaijan" *Nationalities Papers* 37, no. 1 (2009): 89-114
- Thomas DeWaal, *Black Garden: Armenia and Azerbaijan through Peace and War* (2003).
- Alec Rasizade, "Azerbaijan after Heydar Aliiev" *Nationalities Papers*, 32, no.1 (2004): 137-164
- Ceylan Tokluoglu, "Definitions of National Identity, Nationalism and Ethnicity in post-Soviet Azerbaijan in the 1990s" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 28, no. 4, (2005): 722-758

Oct 12: North Caucasus: Politics and Leadership

- *Roland Dannreuther, "Shifting Dynamics of the Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency in the North Caucasus" *Ethnopolitics* 13, no. 4 (2014): 377-395
- *John Russell, "Kadyrov's Chechnya: Template, Test, or Trouble for Russia's Regional Policy" *Europe-Asia Studies* 63, no. 3 (2011): 509-528
- *Magomed Rasul Ibragimov and Kimitaka Matsuzata, "Contextualized Violence: Politics and Terror in Dagestan" *Nationalities Papers*, 42, no. 2 (2014): 286-306
- *Juliya Zabyelina and Jana Arsovska, "Rediscovering Corruption's Other Side: Bribing for Peace in Post-Conflict Kosovo and Chechnya" *Crime, Law and Social Change* 60, no. 1 (2013): 1-24
- *Aurelie Campana and Jean-Francois Ratelle, "A Political Sociology Approach to the Diffusion of Conflict from Chechnya to Dagestan and Ingushetia" *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 37 (2014): 115-134
- Monika Duffy Toft and Yuri M. Zhukov, "Islamists and Nationalists: Rebel Motivations and Counterinsurgency in the North Caucasus" *American Political Science Review* 109, no. 2 (2015): 222-238
- Jan Koehler, Alexey Gunya and Magomed Alkhuzurov, "Insurgency-informed Governance in the North Caucasus: Observations from Chechnya, Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria" *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 27, no. 3 (2016): 367-391
- Tomas Smid and Mirolsav Mares, "'Kadyrovtsy': Russia's Counterinsurgency Strategy and the Wars of Paramilitary Clans" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 38, no. 5 (2015): 650-677
- J. O'Loughlin and F.D.W. Witmer, "The Localized Geographies of Violence in the North Caucasus" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 101, no 1 (2011): 178-201
- Olga Vendina, "The Wars in Chechnya and their Neighbouring Regions" *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48, no. 2 (2007): 178-201
- John Russell, "The Geopolitics of Terrorism: Russia's Conflict with Islamic Extremism" *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 50, no. 2 (2009): 184-196
- Robert Ware, "Has the Russian Federation Been Chechenised?" *Europe-Asia Studies* 63, no. 3 (2011): 495-508
- Edward C. Holland and John O'Loughlin, "Ethnic Competition, Radical Islam, and Challenges to Stability in the Republic of Dagestan" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 43, no. 3 (2010): 297-308
- Mark Kramer, "Guerilla Warfare, Counterinsurgency and Terrorism in the North Caucasus: The Military

- Dimension of the Russian-Chechen Conflict" *Europe-Asia Studies* 57, no. 2 (2005): 209-268
- Richard Sakwa, "The Revenge of the Caucasus: Chechenization and the Dual State in Russia" *Nationalities Papers* 38, no. 5 (2010): 601-622
- Robert Bruce Ware and Enver Kisilev, *Dagestan: Russian hegemony and Islamic resistance in the North Caucasus* (2010)
- John Russell, "Ramzan Kadyrov: The Indigenous Key to Success in Putin's Indigenization Strategy?" *Nationalities Papers* 36, no. 4 (2008): 659-687
- Moshe Gammer, "Between Mecca and Moscow: Islam, Politics, and Political Islam in Chechnya and Dagestan" *Middle Eastern Studies* 41, no. 6 (2005): 833-848
- Richard Sakwa, "The Revenge of the Caucasus: Chechenization and the 'Dual State' in Russia" *Nationalities Papers*, 38, no. 5 (2010); 601-622
- John O'Loughlin, Vladimir Kolossov, and Jean Radvanyi, "The Caucasus in a Time of Conflict, Demographic Transition, and Economic Change" *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48, no. 2 (2007): 135-56
- V. Kolossov and J. O'Loughlin, "Socioterritorial Dynamics and Ethnic Relations in the North Caucasus" *Social Sciences* 1 (2009): 115-135
- Anna Politkovskaya, *A Dirty War: A Russian Reporter in Chechnya* (2001)
- Anna Politkovskaya, *A Small Corner of Hell: Dispatches from Chechnya* (2003)
- Emma Gilligan, *Terror in Chechnya: Russia and the tragedy of civilians in war*
- Richard Sakwa, ed. *Chechnya: From Past to Future* (2005)
- Moshe Gammer, *Wolf and the Bear: Three Centuries of Chechen Resistance to Communist Rule* (2006)
- Valery Tishkov, *Chechnya: Life in War-Torn Society* (2004)

Oct 19: North Caucasus and Georgia: Social Issues

- *Nino Karchiliava, "Representation of 'Lost Orientation' or, Lesbianism in the Georgian Print Media" *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 28, no. 1 (2010): 83-97
- *Abel Polese, "The Guest at the Dining Table: Economic Transitions and the Reshaping of Hospitality—Reflections from Batumi and Odessa" *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 27, no. 1 (2009): 76-87.
- *Timothy Blauvelt, "Endurance of the Soviet Imperial Tongue: The Russian Language in Contemporary Georgia" *Central Asian Survey* 32, no. 2 (2013): 189-209
- *Maja Catic, "Circassians and the Politics of Genocide Recognition" *Europe-Asia Studies* 67, no. 10 (2015): 1685-1708
- *Andrew Foxall, "Performing Ethnic Relations in Russia's North Caucasus: Regional Spectacles in Stavropol' krai" *Central Asian Survey* 33, no. 1 (2014): 47-61
- *Alice Szczepanikova, "Chechen Women in War and Exile: Changing Gender Roles in the Context of Violence" *Nationalities Papers* 43, no. 5 (2015): 753-770
- Martin Demant Fredriksen, *Young Men, Time and Boredom in the Republic of Georgia* (2013)
- Laurent Vinatier, "Islamist Trends in the Northern Caucasus" *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, 5, no 1 (2006): 2-5
- Beth Mitchneck, "Post-Conflict Displacement: Isolation and Integration in Georgia" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 99, no. 5 (2009): 1022-1032
- Khatuna Doliashvili and Cynthia Buckley "Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Post-Socialist Georgia: Does Migration Matter?" *International Family Planning Perspectives*. 34, no. 1 (2008): 2-19.
- Rebecca Gould, "Becoming a Georgian Woman" *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 31, no. 2 (2010): 127-144

- E.C Holland and J. O'Loughlin, "Ethnic Competition, Radical Islam, and Challenges to Stability in the Republic of Dagestan" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 43, no 3 (2010): 297-308
- Michael Reynolds, "Myths and Mysticism: A Longitudinal Perspective on Islam and Conflict in the North Caucasus" *Middle Eastern Studies* 41, no. 1 (2005): 31-54
- Julie Wilhelmsen, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Islamisation of the Chechen Separatist Movement" *Europe-Asia Studies* 57, no. 1 (2005): 35-59
- Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, "Families and Clans in Ingushetia and Chechnya. A Fieldwork Report" *Central Asian Survey*, 24, no. 4 (2005): 453-67
- V.O Bobrovnikov, "Traditionalist versus Islamist Identities on a Dagestani Collective Farm" *Central Asian Survey* 25, no. 3 (2006): 287-302

Oct 26: Reading Week

Nov 2: Armenia and Azerbaijan: Social Issues

- *Armine Ishkanian, "Self-Determined Citizens: New Forms of Citizenship and Civic Activism in Armenia" *Europe-Asia Studies* 67, no. 8 (2015): 1203-1227
- *Susanne Fehlings, "The Ignoble Savage in Urban Yerevan" *Central Asian Survey* 35, no. 2 (2016): 195-217
- *Bruce Grant, "The Edifice Complex: Architecture and the Political Life of Surplus in the New Baku" *Public Culture* 26, no. 3 (2014): 501-528
- *Mehrangiz Najafizadeh, "Gender and Ideology: Social Change and Islam in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan" *Journal of Third World Studies* 29, no. 1 (2012): 81-101
- Eric LePisto, "Forging Ahead: Azerbaijan's New Generation and Social Change" *Central Asian Survey* 29, no. 4, (2010): 435-451
- Babken Babajanian, "Civic Participation in Post-Soviet Armenia" *Central Asian Survey*, 24, no. 3 (2005): 261-279
- Julie Wilhelmsen, "Islamism in Azerbaijan: How Potent?" *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 32, no. 8 (2009): 726-742
- Bayram Balci, "Between Sunnism and Shiism: Islam in post-Soviet Azerbaijan," *Central Asian Survey*, 23, no. 2 (2004): 205-217
- Aklar, Yasemin, "Nation and History in Azerbaijani School Textbooks" *Ab Imperio* no. 2 (2005):469-497
- Eric Lepisto, "Unraveling Youth: Social ties and Structural Adjustment in Provincial Azerbaijan" (2008)
- Farideh Heyat, *Azeri Women in Transition: Soviet and Post-Soviet Azerbaijan* (2002)

Nov 9: Not-so-Frozen Conflicts and Georgia: Role Play

- Tracy German, "Russia and South Ossetia: Conferring Statehood or Creeping Annexation?" *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 16, no. 1 (2015): 155-167
- Elizabeth Cullen Dunn, "Humanitarianism, Displacement and the Politics of Nothing in Postwar Georgia" *Slavic Review* 73, no. 2 (2014): 287-306
- Ghia Nodia, "The August 2008 War: Main Consequences for Georgia and Its Conflicts" *Nationalities Papers*, 40, no. 5 (2012): 721-738
- Mikulas Fabry, "The Contemporary Practice of State Recognition: Kosovo, South Ossetia, Abkhazia and Their Aftermath" *Nationalities Papers* 40, no. 5 (2012): 661-676
- Vicken Cheterien, "The August 2008 War in Georgia: From Ethnic Conflict to Border Wars" *Central Asian Survey* 28, no. 2 (2009): 155-170

- Spencer B. Meredith. "Towards a Just Peace After the Georgian Civil War" *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* 26, no. 3 (2010): 413-434
- Mike Bowker, "The War in Georgia and the Western Response" *Central Asian Survey* 30, no. 2 (2011): 197-211
- Peter Kabachnik, "Wounds that Won't Heal: Cartographic Anxieties and the Quest for Territorial Integrity in Georgia" *Central Asian Survey* 31, no. 1 (2012): 45-60
- Richard Lewington, "Keeping the Peace in the South Caucasus: The EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia" 44, no. 1 (2013): 51-69
- Peter Kabachnik, "Displacing Blame: Georgian Internally Displaced Person Perspectives of the Georgia-Abkhazia Conflict" *Ethnopolitics* 11, no. 2 (2012): 123-140
- Rachel Clogg, "The Politics of Identity in Post-Soviet Abkhazia: Managing Diversity and Unresolved Conflicts" *Nationalities Papers* 36, no. 2 (2008): 305-329
- Zdenek Kriz, "Georgian Readiness for NATO Membership after Russian-Georgian Armed Conflict" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 44, no. 1 (2011): 89-97
- Neil S. MacFarlane, "Colliding State-Building Projects and Regional Insecurity in Post-Soviet Space: Georgia versus Russia in South Ossetia" *Comparative Social Research* 27 (2010): 127-142

Nov. 16: Not-so-Frozen Conflicts 2: Wrap Up and Nagorno-Karabakh

Georgia, Abkhazia, and Ossetia

TBA depending on Role Play

Nagorno-Karabakh

*Thomas de Waal, *The Caucasus*, Ch. 4

*Laurence Broers, "From 'Frozen Conflict' to Enduring Rivalry: Reassessing the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict" *Nationalities Papers* 43, no. 4 (2015): 556-576

*Farid Shafiyev, "Ethnic Myths and Perceptions as a Hurdle to Conflict Settlement: The Armenian-Azerbaijani Case" *Caucasus and Globalization* 1, no. 2 (2007): 57-69

*Nina Caspersen, "Regimes and Peace Processes: Democratic (Non) Development in Armenia and Azerbaijan and Its Impact on the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 45, nos. 1-2 (2012): 131-139

*Sebastien Muth, "War, Language Removal and Self-identification in the Linguistic Landscapes of Nagorno-Karabakh" *Nationalities Papers* 42, no. 1 (2014): 63-87

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Sponsored by George Soros' Open Society Institute, Eurasianet publishes a broad range of news from the entire former Soviet Union, has special reporting and ongoing research projects on Central Asia, and covers some more unusual topics such as arts and culture in some depth.

[International War and Peace Reporting: Caucasus](#)

IWPR is a non-profit international organization that publishes fairly in-depth reports by local journalists.

[Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty](#)

Excellent reporting and in-depth coverage of Caucasus. US-funded organization uses local stringers in reporting.

[RFE/RL Caucasus Report](#)

[Transitions Online: Caucasus](#)

An online news magazine covering the formerly communist world.

[Caucasian Knot](#):

English version of Russian website with news from around the Caucasus: treat with caution!

Research and Analysis

[Ponars Eurasia: New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia](#)

Commentary and Policy Notes

[Caucasus Research Resource Centers](#)

Analysis and numerous databases on the region

[Central Asia Caucasus Analyst](#)

Analytical reporting on Central Asia and the Caucasus, mostly from a security perspective.

[Human Rights Watch - Europe and Central Asia](#)

[International Crisis Group: North Caucasus](#)

In-depth journalistic reporting on key regional issues, aimed at policy makers and the broader public

International Crisis Group: South Caucasus

[International Crisis Group: South Caucasus](#)

[International Organization for Migration: South Caucasus](#)

[Economist Intelligence Unit](#) (use though Carleton library) See Individual Country Reports

[Caucasian Review of International Affairs](#)

[United Nations Development Program - Eurasia](#)

[Silk Road Studies Program: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute](#)

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Caucasian Review for International Affairs (online only)

Central Asian Survey

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Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst (online only)

Communist and Post-Communist Studies

Demokratizatsiya

Eurasian Geography and Economics

Europe-Asia Studies

Nationalities Papers

Journal of Eurasian Studies

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Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History

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Article Databases

Scopus

Historical Abstracts

Social Sciences Fulltext

Ingenta Connect

J-Stor

Academic Accommodations

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For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make

accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

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- using another’s data or research findings;
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Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5

80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

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Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.