

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Political Science 130AC
Seminar: Post-Soviet Politics

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Political Science 130AC is an undergraduate seminar that examines politics of the Soviet successor states since 1991. This quarter's topic will be ethnic conflicts in the successor states since the end of the Soviet Union.

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Requirements: The course requirements are [1] inspired participation in weekly seminar discussions and [2] a short research paper and oral presentation of your project. Everyone will make the presentation of their projects at the final seminar meeting (tenth week). The paper is due Friday, March 21, 2003 (the end of final-examination week).

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SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS AND READINGS

Week 1. INTRODUCTORY MEETING. (January 6)

No reading required prior to this meeting.

Week 2. MOLDOVA: TRANSDNIESTRIAN AND GAGAUZ CRISES. (January 13)

Read for this meeting:

[1] Charles King. *The Moldovans: Romania, Russia, and the Politics of Culture*. Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 2000. Chapters 9-10.

[2] S. J. Kaufman. Spiraling to Ethnic War: Elites, Masses, and Moscow in Moldova's Civil War. *International Security* 21 (Fall 1996), 108-38.

[3] N. Dima. The Moldavian-Dnestr Republic: A Geo-political Game. *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies* 24 (Spring 1999), 37-63.

For further reading:

J. O'Loughlin et al. National Construction, Territorial Separatism, and Post-Soviet Geopolitics in the Transdnester Moldovan Republic. *Post-Soviet Geography and Economics* 39 (June 1998), 332-358.

Week 3. UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY [NO CLASS]. (January 20)

This week each student should meet with me individually during my office hours (or at another agreed time) to discuss her or his progress on a research paper.

Week 4. GEORGIA: SOUTH OSETIAN AND ABKHAZIAN CRISES. (January 27)

Read for this meeting:

[1] Edgar O'Ballance. *Wars in the Caucasus, 1990-95*. New York: New York University Press, 1997. Chapters 5-8.

[2] Ghia Nodia. *Causes and Visions of Conflict in Abkhazia*. Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, Working Paper Series. Berkeley: University of California, 1997.

For further reading:

G. Hewitt. Conflict in the Caucasus [review]. *Asian Affairs* 32 (June 2001), 196-99.

S. N. Macfarlane. Democratization, Nationalism, and Regional Security in the Southern Caucasus. *Government and Opposition* 32 (Summer 1997), 399-420.

Week 5. THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH CRISIS. (February 3)

Read for this meeting:

[1] Patricia Carley. *Nagorno-Karabakh: Searching for a Solution*. United States Institute of Peace Roundtable Report. Washington, DC: USIP, December 1998.

[2] David D. Laitin and Ronald Grigor Suny. Armenia and Azerbaijan: Thinking a Way Out of Karabakh. *Middle East Policy* 7 (October 1999), 145-176.

For further reading:

Erik Melander. The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Revisited: Was the War Inevitable? *Journal of Cold War Studies* 3 (Spring 2001), 48-75.

Week 6. THE CHECHEN WARS. (February 10)

Read for this meeting:

[1] Gail W. Lapidus. "Contested Sovereignty: The Tragedy of Chechnya." *International Security* 23 (Summer 1998), 5-49.

[2] Gail W. Lapidus. "Putin's War on Terrorism: Lessons From Chechnya." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 18 (January-March 2002), 41-48.

[3] Rajan Menon and Graham E. Fuller. Russia's Ruinous Chechen War. *Foreign Affairs* 79 (March-April 2000), 32-44.

[4] United States. Congress. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. *Developments in the Chechen Conflict*. Hearing, 9 May 2002. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2002.

For further reading:

John P. Dunlop. *Russia Confronts Chechnya: Roots of a Separatist Struggle*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Anatol Lieven. *Chechnya: Tombstone of Russian Power*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998.

Week 7. UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY [No Meeting]. (February 17)

Week 8. CONFLICTS CONTAINED. (February 24)

Read for this meeting:

- [1] J. Dawson. Ethnicity, Ideology, and Geopolitics in Crimea. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 30 (December 1997), 427-44.
- [2] R. B. Ware and E. Kisriev. Ethnic Parity and Democratic Pluralism in Dagestan: A Consociational Approach. *Europe-Asia Studies* 53 (January 2001), 105-31.
- [3] Edward W. Walker. *Russia's Soft Underbelly: The Stability of Instability in Dagestan*. Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, Working Paper Series. Berkeley: University of California, Winter 1999-2000.
- [4] Katherine E. Graney. Ten Years of Sovereignty in Tatarstan: The End of the Beginning or the Beginning of the End? *Problems of Post-Communism* 48 (September-October 2001), 32-41.
- [5] Gulnaz Sharafutdinova. Chechnya versus Tatarstan: Understanding Ethnopolitics in Post-Communist Russia. *Problems of Post-Communism* 47 (March-April 2000), 13-22.

Week 9. CENTRAL ASIA: WHAT FORM WILL CONFLICT TAKE?. (March 3)

Read for this meeting:

- [1] Kenneth Weisbrode. *Central Eurasia: Prize or Quicksand? Contending Views of Instability in Karabakh, Ferghana, and Afghanistan*. International Institute for Strategic Studies, Adelphi Papers No. 338. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. Introduction, Chapters 1 and 3, and Conclusion.
- [2] Igor P. Lipovsky. Central Asia: In Search of a New Political Identity. *Middle East Journal* 50 (Spring 1996), 211-223.
- [3] Sally Cummings. Reactions in Post-Soviet Central Asia. *Asian Affairs* 33 (February 2002), 72-75.
- [4] Robin Poulton. Ethnic and Inter-State Complexity in the Central Asian 'Stans.' *Asian Affairs* 33 (February 2002), 76-81.
- [5] Michael Denison. Central Asian Politics after the Taliban: New Risks, New Opportunities. *Asian Affairs* 33 (February 2002), 82-86.
- [6] Nargis Kassenova. A View from Central Asia. *Asian Affairs* 33 (February 2002), 87-90.

For further reading:

- E. Schatz. The Politics of Multiple Identities: Lineage and Ethnicity in Kazakhstan. *Europe-Asia Studies* 52 (May 2000), 489-506.
- S. Akiner. Melting Pot, Salad Bowl—Cauldron? Manipulation and Mobilization of Ethnic and Religious Identities in Central Asia. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 20 (April 1997), 362-98.

Week 10. PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH PROJECTS. (March 10)

Papers due March 21, 2003