

Fall 2011 *Social Studies Topics in East Asian Studies 301:*

## **Islam in China: Muslim Identities, Past and Present**

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### **Course description:**

This course will introduce students to the varied histories and cultures of China's roughly 20 million practicing Muslims, with a special focus on the two largest groups, the Chinese-speaking Hui and the Turkic-speaking Uyghurs. This course will provide an overview of Islam and the historical spread of the religion in the lands where Muslims are most densely concentrated in today's People's Republic: Xinjiang, Gansu, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi and Yunnan. The course will also address issues related to the creation and promotion of ethnic identity in modern China.

We will also look at how international events like the “war on terror” have influenced the religious and political lives of Muslims in Xinjiang and elsewhere in China, and how local life is changing with recent development schemes in the Northwest. We will also analyze the violence in Guangdong and Xinjiang in June and July of 2009, and critically consider biases from the east and from the west in discussing China, minorities, and Islam.

The goal of the course is to present a basic introduction to China's Muslim communities, but also to ultimately understand and appreciate the complexities of China's Muslim regions.

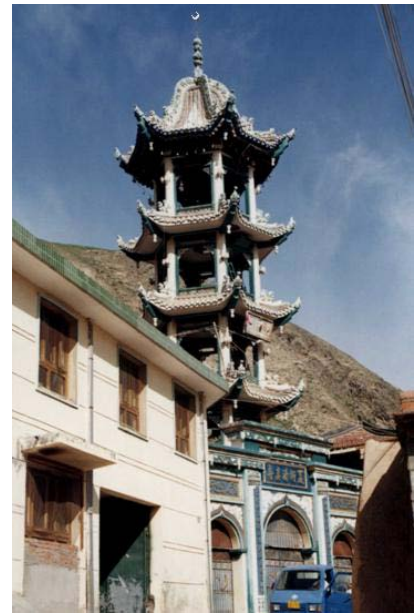
**Required Texts** (available at Rainbow Bookstore—on Gilman Street off State St., across the street from Fugu):

Lipman, Jonathan. *Familiar Strangers: A History of Muslims in Northwest China*, Seattle: University of Washington, 1997.

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**Many shorter readings are available on *Learn@UW* each week. Be sure to check *Learn@UW*.**

*Recommended texts on the next page...*



Mosque in Xiahe (Labran g), Gansu Province

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Starr, S. Frederick. *Xinjiang: China's Muslim Borderland*. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2004.

**Grading:**

**Class participation.** Come to class, actively participate in discussion of lectures and readings. 10+15=25%

**2 brief quizzes** on places on the map and basic terms **Sept. 26** and **Nov. 14**. 7.5+7.5=15%

**Class presentations and discussion.** Students will take turns leading discussion on the week's readings each Wednesday. For week 9(**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** and **Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**) I'd like you to give a brief presentation (15 minutes or so) about a non-required book that you've read pertaining to Islam in China. Also give me a 1-3 page write up of your reaction to the book. On **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** you bring in news stories pertaining to Muslims in China to share. Finally, you will give an informal presentation on your research paper on **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** 10+5+5=20%

**Research paper.** A paper on a topic that interests you, relating somehow to Muslims in China. (consult with me before starting with your topic. 12-15 pages, double-spaced, 1" margins) **Due December 14<sup>th</sup>**. 40%

Points Possible	Letter Grade
92-100	A
88-91	AB
82-87	B
78-81	BC
72-77	C
62-71	D
0-61	F

Please let me know the first week if you have need special accommodation.

## Course schedule and reading assignments:

Make sure to check Learn@UW for additional chapters or articles for each week's readings. There I will also post assigned readings in your required textbooks. Read each day's readings **prior** to lecture. Come ready to discuss.

### Week 1 – Introductions

07 Sept – Introduction to the course. Geography of the region, Chinese minority *minzu* **Reading:** Denny, Chapter 3

### Week 2 – General Introduction to Islam

12 Sept – The Islamic world and the spread of Islam. Splits among the Muslim communities and different ways of understanding Islam **Reading:** Denny, Chapter 5

14 Sept – Muslim minority nationalities, autonomous regions, prefectures, counties. Introduction to the Hui **Reading:** Lipman, Intro and Chapter 1

### Week 3 – Islam comes to China

19 Sept – Islam comes to the Middle Kingdom – Tang to the Qarakhanids, Mongols to the Ming

**Reading:** Selections from Broomhall's *Islam in China: a Neglected Problem* (Learn@UW)

21 Sept – **Reading:** Lipman Chapter 2. Map/term identification quiz on Monday

### Week 4 – “Old teachings” and “new teachings” - Sufism

26 Sept – **QUIZ 1.** Places on a map and a few identifications. Otherwise topics for this day relate to Sufism and its road to China **Reading:** Denny Chapter 11 (Learn@UW)

28 Sept – “Han Kitab” and Gedimu. **Reading:** Lipman Chapter 3.

### Week 5 – “Becoming Chinese”: fusing Islam and Chinese identity

03 Oct – **Reading:** Selections from Chinese Gleams of Sufi Light (Learn@UW), Luckert's Mythology and Folklore of the Hui

05 Oct – **Reading:** Lipman Chapter 4

### Week 6 – Turbulent years for the Qing, Muslim uprisings

10 Oct – Turbulence in the Northwest **Reading:** Lipman Chapter 5 and conclusion.

12 Oct – Turbulence in the Southwest: the Panthay Rebellion **Reading:** Atwill's Blinkered Visions (Learn@UW)

### Week 7 – New China and Islam, Islam in the PRC

17 Oct – the Long March **Readings:** Selections from Edgar Snow's *Red Star Over China*, Chiang Kai-shek's speeches on national unity (Learn@UW)

19 Oct – Communism and Islam, Modern Chinese society **Reading:** Selections from *The Imam's Story* (Learn@UW)

### **Week 8 –Intro to Xinjiang, pre-Islamic Xinjiang, and modern Uyghurs**

24 Oct – Xinjiang's landscape, Mummies **Reading:** Science article on the Tarim Mummies, Turks and Tajiks (Learn@UW)

26 Oct – Turki/Mongol/Khitay/Chinese and the ethnogenesis of the modern Uyghur. Intro to Turkic Muslims of NW China, Xinjiang **Reading:** Chapter 1 of Bovingdon

### **Week 9 – Muslim Xinjiang, Qing Xinjiang**

31 Oct – the rise of the sufi khojas, khojas and the Dzungars **Reading:** Togan's Islam in a Changing Society, the Wisdom of Royal Glory, "Manchus and Khojas", Rise of Yaqub Beg (Learn@UW)

02 Nov – **Student presentations** on self-selected readings

### **Week 10 – Warlords and Muslims**

07 Nov (Eid al-Adha, aka Kurban Heyit, aka Festival of Sacrifice) – Education reform and obstruction, Jadidism and the Chinese systems, 1<sup>st</sup> ETR and Tunganistan **Reading:** Bovingdon Chapter 2

09 Nov – Three Regions Government, resistance in Xinjiang **Reading:** 1954 National Geographic "How the Kazakhs Fled to Freedom"

### **Week 11 – Xinjiang under communist rule**

14 Nov – **QUIZ 2.** Liberation and the creation of the XPCC **Reading** Chapter 3 Bovingdon

16 Nov – New identities? Cultural Revolution and Deng's reforms **Reading:** Oasis Identities Chapter 4 (Learn@UW)

### **Week 12 – Modern Xinjiang, Uyghur nationalism**

21 Nov – Education, Religion, and continued resistance **Reading:** Chapter 4 Bovingdon

23 Nov – Waiting for Uighurstan: Modern Uyghur émigré movements, Rebiya Kadeer. **Reading** Chapter 5 Bovingdon

### **Week 13 – from 9/11 to 7/5, crackdown on "extremism"**

28 Nov – Violence in Summer 2009, Guangdong and Xinjiang. **Reading:** Conclusion and Epilogue of Bovingdon

30 Nov – **students bring in news stories** related to Muslims in China. Look for different sources. Let's discuss how depictions compare.

### **Week 14 – Presentations**

05 Dec – Presentations/discussions on your research papers  
07 Dec – student presentations and/or “Fun” topic TBA

### **Week 15 – Presentations**

12 Dec – “fun” topic TBA  
14 Dec – Conclusions, **RESEARCH PAPERS DUE**

### **Final Exam Time TBA room TBA**

Some readings that may be of interest:

Atwill, David G. *The Chinese Sultanate: Islam, Ethnicity, and the Panthay Rebellion in Southwest China, 1856-1873*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2005.

Baumer, Christopher. *Southern Silk Road: In the Footsteps of Sir Aurel Stein and Sven Hedin*. Bangkok: Orchid Press, 2000.

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Benjamin, Craig G.R. *Silk Road Studies XIV: The Yuezhi: Origin, Migration and the Conquest of Northern Bactria*. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2007.

Benite, Zvi Ben-Dor. *The Dao of Muhammad: A Cultural History of Muslims in Late Imperial China*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005.

Benson, Linda. *The Ili Rebellion: The Moslem Challenge to Chinese Authority in Xinjiang 1944-1949*. New York: ME Sharpe, 1990.

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Brown, Melissa (ed). *Negotiating Identities in China and Taiwan*. Berkeley: University of California, 1996.

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Dawut, Rahilä. "Shrine Pilgrimage and Sustainable Tourism among the Uyghurs: Central Asian Ritual Traditions in the Context of China's Development Policies." In *Situating the Uyghurs Between China and Central Asia*, by M. Cristina Cesaro, Rachel Harris and Joanne Smith Finley Ildiko Beller-Hann, 149-163. Burlington: Ashgate, 2007.

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Gillette, Maris Boyd. *Between Mecca and Beijing: Modernizations and Consumption Among Urban Chinese Muslims*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2000.

Gladney, Dru C. *Dislocating China: Muslims, Minorities, and Other Subaltern Subjects*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

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Harrell, Stevan. "Introduction: Civilizing Projects and the Reaction to Them." In *Cultural Encounters on China's Ethnic Frontiers*, by ed. Stevan Harrell, 3-36. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1995.

Huang, Shu-min. *The Spiral Road: Change in a Chinese Village Through the Eyes of a Communist Party Leader*. Westview Press, Boulder, 1998.

Israeli, Raphael. *Islam in China: Religion, Ethnicity, Culture, and Politics*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2002.

Jaschok, Maria and Shui Jingjun. *The History of Women's Mosques in Chinese Islam: A Mosque of Their Own*. Surrey: Curzon Press, 2000.

Kadeer, Rebiya. *Dragon Fighter: One Woman's Epic Struggle for Peace with China*. Kales Press, 2009.

Kim, Hodong. *Holy War in China: The Muslim Rebellion and State in Chinese Central Asia, 1864-1877*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Legerton, Colin and Jacob Rawson. *Invisible China: A Journey Through Ethnic Borderlands*. Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2009.

Lipman, Jonathan N. *Familiar Strangers: A History of Muslims in Northwest China*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1997.

Luckert, Karl W. and Shujiang Li. *Mythology and Folklore of the Hui, A Chinese Muslim People*. State University of New York Press, New York, 1994.

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Mackerras, Colin. *China's Ethnic Minorities and Globalization*. New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

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Mair, J.P. Mallory and Victor H. *The Tarim Mummies: Ancient China and the Mysteries of the Earliest Peoples from the West*. New York: Thames & Hudson Ltd, 2000.

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