

## **Modern History of the Caucasus**

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### **Annotation**

Particularly since the 'long nineteenth century', the peoples, nationalities, and nations in the Caucasus region – comprised of the North Caucasus, small republics at the southern border of the Russian Federation and the South Caucasus, the nation-states of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia adjacent to it – have had a shared history in terms of tsarist and Soviet Russian occupation, control and co-option, interethnic conflict and cooperation as well as social (under)development. Starting with a conceptual discussion of the region, its linguistic, ethnic, and cultural diversity as well as its pre-Tsarist political history, this course traces political, economic, and cultural processes that the North and South Caucasus have undergone during the tsarist, Soviet and post-Soviet periods, underscoring factors, discourses and legacies that have shaped its past, still impact its present and potentially orient its future.

### **A. COURSE DESIGN**

1. Introduction (Brisku & Panahova)
2. Conceptualizing the Caucasus (Brisku)
3. The Political History of Caucasus from the Medieval to Early Modern Periods (Brisku)
4. The Caucasus under Tsarist Rule in the Long Nineteenth Century (Brisku)
5. The First Transcaucasian Political Union, April-May 1918 (Brisku)
6. Three Independent South Caucasus Republics, 1918-1920(1) (Brisku)
7. The Caucasus in the Soviet Union, 1921-1991 (Panahova)
8. Post-Soviet Azerbaijan (Panahova)
9. Post-Soviet Georgia (Panahova)
10. Post-Soviet Armenia (Panahova)
11. Post-Soviet North-Eastern Caucasus: Dagestan, Chechnya, and Ingushetia (Panahova)
12. The Post-Soviet North-Western Caucasus: Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachaevo-Cherkessia and Adygea (Panahova)

## B. READING ASSIGNMENTS

### 1. Introduction (Brisku & Panahova)

- The syllabus

### 2. Conceptualizing the Caucasus (Brisku)

- Muhlfried, Florian, "Caucasus Paradigms Revisited," in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 19-31

### 3. The Political History of Caucasus from the Medieval to Early Modern Periods (Brisku)

- Broers, L., Yemelianova, G. M., "The 'Long Millennium': The Caucasus from the Medieval to the Early Modern Periods", in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 87-106

### 4. The Caucasus under the Tsarist Rule in the "Long Nineteenth-Century" (Brisku)

- Blauvelt, T. K., "The Caucasus in the Russian Empire", in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 107-120

### 5. The First Transcaucasian Political Union, April-May 1918 (Brisku)

- Brisku, Adrian & Timothy K. Blauvelt, "Who Wanted the TDFR: The Making and the Breaking of Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic", in *Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, Adrian Brisku and Timothy K. Blauvelt (Guest Editors), *Caucasus Survey* (2020), DOI: 10.1080/23761199.2020.1712897
- Brisku, Adrian "The Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic as a 'Georgian' Responsibility", in *Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, Adrian Brisku and Timothy K. Blauvelt (Guest Editors), *Caucasus Survey* (2020), DOI: 10.1080/23761199.2020.1712902
- Mamoulia, Georges, "Azerbaijan and the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic: Historical Reality and Possibility", in *Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, Adrian Brisku and Timothy K. Blauvelt (Guest Editors)
- Zolyan, Mikayel, "Between Empire and Independence: Armenia and the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic" in *Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, Adrian Brisku and Timothy K. Blauvelt (Guest Editors)
- Slye, Sarah, "Turning Towards Unity: A North Caucasian Perspective on the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic" in *Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic, 1918: Federal Aspirations, Geopolitics and National Projects*, Adrian Brisku and Timothy K. Blauvelt (Guest Editors)

### 6. Three Independent South Caucasus Republics, 1918-1920/1 (Brisku)

- Saparov, A., “Between the Russian Empire and the USSR: the Independence of Transcaucasia as a Socio-political Transformation”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 121-135
- 7. The Caucasus in the Soviet Union, 1921-1991 (Panahova)**
- Smith, J., “The Soviet Caucasus”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 136-154
- 8. Post-Soviet Azerbaijan (Panahova)**
- Alststadt, A. L., “Azerbaijan: Politics, Society and Economy since Independence”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 157-173
- 9. Post-Soviet Georgia (Panahova)**
- Nodia, G., “The New Georgia: Politics, Economy and Society”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 174-188
- 10. Post-Soviet Armenia (Panahova)**
- Iskandaryan, A., “Armenia: From Revolution to Revolution”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 189-202
- 11. The North-Eastern Caucasus: Dagestan, Chechnya and Ingushetia (Panahova)**
- Yemelianova, G. M., “The North-Eastern Caucasus: Dagestan, Chechnya and Ingushetia”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 203-218
- 12. The Post-Soviet North-Western Caucasus: Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachaevo-Cherkessia and Adygea (Panahova)**
- Yemelianova, G.M, Akkiewa, S. I, “Post-Soviet North-Western Caucasus: Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachaevo-Cherkessia and Adygea”, in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, G. M. Yemelianova & L. Broers, eds, (Routledge, 2020), 219-238.

## C. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Attendance is mandatory as the course is designed as a seminar where substantial student participation is needed.
- 2) A power-point presentation on a theme agreed with the lectures is required.
- 3) Three weeks after the end of the course, a final paper of around 2500 words should be uploaded on Moodle.

- 4) Active class participation – 20%, student presentation – 40% and final paper – 40%.

#### **D. COURSE EVALUATION**

A - "výborně - A" - "excellent - A"

B - "výborně - B" - "excellent - B"

C - "velmi dobře - C" - "very good - C"

D - "velmi dobře - D" - "very good - D"

E - "dobře - E" - "good - E"

F - "neprospěl/a - F" - "fail - F"

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