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CHINGGIS KHAN AND HIS HEIRS: THE MONGOLS IN WORLD HISTORY, BA Seminar, 2013-14

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Classes and Reading Materials

1. Introduction: Orientation, Geography and Sources

D.O.Morgan, *The Mongols* (Oxford, 1986), 5-31.

Recommended:

M. Biran. "The Mongol Empire: The State of the Research", *History Compass* (2013): 1-13.

2. Pastoral Nomadism; Nomadic Empires Before the Rise of the Mongols.

א. חזנוב, "ינוודי מרכז אסיה: עבר והווה: שיחה עם פרופ' אנטולי חזנוב", סביבות 19 (1987), עמ' 31-35, 22-25 בעיקר עמ' 18-52

Sima Qian, in B. Watson (trans.) *Records of the Grand Historian of China* (New York, 1961), vol. 2, pp.155-6 [DS748/s8 805673]

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 32-44

Recommended:

R. Amitai and M. Biran, "Introduction," in their edited volume, *Mongols, Turks and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the Sedentary World* (Leiden, 2005), pp. 1-12.
A. Khazanov, *Nomads and the Outside World* (Madison Wisconsin, 1994), pp. 44-53.
Th. J. Barfield, *The Nomadic Alternative* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1993).

3. *Asia on the Eve of the Rise of Chinggis Khan*
Morgan, *The Mongols*, 44-54

Or

M. Biran, *Chinggis Khan* (Oxford, 2007), ch. 1

Section A : Political History

4. *Chinggis Khan and the Rise of the Mongol Empire*

Juwayni, in J.A. Boyle (tr.), *The History of World Conqueror* (Manchester, 1958), vol.1, 34-39. [DS22 J613/0159254].

Igor deRachewiltz (translated and annotated), *The Secret History of the Mongols* (Leiden, 2004), Vol. 1, pp. 1-16 (see also commentary pp. 221-340)

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 55-73; or Biran, *Chinggis Khan*, ch. 2

Recommended:

P. Rachnevsky, *Genghis Khan* (Oxford, 1991), 1-169

5. *Chinggis Khan's Conquests: Between China and the Muslim World*

Juwayni, 1: 77-81, 133-35.

The Secret History, ch.11, at least par. 254-255, pp. 181-188.

Biran, *Chinggis Khan*, ch. 2

6. *The United Empire: Between Chinggis Khan and Qubilai Khan – Part A*

J.Fletcher, "The Mongols: Ecological and Social Perspectives," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 46 (1986), 11-50. Rpt. In J. Fletcher, *Studies on Chinese and Islamic Inner Asia* (London, 1995)

Recommended:

T. Th. Allsen, "The Rise of the Mongolian Empire and Mongolian Rule in North China," in H. Franke and D. Twitchett (eds.), *The Cambridge History of China* vol. 6 (Cambridge, 1994), 321-413.

7. *The United Empire: Between Chinggis Khan and Qubilai Khan – Part B*

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P. Jackson (tr. And ed.) with assistance of D. Morgan. *The Mission of Friar William of Rubruck* (London, 1990), 167-170. [DS707 R793 / 1068960].

John of Plano Carpini, in Ch. Dawson (ed.), *The Mongol Mission* (New York, 1955), 32-38. [Rpt. As *Mission to Asia* DS 707 M6/ 158979]

Recommended:

Th. T. Allsen, *Mongol Imperialism* (Berkeley, 1989).

P. Jackson, "The Dissolution of the Mongol Empire," *Central Asiatic Journal*, Vol. 22 (1978), 186-244.

8. *Qubilai Khan and the Establishment of the Yuan Dynasty*

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 112-123

Rashid al-Din, *The Successors of Genghis Khan*, tr. J. A. Boyle (New York, 1971), 252-65; 273-78

Marco Polo, *The Travels* (ed. And trans Yule and Cordier, rpt New York, 1992), vol. 1 356-358, 362-66, 374-75.

Qubilai's proclamation of the Yuan dynasty in Langlois, "Introduction," in *Idem* (ed.), *China under Mongol Rule* (Princeton, 1981), p.2.

Recommended:

M. Rossabi, *Khubilai Khan* (Berkeley, 1988).

9. *The Yuan After Qubilai: Between China and the Steppe*

F. W. Mote, *Imperial China: 900-1800* (Cambridge MA, 1998), 467-473.

Recommended:

John W. Dardess. *Conquerors and Confucians: Aspects of Political Change in Late Yuan China* (New York, 1973).

10. *The Yuan after Qubilai: The Mid-14th Century Crisis*

F. W. Mote, *Imperial China: 900-1800* (Cambridge MA, 1998), 517-541.

Recommended:

D. O. Robinson, *Empire's Twilight* (Cambridge MA, 2010).

11. *The Ilkhans Part A: The Mongols in Iran – Hülegü, Baghdad and The Establishment of the Ilkhanate*

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 145-174

J. A. Boyle, "The Death of the Last Abbasid Caliph: A Contemporary Muslim Account," *JSS*, 6 (1961), 151-161; rpt. in *idem*, *The Mongol World Empire 1206-1370* (London, 1976) [DS 19 B69 86002] [Nasir al-Din Tusi]

B. Lewis (ed. and trans.), *Islam* (New York, 1974). Vol. 1, pp. 81-84. [Ibn al-Kathir]

Recommended:

Ch. Melville, "The Mongols in Iran," in L. Comaroff and S. Carboni (eds.), *The Legacy of Genghis Khan: Courtly Art and Culture in Western Asia, 1256-1353* (New York and New Haven, 2003), 36-61.

12. *The Ilkhans Part B: The Later Ilkhans: From Ghazan's Reforms to the Fall of the Ilkhanate*

B. Spuler (ed. and trans.), *History of the Mongols* (Rpt. 1989), 144-53.

B. Fregner, "Iran under Ilkhanid Rule in a World History Perspective," in D. Aigle (ed),

L'Iran face a la domination mongole (Tehran, 1997), 120-130.

13. *The Mongols in Central Asia : Qaidu and the House of Chagatai*

Rashid al-Din, *The Successors of Chinggis Khan* (trans. J.A. Boyle, New York and London, 1971), 139-142

Marco Polo, *Travels*, 2: 457-465

M. Biran, "Central Asia from the Conquest of Chinggis Khan to the Rise of Tamerlane: The Ögodeid and Chaghadaid Realms," in N. Di Cosmo, P. B. Golden and A. Frank eds. *The Cambridge History of Inner Asia vol. 2: The Chinggisid Age* (Cambridge, 2009), 44-66.

14. *The Golden Horde: The Mongol State in Russia and its Legacy*

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 141-145

Ch. J. Halperin, "Russia in the Mongol Empire in Comparative Perspective," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 43/1 (1983), 239-61

Recommended:

I. Vasary, "Jochi's inheritance: The Western Steppe and Eastern Europe," in N. Di Cosmo, P. B. Golden and A. Frank eds. *The Cambridge History of Inner Asia vol. 2: The Chinggisid Age* (Cambridge, 2009), 67-85.

D. Ostrowski, *Muscovy and the Mongols: Cross Cultural Influences on the Steppe Frontier, 1304-1589* (Cambridge, 1998).

Trubetskoi, N.S. "The Legacy of Chinggis Khan," in his *The Legacy of Chinggis Khan and Other Essays on Russia's Identity* (Ann Arbor, 1991).

15. *The Mongols and Western Europe*

Morgan, *The Mongols*, 175-198

A. W. Budge (trans.), *The Monks of Kublai Khan* (London, 1928), 166-197.

Recommended:

P. Jackson, "Medieval Christendom's encounter with the alien," *Historical Research*, 74 (2001), 347-369.

P. Jackson, *The Mongols and the West* (Harlow, 2005).

Section B: Thematic History

16. *Religion: Between Tibetan Buddhism and Islam:*

A. *Tibetan Buddhism Under The Yuan Rule*

S. Jagchid, "Why the Mongolian Khans Adopted Tibetan Buddhism as Their Faith," in his *Mongolian Studies* (Provo, 1988), 83-93.

Phags-pa Lama, *Prince Jin-Jim's Textbook of Tibetan Buddhism*, in M. Rossabi (comp.), *The Mongols in Global History* (New York and London, 2011), 144-148.

Recommended:

לידיה ארן, בודהיזם (תל-אביב, 1993), 153-165.

H. Franke, "Tibetans in Yuan China," in J. D. Langlois, ed. *China under Mongol Rule* (Princeton, 1981), 296-328; Rpt. In H. Franke, *China under Mongol Rule* (2004)

H. Franke, "From Tribal Chieftain to Universal Emperor and God: The Legitimation of the Yuan Dynasty," in his book, *China under Mongol Rule* (Aldershot UK, 1994), art. IV, pp. 7-79.

D. P. Leidy, "Buddhism and Other Foreign Practices in Yuan China," in James C. Y. Watt (ed.), *The World of Khubilai Khan* (New Haven and London, 2010), 87-127.

17. Religion Part B: The Islamization of the Mongols; Islam in China under the Yuan Rule

Devin DeWeese, "Islamization in the Mongol Empire," in N. Di Cosmo, P. B. Golden and A. Frank eds. *The Cambridge History of Inner Asia vol. 2: The Chinggisid Age* (Cambridge, 2009), 120-134.

Dewin deWeese, *Islamization and Native Religion in the Golden Horde* (Philadelphia, 1993), pp. 541-543.

B. Spuler (ed. and trans.), *History of the Mongols*, 144-46 (on Ghazan's conversion)

Recommended:

M. Rossabi, "The Muslims in the Early Yuan Dynasty," in J. D. Langlois, ed. *China under Mongol Rule* (Princeton, 1981), 257-95.

מ. בירן, "האסלאם בח'אנות של צ'אגתאי: על התאסלמותו של הח'אן תרמשירין (1331-34)", "בתוך א. ליש ואחרים, עורכים, האסלאם: ספר זכרון לנחמיה לב ציון (ירושלים, 2012), 27-48.

Ch. Melville, "Padishah-i Islam: The Conversion of Ghazan to Islam," *Pembroke Papers*, 1 (1990), 159-177.

R. Amitai-Preiss, "Sufis and Shamans: Some Remarks on the Islamization of the Mongols in the Ilkhanate." *JESHO* 42 (1999), 27-46.

A. Khazanov, "The Spread of World Religions in the Medieval Nomadic Societies of the Eurasian Steppes," in *Toronto Studies in Central and Inner Asia*, 1 (1994), 11-33.

18. Economy and Society Part A: The Old and the New Elites

Chen Yuan, *Western and Central Asians in China under the Mongols: Their Transformation into Chinese* (Rpt. Nettetal, 1989), 18-40.

F.W. Mote, *Imperial China: 900-1800* (Cambridge, MA, 1999), 503-513

Recommended:

F. W. Mote, "Chinese Society under Mongol Rule, 1215-1368," in H. Franke and D. Twitchett (eds.). *The Cambridge History of China Vol. 6* (Cambridge, 1994), pp. 627-664.

A. K. S. Lambton, *Continuity and Change in Medieval Persia*. London, 1988, pp. 297-326.

19. Economy and Society Part B: The Silk Roads – Economy and Trade Under the Mongols

Pegolotti's Merchant Handbook, in

<http://depts.washington.edu/uwch/silkroad/texts/pegol.html>

Th. T. Allsen, "Ever Closer Encounters: The Appropriation of Culture and the Apportionment of Peoples in the Mongol Empire," *Journal of Early Modern History*, 1

(1997), 2-23.

Recommended:

Th. T. Allsen, *Commodity and Exchange in the Mongol Empire* (Cambridge, 1997).

E. Endicott-West, "The Ortaqs in the Yuan dynasty," *Asia Major*, 2/2 (1989), pp. 128-154.

T. May, *The Mongol Conquests in World History* (London, 2012), 109-129.

20. *The Mongol Army*

Plano Carpini in Dawson, 32-38, 43-50.

T. May, *The Mongol Conquests in World History* (London, 2012), 130-157.

Recommended:

Ch. Melville, "The Kesig in Iran: The Survival of the Royal Mongol Household," in L. Komaroff (ed.), *Beyond the Legacy of Genghis Khan* (Leiden, 2006), 135-64.

21. *Culture and Art Part A: Drama, Art, Science, Philosophy*

Kuan Han-ch'ing, "The Injustice Done to Tou Ngo," in Liu Jung-en (trans.), *Six Yuan Plays* (London, 1972), 115-158.

M. Rossabi, "Chinese Art under the Mongols," forthcoming in R. Amitai and M. Biran (eds), *Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change*.

Recommended:

Liu Jung-en, "Introduction," in his *Six Yuan Plays* (London, 1972), 7-35.

22. *Culture and Art Part B: The Mongols and Cities*

Steinhardt, Nancy Shatzman, "The plan of Khubilai Khan's imperial city [Dadu]," *Artibus Asiae*, 44, nos.2/3 (1983), 137-154

Blair, S.S. "The Mongol Capital of Sultaniyya," *Iran* 24 (1986), 135-151.

Recommended:

Zhixian Jason Sun, "Dadu, Great Capital of the Yuan Dynasty," in James C. Y. Watt, *The World of Khubilai Khan* (New Haven and London, 2010), 41-63.

M. Biran, "Rulers and City Life in Mongol Central Asia (1220-1370)." In David Durand-Guedy, ed. *Turko-Mongol Rulers, Cities and City-life* (Leiden: Brill, 2013), 257-284.

Section C: Imperial Legacy

23. *The Ming Dynasty: Successor or Antithesis?*

D. Robinson, "The Ming Court and the Legacy of the Yuan Mongols," in D. Robinson, ed., *Culture, Courtiers, and Competition: The Ming Court (1368-1644)* (Cambridge, 2008), pp. 365-421.

E. L. Farmer, *Zhu Yuanzhong and Early Ming Legislation* (Leiden, 1995), 2

Recommended:

H. Serruys, *The Mongols and Ming China* (Collected articles, London, 1992).

E. Farmer, *Zhu Yuanzhang and Early Ming Legislation* (Leiden, 1995).

J. W. Dardess, "Did the Mongols Matter? Territory, Power and the Intelligencia in China from the Northern Song to the Early Ming," in P. J. Smith and R. von Glahn, *The Song-Yuan-Ming transition* (Cambridge MA, 2003), 111-134.

P. J. Smith, "Impressions of the Song-Yuan-Ming transition: The Evidence from Biji Memoirs," in P. J. Smith and R. von Glahn, *The Song-Yuan-Ming transition* (Cambridge MA, 2003), 71-111.

24. Tamerlane and the Timurids

D.O. Morgan, *Medieval Persia* (London & New York, 1988), pp. 88-104.

B.F. Manz, "Mongol History Rewritten and Relived." *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la méditerranée*, 89-90 (2000): 129-49.

25. Movie – Urga

26. The Moghuls in India

L. Balanlilar, "Lords of the Fortunate Conjunction: Turco-Mongol Imperial Identity on the Subcontinent," *Journal of World History*, v. 18/1 (2007), pp. 1-39.

27. Qing as the Successor of the Mongols: The Role of Tibetan Buddhism

D.M. Farquhar, "The Origins of the Manchu's Mongolian Policy," in J.K. Fairbank (ed.), *The Chinese World Order* (Cambridge, Mass, 1968), 198-205.

F.W. Cleaves, "A Mongolian Rescript of the Fifth Year of Degedü Erdem-tü (1640), *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 46/1 (1986), 186-7.

P. C. Perdue. *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* (Cambridge MA, 2005), 122-27.

Recommended:

J. Elverskog, *Our Great Qing* (Hawaii, 2007).

H.Okada, "China as a Successor State to the Mongol Empire," in R.Amitai-Preiss and D. O. Morgan (eds.), *The Mongol Empire and its Legacy* (Leiden, 1999), 260-273.

28. Conclusion; The Chinggisid Legacy Today

Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 70 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %
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Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
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Grade composition:
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