COURSE DETAIL

THE GREAT GAME IN CENTRAL ASIA

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Near East Studies History Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

112

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

THE GREAT GAME IN CENTRAL ASIA

UCEAP Transcript Title

GRT GAME: CENT ASIA

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

In the 19th century, the Tibetan Plateau was one of the last so-called "blank spots" on European maps, along with other regions of Central Asia. Due to its strategic position in Central Asia and growing economic interests, developing Tibet became an ambitious goal for many Europeans. The seminar examines in what form and with what motives different interest groups such as missionaries, traders, adventurers, scientists and colonial officials acquired and circulated knowledge about Tibet. Why was certain knowledge considered important? How was the collected knowledge interpreted, used and presented? The aim of the seminar is the methodical introduction of the students to colonial history in Asia and the discussion of the role of the so-called *Great Game* between Great Britain and Russia for supremacy in Central Asia, the effects of which reach into the present.

Language(s) of Instruction

German

Host Institution Course Number

53684

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

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