



## Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

Cours en ligne pour le Semestre 1 de 3<sup>ème</sup> année - *idem en anglais*

**Titre du cours** - *Contemporary Central Asian Politics and Societies*

*Course title*

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**Titre en français**

*Contemporary Central Asian Politics and Societies*

**Type de cours** : Cours en ligne

**Langue du cours/Language of instruction** : Anglais

**Enseignant(s)** – *Professor(s)*

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**Résumé du cours – Objectifs** - *Course description – Targets*

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The course focuses on the five post-Soviet states of Central Asia - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. It is structured in two sections. The first part offers an introduction to the region and will address contemporary challenges of economic transition, nation-building and political structure of the countries. The second part of the course discusses foreign policy priorities and the policies of regional and global actors towards Central Asia. Additionally, aspects such as religion, regional cooperation and other regional dynamics and problems of the local-global nexus are discussed.

Course learning outcomes:

- have a firm understanding of the role of the Russian and Soviet legacies in shaping the different pathways of the post-Soviet states in Central Asia
- critically engage with the post-communist transition literature
- comprehend the academic study and add to the policy analysis of Eurasian regime change.

**Dispositif d'enseignement à distance envisagé (Zoom, Teams, Youtube...)** – *Moodle*

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**Evaluation** - *Assessment*

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Final paper



## **Plan – Séances** - *Course outline*

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Soviet Central Asia  
Identity and Nation-Building  
Political transition  
Economic policies  
Migration flows  
Regionalism and region building initiatives  
Foreign policy priorities  
Russia, China and USA in Central Asia  
EU, Turkey, Iran and Japan in the region

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