



## THE CEU SUMMER UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THE COURSE

*“History and Nationalism in Central Asia”*

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### BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will use interdisciplinary perspective to examine the phenomenon of Revising and Rewriting of the History in Central Asia. It will examine the roots of this phenomenon going back to the colonial time of print-capitalism, which fostered the emergence of 'imagined communities' in Central Asia and look at the problem from a theoretical point of view placing it rightly within the theoretical concepts existing in Historical Anthropology, Post-Colonial Studies and Area Studies.

The course will focus, among others, on such problems as the complex interplay between Invention and Mythologization of the History and Ethno-Nationalism as well as emerging new national Identities. It will introduce the multifaceted debate on the nature of invention of the History and reveal its correlation with state building process, politics, and political regimes and show the role of History Writing in social and cultural life of societies during the transition period. The comparative analysis of the History Writing process in Central Asian states with those in other post-Communist societies (Caucasus, Mongolia) as well as Chinese Central Asia (Xinjiang) will enable to reveal general tendencies in the process of Rewriting of the History and describe it as a natural phenomenon for the contemporary post-colonial societies. The course will give participants the skills necessary to apply academic theories, concepts and methodology to their own researches and teaching curricula.

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**Application deadline: February 14, 2005.**

**Further information on the course (detailed course description, faculty CVs, etc.), on eligibility criteria and funding options available at <http://www.ceu.hu/sun>**

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