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MONDAY 8:30-11

SPRING QUARTER 2009  
ANTHROPOLOGY 49502  
TUESDAY 10:30-1:20

## REMAKING EURASIA: EMERGING THEMES IN REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY

This course examines recent efforts to rethink the key themes, processes and practices at the heart of Eurasian archaeological research. By critically engaging with canonical new work from the Caucasus, the Steppe, and Central Asia, the class will attempt to chart future intellectual directions of the field. While the emphasis of the course will not be on recent discoveries *per se*, we will try to ground new theoretical approaches in an understanding of key ongoing field projects. The goal of the course is to not only give students an understanding of where Eurasian archaeology is now, but to also involve them in forging its future directions.

### TEXTS:

This class is intended to examine a few major current works in depth. Our primary sources are:

Anthony, D. W.

2008 *The Horse, the Wheel, and Language: How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

Frachetti, M.

2008 *Pastoralist Landscapes and Social Interaction in Bronze Age Eurasia*. University of California Press, Berkeley.

Kohl, P. L.

2007 *The Making of Bronze Age Eurasia*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Koryakova, L. N. and A. V. Epimakhov

2007 *The Urals and Western Siberia in the Bronze and Iron Ages*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Kuz'mina, E. E. and V. H. Mair

2008 *The Prehistory of the Silk Road*. Encounters with Asia. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia.

Copies of these texts have been ordered through the Seminary Co-op and placed on 24 reserve in the Regenstein. Other readings will be made available through CHALK.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will have the choice of completing either a research paper or a detailed regional archaeological summary as their primary assignment for the class. These options will be discussed more fully in class. In addition, each week one student will be in charge of providing an introduction to the readings and leading discussion. Active participation in seminar discussions is, of course, mandatory.

## OUTLINE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

### I. March 31. Introduction

### II. April 7. Making and Re-making Eurasia: New and Old Approaches

Kohl, P. L.

2007 *The Making of Bronze Age Eurasia*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

### III. April 14. Eurasian Landscapes

Frachetti, M.

2008 *Pastoralist Landscapes and Social Interaction in Bronze Age Eurasia*. University of California Press, Berkeley.

### IV. April 21. Eurasian Identities I: The Indo-European Problem

Anthony, D. W.

2008 *The Horse, the Wheel, and Language: How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

### V. April 28. Eurasian Identities II: Gender Roles on the Steppe

Linduff, K. M. and K. S. Robinson (eds.)

2008 *Are All Warriors Male? Gender Roles on the Ancient Eurasian Steppe*. AltaMira Press, Lanham.

Chapters by: Hanks, Shelach, Nelson, Legrand, and Linduff.

### VI. May 5. Complexity in the Urals and Siberia: Post-Soviet Directions

Koryakova, L. N. and A. V. Epimakhov

2007 *The Urals and Western Siberia in the Bronze and Iron Ages*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

### VII. May 12. Complexity in the Urals, Revisited

Hanks, B. and K. Linduff (eds.)

In press *Social Complexity in Prehistoric Eurasia*. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge. Selections TBA.

Hanks, B. K.

2008 The Past in Later Prehistory. In *Prehistoric Europe: Theory and Practice*, edited by A. Jones, pp. 255-284. Wiley-Blackwell, Malden.

### VIII. May 19. Complexity in the Caucasus: Project ArAGATS as a case study

Khatchadourian, L.

2008 *Social Logics Under Empire: The Armenian 'Highland Satrapy' and Achaemenid Rule, ca. 600-300 BC*, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Michigan. Ch. 6.

In press    An Archaeology of Hegemony: The Achaemenid Empire and the Remaking of the Fortress in the Armenian Highlands. In *Empires and Complexity: On the Crossroads of Archaeology, History, and Anthropology*, edited by G. Areshian. Cotsen Institute, Los Angeles.

Lindsay, I.

2006    *Late Bronze Age Power Dynamics in Southern Caucasia: A Community Perspective on Political Landscapes*. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara. Chs. 6 and 8.

Smith, A. T., R. S. Badalyan and P. Avetisyan

in press    *The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies I: The Foundations of Research and Regional Survey in the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia 1998-2000*. Oriental Institute Press, Chicago. Chs. 1 and 9.

IX. May 26. Complexity between China and Eurasia part I: There...

Mallory, J. P. and V. H. Mair

2008    *The Tarim Mummies: Ancient China and the Mystery of the Earliest Peoples from the West*. Thames & Hudson, London.

X. June 2. Complexity between China and Eurasia part II: ...And Back Again

Kuz'mina, E. E. and V. H. Mair

2008    *The Prehistory of the Silk Road*. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia.