**Course Title:** Great Power Interest in Central Asia during the Nineteenth Century

**Course No:** SA635

**Course Teacher:** Prof. K. Warikoo

**Credits:** 3 (Three)

**INTRODUCTION**

This course provides an understanding of the British, Russian and Chinese policies and activities in Central Asia during the nineteenth century, that is, at the height of ‘Great Game’. It deals with the entire region from the Caspian Sea in the west to Tien Shan in the east, encompassing the whole of Central Asia, Xinjiang, Tibet, Mongolia and Afghanistan, providing a holistic view of developments there. While discussing the Anglo-Russian strategies in the region, this course evaluates the implications of these developments for India’s north and north-west frontiers.

**EVALUATION PATTERN**

i) Term Paper

ii) End Semester Examination

**COURSE CONTENTS**

1. Central Asia: Geo-cultural and Historical Perspective
2. Central Asia-India Relations
3. Tsarist Russian Annexation of Central Asia and Russian Policies
4. British Policy in Afghanistan and Central Asia
5. ‘Great Game’: Anglo-Russian Rivalry over Central Asia and Afghanistan
6. Shadow of Anglo-Russian Rivalry over Kashmir and adjoining territories
7. Mongolia in Sino-Russian Relations
8. Chinese Policies in Xinjiang
9. British Policy towards Tibet
10. Changing Great Power Perspectives on the Pamirs, Xinjiang, Tibet and North Western frontiers of India (in late 19th Century)
SELECTED READINGS

Allworth, Edward (1994)(ed.), *Central Asia: 130 years of Russian Dominance*, Durham.
Rossabi, Morris (1975), *China and Inner Asia: From 1368 to the Present*. London: Thames and Hudson Ltd.
Quarterly Journals *Himalayan and Central Asian Studies*, *Central Asian Survey*. 