

Central Asia in World History

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This is an original interpretation of Central Asian history, from Chinggis to Gorbachev, as a factor in the development of the current world order and its institutions. Central Asia is shown to have been both active and passive: creator in the past, victim in the present, and, the author speculates, possibly creator again in the future. World institutions considered include the basic information circuit, global patterns of disease; the world market and international religions. Central Asian history is of perennial attraction because of its exoticism, but, as this book clearly demonstrates, it is also relevant to everyone's day-to-day history. The wide perspective adopted in this book will make Central Asian history of interest to both the specialist and the general reader alike.

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