Course Description: Maintaining a global perspective has become an essential tool for an informed and responsible world citizenship. This kind of perspective on the past is also necessary for understanding global societies and will help students relate the global past to the contemporary world within a meaningful historical context.

Purpose: This course will encourage critical academic skills necessary in a university setting including reading, listening, responsive writing, and most importantly, thinking.

Global Perspective Learning Outcomes: Students demonstrate an understanding of the commonalities and differences among two or more societies, nations, or cultures outside of the United States in regard to any of the following: language, literature, aesthetics, politics, economics, or social and cultural practices.

Area E Learning Outcome: Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to understand the political, social, economic, or cultural dimensions of world history.

Attendance Policy: Students who want to succeed will come to class. It’s that simple. Since this is mainly a lecture-based class, you will need to hear the lectures in order to do well on the exams.

Electronic Devices: As a courtesy to your fellow students, please silence ALL electronic devices when entering class. If an electronic device goes off during an exam, you will turn in your exam immediately and leave. No exceptions! If you need to take notes on a lap top, it is fine to bring those to class. The only exception, however, is exam day-NO LAP TOPS DURING EXAMS!

Academic Honesty: No form of cheating will be tolerated, either on an exam or plagiarizing when writing. Students caught cheating on an exam or plagiarizing on a written assignment will receive an F for the entire course. Don’t do it!!! The History Dept’s stand on plagiarism is expressed here: http://www.westga.edu/~history/statementonplagiarism.pdf

Grades and Examinations:
Occasional response papers: 10%
Formal Response paper: 10%
Exam #1: 25%
Exam #2: 25%
Final Exam: 30%

Exams will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. You will need three (3) large scantrons (NCS exam form #229633) for the exams.
**Required Reading:** There are three required books for this course:
- Kovaly  *Under a Cruel Star*

The textbook (McKay) will be used as a general guide for learning. You will be responsible for reading the assigned information in the text.

The companion reader (Ward) is a collection of historical documents that illustrate and complement the information in the textbook. You will be responsible for reading the assigned documents. In addition, you will occasionally be writing a short, two-paragraph response paper to some of the assigned readings. Further instructions will be given via all-class email for these assignments.

The last book (Kovaly) is the autobiography of a Czech survivor of Auschwitz who went on to experience life under communism as the wife of a high-ranking Party official in Prague. You will read the book later in the semester, then write a three-page formal response paper. (Further instructions for this writing assignment will be given before the assignment is due.)

**Please note:** I will NOT accept emailed papers; you must turn in a hard-copy of every paper.

**NOTE:** This schedule is subject to change. Students will be notified of any changes via all-class email.

- **Week 1** - Jan 7, 9  Introduction to class, Review of Islam, Mongol Empire
- **Week 2** - Jan 14, 16  Readings: McKay- Chapter 16; Ward- Chapter 16
  - Response paper #1 due in class on Jan 16.
- **Week 3** - NO CLASS on Jan 21 (MLK Day) Readings: McKay- Chapter 17; Ward- Chapter 17
- **Week 4** - Jan 28, 30  Readings: McKay- Chapter 18; Ward Chapter 18.  **Response paper #2 due in class on Jan 30.**
- **Week 5** - Feb 4, 6  Readings: McKay- Chapter 20; Ward-Chapter 20
- **Week 6** - Exam #1 Monday, Feb 11  Feb 13 Readings: McKay- Chapter 21; Ward Chapter 21
- **Week 7** - Feb 18, 20  Readings: McKay- Chapter 22; Ward- Chapter 22  **Response paper #3 due in class on Feb 20**
- **Week 8** -Feb 25, 27  Readings: McKay-Chapter 24; Ward- Chapter 24
- **Last day to withdraw from class with grade of W:** Monday, March 4
- **Week 9** -March 4, 6  Readings: McKay-Chapter 25; Ward- Chapter 25  **Response paper #4 due in class on March 6**
- **Week 10** - Exam #2 Monday, March 11  March 13 Readings: McKay- Chapter 26; Ward- Chapter 26
- **Week 11** - March 18, 20  **NO CLASS: Spring Break**
- **Week 12** - March 25, 27  Readings: McKay-Chapter 28; Ward-Chapter 28  **Response paper #5 due in class on March 27**
- **Week 13** - April 1, 3  Readings: McKay-Chapter 30; Ward-Chapter 30
- **Week 14** - April 8, 10  Readings: McKay- Chapter 31; Ward- Chapter 31
- **Week 15** - April 15, 17  Reading: Kovaly (*Under a Cruel Star*).  **Formal Response Paper due in class on Wednesday, April 17** (Last day of class: April 17)

**Final Exam:** Monday, April 22  2-4:30pm  TLC 1203