

Central Asian Newspapers from the University of Washington

Description and Rationale

Title

Central Asian Newspapers

Project Description*

Microfilming of an estimated 2800 newspaper issues with an estimated 16,122 pages.

Reasons for Consideration*

Ilse Cirtautas, a retired professor specializing in Central Asian languages and retired professor, contributed her large collection of Central Asian materials to the University of Washington Libraries upon her death. After sorting and de-duping, about 2750 newspaper issues remain that need preservation. Most of the newspapers were published between 1968 and 2000, with greater concentrations in the 1970s and early 1990s. The remaining issues do not duplicate the issues SEEMP microfilmed from the similar collection William Fierman donated to Indiana University, Bloomington. Like Prof. Fierman, Prof. Cirtautas' collection includes Uzbek and Kazakh newspapers, but unlike his collection, she collected many Kyrgyz newspapers. This collection includes longer runs of core journals like *Uzbekiston adabietī va sanati*, *Uzbekiston madaniiat* and *Qazaq adabietī*, respectively published by the writer's unions in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan; major newspapers like *Khalq suzi*, the organ of the Olii Majlis, or Parliament of Uzbekistan; and numerous shorter runs of local and more specialized newspapers. Specific titles and holdings are listed in the attachments.

These newspapers are important because they are not widely held in the United States and are quite difficult to obtain from Central Asia. This collection is substantially increase the number of available issues, and will fill gaps in existing microfilmed holdings, as well as lengthening the runs of specific titles. The titles with few issues may not provide a long term view of a topic, they demonstrate the breadth of journalism and topics being discussed in Central Asia.

Authors—since these are serials, they have issuing bodies, not authors

Various. A selection of issuing bodies follow. More specifically, issuing bodies will appear in the OCLC records for specific titles. 1) Uzbekistan. Olii Kengashi; 2) Kazakhstan. Ėkologiiā zhāne bilogiiālyq resurstar ministrliġi; Qazaqstan KP Ortalyq Komiteti (Central Committee, Kazakh Communist Party); 3) Ūzbekiston LKSM. Markaziġ komiteti; 4) Ūzbekiston Ėzuvchilar uġushmasi. Adabiēt targhiboti markazi (Center for Literary Promotion); 5) Ūzbekiston Kompartiāsi Markaziġ Komiteti nashriēti;

Publishers

Various

Proposal Contributors

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Details and Sources

Resource Types*

Newspapers

Regions*

- Central Asia, which is pertinent to both the Middle East and North Africa and Central and Eastern Europe, which seems to represent Slavic

Countries of Origin*

Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tatarstan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan

Major Languages

Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Kazakh

Source Format*

Paper (print)

Target Format

Microfilm

Identifiers

The OCLC numbers included in the proposal can be for print or microfilms produced by a number of institutions. Although some records specify East View microfilm, I cannot find any record of microfilm on the East View website. At least some of the old Norman Ross microfilm owned by Proquest is no longer locatable.

The OCLC numbers are included by title in the attached list

Links

N/A

Source and Holdings

See attached list, which contains detailed information on each title.

Source and Holdings Notes

Physical Details

Larger size issues were folded in quarters, smaller size in half.

Existing Reformatted Materials

CRL already holds other issues of many of the titles. I have checked CRL holdings, OCLC, and checked the library catalogs if other libraries hold the titles. The Library of Congress holds some titles in microfilm.

Intellectual Property Considerations

Reformatting for preservation purposes.