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The Greater Caspian Region

A middle Corridor for Energy, Logistics and Trade Flows
between Asia and Europe

Introduction: A Historical, Economic and
Geographic Overview

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Ancient times

trade between
East and West

Roman
Empire



China

Silk, most
durable currency



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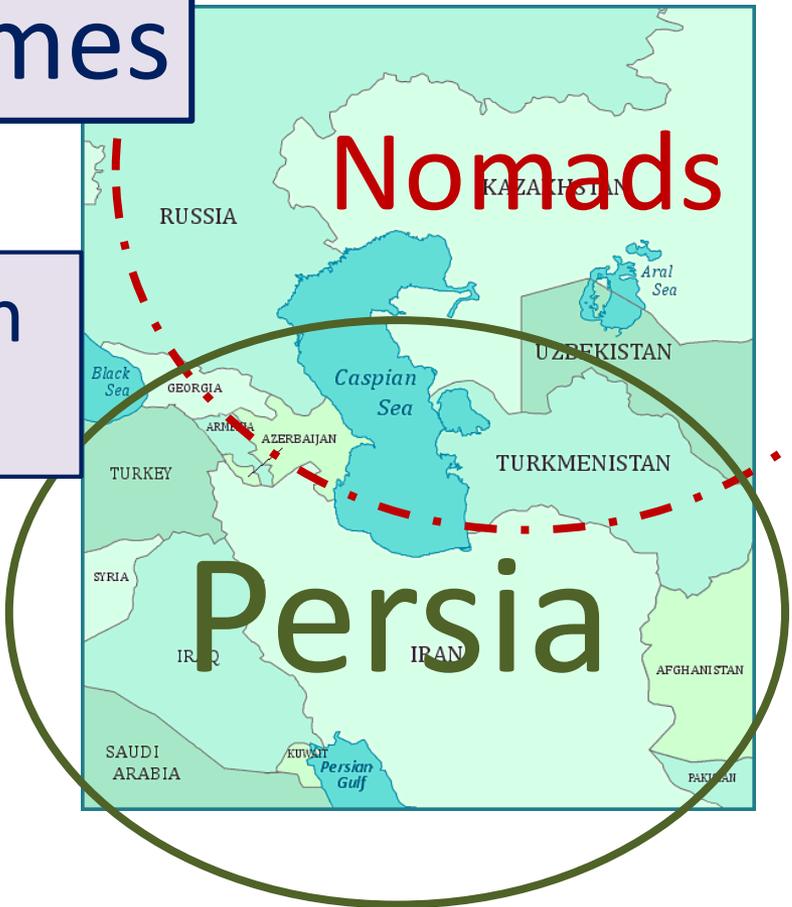
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Ancient times

confrontation
between

Nomads in
the steppes
from the
Caucasus to
Central Asia

Persian
Empire
centre of the
«Silk Road»





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From 17th
to 20th c.

2 littoral
states
2 regional
imperialistic
powers ...



... competing
for regional
hegemony
and influence
in the
Caucasus and
Central Asia



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By 2000

Ukraine

Russia

South
Caucasus

Europe / Turkey

Arab Gulf States

ex Soviet Central Asia:

Kazakhstan

Uzbek.

Kyrgyz.

Turkm.

Tajik.





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2022

ex Soviet Central Asia:

Russia
under sanctions

Kazakhstan

Uzbek.

Kyrgyz.

Ukraine war

Turkm.

Tajik.



Iran
under sanctions

Europe / Turkey

Arab Gulf States



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Trade lines

Russia
under sanctions

Kazakhstan

China

Uzbek.

Turkm.

Europe

Gulf States

Iran
under sanctions





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The Conference Topic:
The Trans-Caspian Trade and Transit Corridor

Europe

Georgia
Armenia, Azerbaijan
Turkey

Middle East



Kazakhstan
Uzbek. Kyrgyz.
Turkm. Tajik.
Afghanistan

China

India