

## **The Sinkiang Collection at the State- and University-Library Goettingen**

The Sinkiang-Collection includes thousands of titles in the Uighur, Kazakh and Kirgiz language, most of them in Arabic script. Furthermore you will find titles in Oirat, Mongolian, Sibo-Manchurian, Dagur and of course Chinese within this collection. There is also plenty of material from neighbouring Kazakhstan, Usbekistan, Mongolia and other Centralasian republics and the Asian part of Russia.

There are currently more than 7000 titles in Uighur available in Goettingen, most of them from Sinkiang, but also some from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Here just an example for a collection of Uighur folk-literature available under the shelfmark 2010 C 9 : 1-12 Uyğur xälq egiz ädäbiyati qamusi / Abduraxman Äbäy.

The 283 volume set of archive material from the Ch'ing-dynasty from Sinkiang in Manchurian language in facsimilized form has recently been bought for the library and can be consulted easily in our reading room in the new Cultural Studies Centre (Shelf mark: 2013 B 461 : 1-283 清代新疆满文档案汇编 Qing dai Xin jiang Man wen dang an hui bian).

This collection of recent publications is complemented with older material from the 1930s to 1970s. This includes older issues of Sinkiang newspapers like the Sinjang Geziti (from 1949), the Inqilabi šärqi Türkistan (1947 f.), Ärk (1946 f.), šinjiang Uyghur geziti (1936/37). There are also newspapers in Oirat from 1950 onward or in Sibo language (Čabčal serkin, since 1980). Newspapers are not bought as regular subscriptions, but older bound issues are bought as sources for the language and culture of the peoples of Sinkiang. They are not complete.

The minority group of Chinese muslim, known as Hui or Dungan, holds a special place. Many of them are of Uighur origin, but most have lost their original language and speak only Chinese. There is a 235 volume set of Hui literature: Shelfmark 2010 B 1210 : 1-235 Hui-zu dian-cang quan-shu 回族典藏全书。

There are several Collectanea of older literature on the Muslim “Northwest” of China, mostly reprints of Qing- or Republican literature and most of it in Chinese. Many of these can be found under the following shelf-marks: 2013 B 583:1- ; 2013 B 585:1- ; 2012 B 2559:1- ; 2011 B 1557:1- ; 2011 B 1560:1- ; Please use the GUK for your search <https://opac.sub.uni-goettingen.de> Make sure the search category is set to ” [SGN] shelf mark” . Insert the shelf mark including the number 1 for the first volume, e.g. 2013 B 583:1 , getting the result please click again on “range of volumes”.

Since 2017 all non-Chinese textbooks (except in European languages like English) are banned from schools in Sinkiang and language education in the indigeneous languages of Sinkiang has ceased completely. The material stored in the Sinkiang Collection in Goettingen is therefore a safe haven and cultural treasure trove for non-Chinese literature.

Many of these books are available in our large reference library freely accessible over four floors:

<http://www.sub.uni-goettingen.de/en/locations-facilities/locations-and-opening-hours/cultural-studies-divisional-library/>