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With this special issue, the ICH will expand its coverage to topics related to Russian Imperial and post-Soviet spaces and its upcoming 16th issue will be devoted to the study of the Crimean Tatar history under Russian imperial rule and the USSR.

Just like its recent annexation by the Russian Federation in 2014, annexation of Crimea in 1783 by the Russian Empire was a violation of the international order set by the *Küçük Kaynarca* Agreement (1774) that secured the integrity of the Crimean Khanate. The period between the annexation of Crimea and the collapse of the Tsarist Russia proved difficult for the Crimean Tatars. Colonization of the Crimean Peninsula by other ethnic groups and further troubles that Crimean Tatars encountered such as gradual exclusion from the urban life, dehumanization by the Russian imperial elite, loss of control over the land, denial of the opportunity to be represented in governmental offices, and the continual exodus from the Crimean Peninsula had been the burdensome circumstances that the Crimean Tatars found themselves trapped in.

The Crimean Tatar experience under the Soviets was, too, proved to be a difficult one. Initially, the Soviets gave assurances for national self-determination and protection of Muslim religious rites to gain support of the masses. However, before long protection of national and religious life and the principle of self-determination were exchanged for the primacy of the establishment of the Proletariat Dictatorship. Soviet-style Tatarization policies were renounced and that was followed by purges. The 1944 deportation of the Crimean Tatars destroyed completely the Crimean Tatar life in the Crimean Peninsula, while leaving thousands perished on the way and after arrival to locations of exile.

On the whole, for the Crimean Tatars the last two-centuries meant a long interval of exclusion, exile, discrimination and marginalization. The very recent events in Ukraine, particularly annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation indicate that the fate of the Crimean Tatars is likely to be a complicated one.

Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014 has amplified the interest of the research community and policy-makers on the Crimean Tatars. However, interpretations on the fate of the Crimean Tatars following the crisis in Ukraine usually overlook the legacies of the Russian Imperial and Soviet pasts. Ignoring the legacy of the past partially conditioned by the absence of deep knowledge on the history of the Crimean Tatars results in imperfect analyses.

Based on this observation, we invite papers that focus on the history of Crimea and the Crimean Tatars between 1783 (annexation of Crimea by Imperial Russia) and 1991 (collapse of the Soviet Union) and examine legal, administrative, social, economic and political practices that have resulted in social, cultural and economic destruction of the Crimean Tatar lives. Reviews of recently published books on the subject are also welcomed.

Deadline for manuscript submissions: **15 December 2015.**

For notes for contributors, see below.

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