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## Slavery in Central Asia and the Caucasus in the XIX century: Common and Particular

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### Abstract

The article examines the common and particular features of slavery in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The attention is paid to the number of slaves, the nature of their appearance, their legal status, etc.

The article by A.P. Khoroshkhin "Persian slaves in the Khanate of Khiva" and the collection of published documents "The Circassian Slave Narratives" were used as materials. Despite the fact that the volumes of these works are not comparable, the authors made an attempt to compare slavery in Asia and the Caucasus.

In work, the authors widely used the historical-comparative method, which allowed them to compare different aspects of slave-owning relations both in the Caucasus and in Central Asia. Due to this method, it was possible to establish a clear correlation between the content characteristics of the narratives studied and the real situation developing in the Caucasian-Central Asian space in the XIX century.

In conclusion, the authors note that slavery in the Caucasus and Central Asia in the XIX century was similar in many ways. On the one hand, the reason for this was the relatively small distance between these slave-owning centers. And on the other hand, the Caucasian and Central Asian slave trade was equally profitable, with which no production could compare in terms of efficiency. This predetermined the main occupations of

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the majority of the population of the Caucasian and Central Asian regions - slave grabbing, slave trade and slavery.

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