**Seminar Questions**

Following is the list of questions you need to try answering when reading assigned seminar chapters/articles. It would help if you familiarize yourself with the questions before starting to read. Sometimes some of the questions would not apply; feel free to skip them. Consider these questions as conversation starters.

1. Which country/region is the paper exploring and why?
2. What comparative politics aspect is the paper on?
3. Is the paper based on empirical analysis of data? What sort of data and what kind of analytical technique did the author (-s) use?
4. Is there a theory/theories? What do they claim?
5. Is this a research paper/textbook chapter/journal article or newspaper article?
6. What is the research problem?
7. What is the author (-s) main idea/argument?
8. Are the conclusions/analysis/findings applicable to Kazakhstan/Central Asia?
9. Has anything changed in the world or the issue since the paper was published?