Course Profile

Degree Program:
- ☑ ECE - Electrical & Computer Engineering
- ☑ ME - Mechanical Engineering
- ☑ General Courses for Both ECE & ME Degree Programs

Course Name:
Modern Asia – Colonialism, Anti-Colonialism and State Formation

Course Code: VR204

Course Credits: 4

Course Category: ☑ Required  ☑ Elective

Terms Offered:
- ☑ Summer 2013-2014

Course Pre/Co-requisites: none

Instructor:
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Class Time and Location:
- Tuesday 16.00-17.40 Dong Xia Yuan 404
- Tuesday 18.20-20.00 Dong Xia Yuan 404 (odd weeks)
- Thursday 16.00-17.40 Dong Xia Yuan 404
Textbook:


* Buying a textbook is not compulsory for this course but students are required to read related chapters or articles found in the list of articles for each week (see longer version of the syllabus on Sakai).

These articles are mostly available from [SJTU library’s data base page](#). Journal articles available through [JSTOR](#) or [EBSCO – Academic Source Complete (ASC)](#) in this list will be indispensable for your essay.

Recommended Reading:


Grading Policy:

Final exam 20%
In-class Quizzes (throughout the semester) 20%
Presentation (throughout the semester) 30%

Each student will choose one country for a case study (you cannot choose your home country and you cannot choose China for this course) and form a group with others who study the same country (4-5 members in each group). There will be 4 presentations and exact task will be announced during the lecture. The fourth presentation will be your group’s travel plan to that country. Final score will be the average of all the presentation and your film notes.

Assignments 30%

Students will be asked to write three short essays (500 words) throughout the semester.
Exact task will be announced during the class.

Academic Integrity:

All students in the class are presumed to be decent, honourable and bound by the Honour Code of the Joint Institute (visit [http://umji.sjtu.edu.cn/honorcode](http://umji.sjtu.edu.cn/honorcode) for more details)

*Plagiarism* is a very serious offence and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. You must appropriately acknowledge your use of others’ works. Putting a list of references at the end of your paper is not enough: your essay must contain in-text citations each time you quote information, results of research, and arguments that you took from other sources. If you are in doubt as to the right way of referencing, consult the instructor BEFORE the submission, NOT after.

In addition, any form of cheating in exam or in preparation of final essay will result in scoring 0 for the assignment or exam and could lead to further disciplinary actions.
Course Description

This course provides a general overview of modern history of East Asian countries focusing on the process of state-formation. It deals with the period, broadly, from around the middle of the 19th century to the end of the Indochina Conflicts. Main themes include colonial transformation of traditional societies, the rise of nationalism and anti-colonialism, Pacific War and the Cold War.

Students successfully completing this course are expected to have attained general understanding of various aspects of Modernity in Asia and broad knowledge of historical basis of current political and economic issues in Pacific Asia.

Apart from standard lectures there will be several films illuminative of the period shown during the class and students are required to choose one particular country for a case study and make five (group) presentations throughout the semester.
## Teaching Schedule (Summer 2014)

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<td>Introduction to the Course</td>
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<td>European Expansion in Asia (ch.2): 77-118</td>
<td><em>Film – Twilight Samurai</em></td>
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<td>Presentation 1a: Introduction</td>
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<td>Interwar period Asia (ch.4): 161-201</td>
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<td>Country cases: Malaysia</td>
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<td>Presentation 2a: Responses to colonialism</td>
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<td>Cold War in Asia (ch.9)</td>
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<td><em>Film – Tae Guk Gi</em></td>
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<td><strong>Final Exam</strong> (exact date will be announced later by the Academic Office)</td>
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**Additional Reading:**

* Highly recommended

**Modernity in Asia (Week 1)**


**Traditional Asia (Week 2)**

**Japan:**


**Southeast Asia:**


European Colonialism and its impacts (Week 3-5)

General:


Indonesia/Java


Vietnam:

Burma/Thailand/
Adas, M. *The Burma delta: economic development and social change on an Asian rice frontier, 1951-1941*, University of Winsconsin Press, Winsconsin


Malaysia/the Philippines


Japan during the Meiji and Taisho periods (Week 6)


Japanese expansionism and its impact (Week 7)


Lederer, E. (1934) ‘Fascist Tendencies in Japan’ *Pacific Affairs* 7(4) (Dec.): 373-385


Impacts on Korea:


Issue of history in Japanese foreign relations in Asia:


Calder, K. E. ‘China and Japan’s Simmering Rivalry’, *Foreign Affairs*, 85(2) (Mar/Apr. 2006): 129-139.


‘Peace Constitution’ / the Article 9 / Re-arming Japan?


A-bomb debate:


Nationalism and Communism in Asia (Week 8-9)


Cold War in Asia (Week 9-11)

General:

Korea:


Pacific Affairs, 73(4) (Winter, 2000-2001) – Special Issue: Korea in Flux

Indochina Conflicts:


* _______ (1983) ‘The Third Indochina Conflict


