

5108/722 EAST ASIA IN WORLD HISTORY

1. Date and Time

Tue 3 (13:00-14:30)

2. General Description

This course is an upper-division **seminar in East Asian history**, with a focus on (1) understanding the region's **cultures and histories**, and (2) placing the history of East Asia within a **world history context**.

Note that assignments are different for graduate and undergraduate students, as described below!

3. Course Content

This is a **reading-intensive, discussion-based** seminar for juniors, seniors, and graduate students. It is assumed that you have either a substantial background in (1) history (it need not be in Asian history) and/or (2) Asian studies.

Rather than focusing primarily on the histories of terrestrial nation-states, we will spend more time examining topics and spaces including marginal territories; flows of people, goods, and ideas; and globalization, past and present.

Assignments

All: Weekly readings

Undergraduates: Choose one of the following

- Complete 6 analytical reading summaries
- Research paper related to your thesis (1500-3000 words)

Graduates:

- Research paper related to your thesis (3000-6000 words)

Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule.

It *will* be revised based on student enrolment.

Wk 1:	Introduction
Wk 2-11:	East Asia in World History
Wk 12-13:	TBA
Wk 14:	Wrap up

4. Textbook

No textbook is required for this class.

All readings will be provided electronically as PDFs, etc.

5. Reference Materials

See above.

6. Evaluation

Undergraduates:

- Attendance 30%
- Participation 30%
- Analyses/Paper 40%

Graduates:

- Attendance 20%
- Participation 20%
- Paper 60%

Readings

What is Asia? What is "Transnational History?"

- Duara, Prasenjit. "[Asia Redux: Conceptualizing a Region for Our Times.](#)" *The Journal of Asian Studies* 69, no. 04 (November 2010): 963–983.
- Tyrrell, Ian. "[What Is Transnational History?](#)" Paris, 2007.

Unlearning National History

- Wigen, Kären. "[Cartographies of Connection: Ocean Maps as Metaphors for Inter-Area History.](#)" In *The Nation, Europe, and the World: Textbooks and Curricula in Transition*, edited by Hanna Schissler and Yasemin Nuhoglu Soysal, 211–27. New York: Berghahn Books, 2005.
- Duara, Prasenjit. [Rescuing History from the Nation: Questioning Narratives of Modern China.](#) University of Chicago Press, 1997. (Intro, Chapter 1, Conclusion)

Unlearning Global History

- Pomeranz, Kenneth. [The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy.](#) Princeton University Press, 2000. (Introduction, Chapter 6)
- Chirot, Daniel, and Thomas D. Hall. "[World-System Theory.](#)" *Annual Review of Sociology* 8 (1982): 81–106.

The Sinosphere (1): China Marches West

- Perdue, Peter C. [China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia.](#) Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2005. (Part 4)
- *Optional*
 - Perdue, Peter C. "A Frontier View of Chineseness." In *The Resurgence of East Asia: 500, 150 and 50 Year Perspectives*, edited by Giovanni Arrighi, Takeshi Hamashita, and Mark Selden, 65–91. London, New York: Routledge, 2004.

The Sinosphere (2): Taiwan

- Andrade, Tonio. "[Koxinga's Conquest of Taiwan in Global History: Reflections on the Occasion of the 350th Anniversary.](#)" *Late Imperial China* 33, no. 1 (2012): 122–140.
- Eskildsen, Robert. "[Of Civilization and Savages: The Mimetic Imperialism of Japan's 1874 Expedition to Taiwan.](#)" *American Historical Review*, 2002, 388–418.
- *Optional*
 - Tai, Eika. "[The Discourse of Intermarriage in Colonial Taiwan.](#)" *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 40, no. 1 (2014): 87–116.

The Sinosphere (3): Macau

- Clayton, Cathryn H. [Sovereignty at the Edge: Macau and the Question of Chineseness.](#) Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center. Distributed by Harvard University Press, 2010. (*Introduction, Chapter 1*)

The Sinosphere (4): Hong Kong

- Mathews, Gordon, Dale Lü, and Jiewei Ma. *Hong Kong, China: Learning to Belong to a Nation.* Routledge, 2008. (*Chapters 4-5*)

Globalization (1): Silk Road

- Liu, Xinru. [The Silk Road in World History.](#) New Oxford World History. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. (*Chapters 1-2*)
- Rezakhani, Khodadad. "[The Road That Never Was: The Silk Road and Trans-Eurasian Exchange.](#)" *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 30, no. 3 (January 1, 2010): 420–33.

Globalization (2): Trade & the Columbian Exchange

- Flynn, Dennis O., and Arturo Giráldez. "[Born with a 'Silver Spoon': The Origin of World Trade in 1571.](#)" *Journal of World History*, 1995, 201–221.
- Nunn, Nathan, and Nancy Qian. "[The Columbian Exchange: A History of Disease, Food, and Ideas.](#)" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 24, no. 2 (2010): 163–88.

- *Optional*
 - Mann, Charles C. [1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created](#). New York: Alfred A. Knopf Incorporated, 2011. (*Chapters 4-5*)

Globalization (3): McDonald's and McDonaldization

- Watson, James L., ed. [Golden Arches East: McDonald's in East Asia](#). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1997. (*Chapters 1, 5*)
 - *Please note: this is an EPUB file, requiring an ebook reader or app.*
- *Optional*
 - Watson, James L., ed. *Golden Arches East: McDonald's in East Asia*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1997. (*Chapter 2*)
 - Ritzer, George. "An Introduction to McDonaldization." In [McDonaldization: The Reader](#), edited by George Ritzer, 4–25. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2010.
 - "[Our Endeavors: Vol. 2 KFC Japan](#)." Mitsubishi Corporation.
 - Smith, K. Annabelle. "[Why Japan Is Obsessed with Kentucky Fried Chicken on Christmas](#)." *Smithsonian*, December 14, 2012.