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East Asian Civilization: Modern Era

Fall 2015

Murray Hall 208

T/TR 1450-1610hrs

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Office hour: T 1330-1450hrs and by appointment

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01 Sep	Introduction
15 Oct	Midterm paper due in class
22-28 Nov	Thanksgiving
10 Dec	Final paper due at 12 noon

Course Description:

The course is designed to introduce students to East Asian Civilizations in the modern era: China, Korea, and Japan. It will appeal to students who are just beginning their study of East Asia and may want to explore their interests broadly before deciding on a more specific course of study; and also to students who have done substantial study of one East Asian country or language and would like to place it within the larger context of modern East Asian Civilizations.

The course will be centered on the critical analysis of various historical, cultural, and political narratives and counter-narratives that are used to describe and discuss modern East Asia. We will be placing special focus on narratives which posit enduring social and cultural patterns that are said to determine or influence the ongoing behavior and existence of East Asian peoples in the modern era.

Requirements and Grading:

1. Attendance, Participation and Reader Response/Class Presentation (40%): Students will need to come to class having read and analyzed all of the assigned texts. Students must bring a copy of the reading assignment to class. Active participation in group discussion is mandatory.

For each session's reading assignment, two students will be designated to post a reader response (approximately 200-400 words) on Sakai (<https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>) by noon the day before. These responses may include ideas, reflections, and questions that arise during the reading of the texts. They may also address larger issues or make comparison with other course readings. Try to be original and critical in your reader response. Others are required to have read each session's posting before class in order to participate fruitfully in group discussion. The students assigned to post a response will also be responsible for beginning the discussion during the session with a brief summary and elaboration of their main points. The presentation should be between 12-15 minutes.

2. Midterm Paper (25%): 3-5 pages in length. Choose a theme, issue or author and construct an argument based on close reading of two or more texts. Try to be original and careful in your analysis. No research beyond course materials is required.

3. Final paper (35%): 6-8 pages. Discuss a theme, issue or figure based primarily on textual analyses of works by a single author or by different authors. See me first to discuss your topic. Some research beyond course readings is required. Students must retain a copy of each paper. Written work for this course must be entirely your own and careful citation of credible sources should conform with an accepted manual of style (e.g. Chicago or MLA).

Course Materials:

I. There are two types of required reading materials:

1. Patricia Ebrey, *East Asia : A Cultural, Social, and Political History*. 2nd edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009.
2. A course reader in a collection of PDF files, which will be made available to students enrolled in the course.

Syllabus:

date	content
0901	What is ‘modern’ to East Asia?
0903	The encounter of China and the West: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 18
0908	Lu Xun: “A Madman’s Diary”, “Kong Yiji”
0910	Lu Xun: “Preface to Call to Arms”, “Medicine”
0915	Film in Lecture: <i>The Last Emperor</i> I
0917	Film in Lecture: <i>The Last Emperor</i> II
0922	Film in Lecture: <i>The Last Emperor</i> III
0924	Japan in turmoil: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 19
0929	Japan’s Transformation: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 20, 22
1001	Japan: <i>A Documentary History</i> , pp. 323-26, 346-53.
1006	Akutagawa Ryunosuke, “Handkerchief”, <i>Exotic Japanese Stories</i> , 140-51
1008	Korea in turbulence: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 21
1013	Korea’s modernization: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 23

1015	Documentary: <i>A Bite of China</i> s01e05 □ Midterm paper due
1020	China: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 28
1022	Japan: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 30
1027	Korea: <i>East Asia</i> Cha 29
1029	China under Mao: <i>Chen Village</i> Cha 4
1103	China under Deng: <i>Chen Village</i> Cha 12
1105	China's globalization: <i>China's Second Continent</i> introduction, epilogue
1110	China's globalization: <i>China's Second Continent</i> Cha 10
1112	Postwar Japan: <i>A Modern History of Japan</i> Cha 14
1117	Japan beyond postwar: <i>A Modern History of Japan</i> Cha 17
1119	East Asia-US: "Economic Nationalism and Regionalism in Contemporary East Asia"
1124	US in East Asia I
1126	Thanksgiving
1201	Film in Lecture: <i>Evangelion 1.0 I</i>
1203	Film in Lecture: <i>Evangelion 1.0 II</i>
1208	US in East Asia II
1210	Wrapping up □ Final paper due 14 Dec, 12 noon

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