

# **HIST 246 East Asia since 1800**

**Fall 2010**

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## **Introduction:**

In this class, we will examine the social, political and cultural transformation from the imperial system to modern nation-states in four major East Asia countries: China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. We will explore nation building, state making, reform, revolution and wars, as well as the rise of nationalism, militarism, and communism in each country, and their distinctive approaches to confront Western challenges while in search of identity and modernity. Finally, we will consider the changes that happened in the societies and how these changes affected the lives and values of the people living in East Asia. Upon completing this course, students will understand the four major East Asian countries' struggle in the modern world and the multiple implications of democracy, nationalism and revolution.

## **Required Reading:**

Ebrey et al., *East Asia: A Cultural, Social and Political History* (Wordsworth, 2009)

Haruko Cook, *Japan at War: An Oral History* (New York: The New Press, 1992)

Cho Chong-Rea, *Playing with Fire* (Cornell East Asian Series, 1997)

Chen Jian, *China's Road to the Korean War* (Columbia University Press, 1994)

Hue-Tam Ho Tai, *Passion, Betrayal and Revolution in Colonia Saigon* (University of California Press, 2010)

## **Exams, assignments and Grading:**

There will be 2 closed book in-class exams (15% each) and 1 reading response (15%), one book review (15%), and one longer analytical paper (20%). All students are required to participate in final group project research and presentation, which constitute another 10%. Attendance and Participation in class discussion constitute the final 10% of the total score.

## **Requirements and Expectations:**

- 1) Attendance and participation of the class.
- 2) Absence should have doctor's note or other evidence. Three absences without legitimate excuses will have a deleterious effect on your final grade.
- 3) All papers must be paginated and stapled
- 4) Outside of an emergency situation, the general penalty for late submission is one full letter grade off per day overdue.

## **Unit One: East Asia before 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

### **Week 1**

*East Asia*, 1-91

Aug 27 Introduction to East Asia—Culture, Society and Politics

### **Week 2**

*East Asia*, 94-220

Aug 29 Ancient China

Sept 1 Korean society and culture

Sept 3 Japanese tradition and Cultural pattern

### **Week 3**

*East Asia*, 221-278

Sept 6 Ming and Early Qing Dynasties in China

Sept 8 East Asia and Europe

Sept 10 Discussion

## **Unit Two: East Asia, 1800-1945**

### **Week 4**

*East Asia* 279-303

Sept 13 Tokugawa Japan

Sept 15 Review and Discussion

Sept 17 **In-class test**

### **Week 5**

*East Asia* 304-352

Sept 20 China's Late Qing Crisis

Sept 22 Japan encounters the West

Sept 24 Meiji Restoration

### **Week 6**

*East Asia*, 353-401

*Passion, Betrayal and Revolution in Colonia Saigon*, 1-87

Sept 27 Korean in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

Sept 29 Militarism and Colonialism of Japan

Oct 1 Rise of Vietnamese Nationalism

**Week 7**

*East Asia, 402-440*

*Passion, Betrayal and Revolution in Colonia Saigon, 88-180*

Oct 4 National Revolution in China

Oct 6 War and Communist Revolution in China

Oct 8 Korean under Japanese rule

**Week 8**

*East Asia, 442-456*

*China's Road to the Korean War 1-91*

Oct 11 Fall Break

Oct 13 War and aftermath in Japan

Oct 15 Civil War in China **/Reading Response due**

**Unit Three: East Asia , 1945-1979**

**Week 9**

*China's Road to the Korean War 92-223*

Oct 18 Communist China

Oct 20 Korean War

Oct 22 **In-class test**

**Week 10**

*East Asia, 457-473*

Oct 25 Vietnam's Struggle

Oct 27 China: CCP's Rule from 1956-1966

Oct 29 The Cultural Revolution

**Week 11**

*East Asia, 473-490;*

*Playing with Fire 1-93*

Nov 1 Film *Welcome to Gongmukgol* **/Book Review Due**

Nov 3 Film *Welcome to Gongmukgol*

Nov 5 Film *Welcome to Gongmukgol*

**Week 12**

*East Asia, 491-510;*

*Playing with Fire 94-188*

Nov 8 Dictatorship in South Korea

Nov 10 North Korea and Kim Il-sung

Nov 12 Vietnam War

**Unit Five: East Asia, 1979-1989**

**Week 13**

*East Asia, 511-524*

*Japan at War*

Nov 15 Contemporary Japan

Nov 17 China after Mao

Nov 19 South Korea's Democratization

**Week 14**

*Japan at War*

Nov 22 China: 1989 and after

Nov 24--28 Thanksgiving

**Week 15**

*Japan at War*

Nov 29 Film: *Rhapsody in August*

Dec 1 Film: *Rhapsody in August*

Dec 3 Discussion

**Week 16**

Dec 6 Presentation

Dec 8 Presentation

*The syllabus is subject to change*