

Asian Studies 101 (GE Foundations)
Asian Thought and Cultures
Spring 2006

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Course Objective:

This course will explore the social, religious, political, economic, and legal foundations of East and Southeast Asia. The course content is designed to give the student a background to understand the traditions, the values and thus the societies in East and Southeast Asia. In this course we will focus on East and Southeast Asia.

Textbooks required for the class:

None.

All other required readings will be available online on ECR or hardcopy at the SDSU Reserve Book Room. Readings are taken from the following books:

Heinz, Carolyn Brown. *Asian Cultural Traditions*. Waveland Press, Inc.: Prospect Heights, 1999.
Heidhues, Mary Somers. *Southeast Asia – A Concise History*. Thames and Hudson: London, 2000.
Lowenstein, Tom. *The Vision of the Buddha: Buddhism – The Path to Spiritual Enlightenment*. Duncan Baird Publishers: London, 1996.
Nelson, Lynn H. and Peebles, Patrick. eds. *Classics of Eastern Thought*. Harcourt Brace College Publishers: Fort Worth, 1991.
Owen, Norman. ed. *The Emergence of Modern Southeast Asia – A New History*. University of Hawaii Press: Honolulu, 2005.
Go, Julian and Foster, Anne L. eds. *The American Colonial State in the Philippines: Global Perspectives*. Duke University Press: Durham, 2003.
McKenna, Thomas M. *Muslim Rulers and Rebels: Everyday Politics and Armed Separatism in the Southern Philippines*. University of California Press: Berkeley, 1998.
Handbook of Korea. The Korean Overseas Information Service: Seoul, 2003.

Please note:

- (1) The tests should be taken on the assigned date and there are no make up tests without a doctor's note.
- (2) Attendance is mandatory.
- (3) The videos shown in class should be watched carefully as there will be questions from them on the tests. Same goes for speakers/invited guests.
- (4) There will be no midterm or final exam so each test is of equal importance.
- (5) All assignments should be handed to me personally and on time. Please do not leave assignments in my (or the department's) mail box.

Evaluations:

1. Four Quizzes	15% each	60%
2. Video Critical Review:		
2.1 Midterm outline and list of references	15%	15%
2.2 Final Paper (see instructions)	25%	25%
Total		100%

Extra Credit:

Students may accumulate additional points toward their class total by submitting a book report – using the same criteria outlined for the Video Critical Review. The book choices are:

- (1) **Dusk**: A Novel by F. Sionil Jose. ISBN #: 0375751440 or
- (2) **To Live**: A Novel by Yu Hua. ISBN#: 1400031869 or
- (3) **The Last Time I Saw Mother**: A Novel by Arlene Chai. ISBN#: 0449912345

Kindly see me if you are planning to do this.

Week 1 – Jan. 15 – 21: Introduction to Asia – Geography *by the end of the week, make sure the requirements are clear.

Jan. 18 – Asia as a Cultured Space Heinz: Chapter 1 (3-9)	Jan. 20 – Introduction to Southeast Asia Heidhues: Introduction (7-15)
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Week 2 – 4 China - the confluence of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism

Week 2 – Jan. 22 – 28: Confucian and Taoist China

Jan. 23 – Confucianism An Introduction to Confucianism http://www.ubfellowship.org/archive/readers/601_confucianism.htm Nelson – The Analects (50-56) <i>Film: VTC 2498 - Eastern Philosophy: Part 1 (Confucius and Mencius)</i>	Jan. 25 – Taoism An Introduction to Taoism http://www.ubfellowship.org/archive/readers/601_taoism.htm Nelson – Tao Te Ching (58-66)
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Week 3 – Jan. 29 – Feb. 4: Buddhist China (Hinduism and Buddhism)

Jan. 30 – India (Hinduism and Buddhism) Lowenstein (8-33) Nelson – Sermon at the Deer Park (30-37) <i>Film: VTC 2292 - Religions of the World: Hinduism</i>	Feb. 01 – Buddhism in China An Introduction to Buddhism http://www.ubfellowship.org/archive/readers/601_buddhism.htm <i>Film: VTC 2291 - Religions of the World: Buddhism</i>
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Week 4 – Feb. 5 – Feb. 11: Mahayana and Theravada Buddhism

Feb. 06 – China Heinz – Chapter 7 (246-261) <i>Film: VTC 456 - Time Life's Lost Civilizations: China</i>	Feb. 08 – Taiwan Heinz – Chapter 7 (262-279)
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Quiz 1 – China (Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism)

MW Class: Feb. 08, 2006

MWF Class: Feb. 10, 2006

Week 5 – 8 Mongolia, Tibet, Korea, and Japan - the ever changing borders and the rise of nationalism in East Asia

Week 5 – Feb. 12 – Feb. 18: Mongolia

Feb. 13: The Mongol Century (Part 1) The Mongol Century (1-6) http://www.geocities.com/mlora3/mongolia.htm	Feb. 15: The Mongol Century (Part 2) The Mongol Century (7-12) http://www.geocities.com/mlora3/mongolia.htm
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Week 6 – Feb. 19 – Feb. 25: Korea

Feb. 20 – Modern History Handbook of Korea (91-115)	Feb. 22 – Religion and Customs Handbook of Korea (424-443)
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Week 7 – Feb. 26 – Mar. 4: Japan

Feb. 27 – Shinto An Introduction to Shinto http://www.ubfellowship.org/archive/readers/601_shinto.htm <i>In Class Film: VTC 2498 - Eastern Philosophy: Part 1 (Shinto) 30 min in.</i>	Mar. 01 – Buddhism in Japan Heinz – Chapter 8 (311-327) <i>In Class Slide Show: SS-52 – Castle Towns: An Introduction to Tokugawa Japan (42 Slides)</i>
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Week 8 – Mar. 5 – Mar. 11: Tibet

Mar. 05 – Tibet Intro to the 5 Principal Spiritual Traditions of Tibet. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/budintro.html >. The Bonpo Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/bon.html >. The Nyingma Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/nyingma.html >. The Kagyu Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/kagyu.html >. The Sakya Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/sakya.html >. The Gelug Tradition < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/gelug.html >. The Geshe Degree. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/geshe.html >. <i>In Class Film: VTC 456 - Tibet: The End of Time</i>	Mar. 08 – Tibet (2), Test Intro to the 5 Principal Spiritual Traditions of Tibet. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/budintro.html >. The Bonpo Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/bon.html >. The Nyingma Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/nyingma.html >. The Kagyu Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/kagyu.html >. The Sakya Tradition. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/sakya.html >. The Gelug Tradition < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/gelug.html >. The Geshe Degree. < http://www.tibet.com/Buddhism/geshe.html >. <i>In Class Film: VTC 3017 - Requiem for a Faith</i>
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Quiz 2 – East Asia: Mongolia, Tibet, Korea, and Japan

MW Class: Mar. 08, 2006

MWF Class: Mar. 10, 2006

******Video Critical Review: Outline due Mar. 8, 2006******

Spring Break – Mar. 12 – Mar. 18

Week 9 – 12: The Mainland Region: Burma/Cambodia/Thailand/Vietnam/Laos – the development of Indochina and the bedrock of Theravada Buddhism

Week 9 – Mar. 19 – Mar. 25

Mar. 20 – Southeast Asia: The Big Picture Heidhues – 68-75	Mar. 22 - Spread of Buddhism (Theravada) and the Indian Legacy
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Week 10 – Mar. 26 – Apr. 1

Mar. 27 – Burma <i>Myanmar Becomes British Burma in Modern Southeast Asia (83-92)</i> <i>Film: Raise the Bamboo Curtain (Burma)</i>	Mar. 29 – Cambodia <i>Cambodia, 1796-1885: Politics in a Tributary Kingdom in Modern Southeast Asia (117-122)</i> <i>Film: Raise the Bamboo Curtain (Cambodia) 29 min in</i>
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Week 11 – Apr. 2 – Apr. 8

Apr. 03 – Vietnam <i>Vietnam, 1700-1885: Disunity, Unity, and French Conquest in Modern Southeast Asia (106-116)</i> <i>Film: Raise the Bamboo Curtain (Vietnam) 49 min in.</i>	Apr. 05 – Thailand <i>Siam: From Ayutthaya to Bangkok in Modern Southeast Asia (93-105)</i>
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Week 12 – Apr. 9 – Apr. 15

Apr. 10 – Laos <i>Laos to 1975 in Modern Southeast Asia (371-375)</i>	Apr. 12 – Test
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Quiz 3 Burma/Cambodia/Thailand/Vietnam/Laos

MW Class: Mar. 12, 2006

MWF Class: Mar. 14, 2006

Week 13 – 16: The Maritime Region: Indonesia/Malaysia/Philippines/Singapore/Brunei – the juxtaposition of Christianity and Islam in Southeast Asia

Week 13 – Apr. 16 – Apr. 22

Apr. 17 – The Maritime Region Islam: Heidhues – 77-82	Apr. 19 – The Maritime Region Christianity: Heidhues – 83-84
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Week 14 – Apr. 23 – Apr. 29

Apr. 24: Christian Philippines <i>Muslim Separatism and the Bangsamoro Rebellion in Muslim Rulers and Rebels (138-169)</i>	Apr. 26: Islamic Philippines <i>Inheriting the “Moro Problem”: Muslim Authority and Colonial Rule in British Malaya and the Philippines in The American Colonial State in the Philippines (118-147)</i>
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Week 15 – Apr. 31 – May 06

Apr. 01: Malaysia <i>The Malay Negeri of the Peninsula and Borneo in Modern Southeast Asia (137-146)</i>	May 03: Singapore/Brunei <i>Singapore and Brunei in Modern Southeast Asia (422-430)</i>
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Week 16 – May 07 – May 10

May 08: Indonesia <i>Becoming Indonesia, 1900-1959 in Modern Southeast Asia (296-311)</i>	May 10: Indonesia <i>Becoming Indonesia, 1900-1959 in Modern Southeast Asia (296-311)</i>
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Quiz 4 Indonesia/Malaysia/Philippines/Singapore/Brunei Darussalam

MW Class: May 10, 2006

MWF Class: May 10, 2006

Finals – May 11 – May 18

********Video Critical Review: Final paper due May 15********