

East Asia: Regional and Global Perspectives

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Course Reading

The following paperback books have been ordered at the campus bookstore.

1. Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony. The World System A.D. 1250-1350*. Oxford.
2. W. G. Beasley, *Japanese Imperialism, 1894-1945*. Cambridge.
3. Francesca Bray. *The Rice Economies. Technology and Development in Asian Societies*. California.
4. Mark Elvin, *The Pattern of the Chinese Past*. Stanford.
5. Walter Hatch and Kozo Yamamura, *Asia in Japan's Embrace*. Cambridge.
6. Peter Katzenstein and Takashi Shiraishi, eds., *Network Power. Japan and Asia*. Cornell.
7. Michael Yahuda, *The International Politics of the Asia-Pacific*. Routledge.

Supplementary Texts.

1. Ramon Myers and Mark Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*. Princeton.
2. Peter Duus, Ramon Myers and Mark Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Informal Empire in China, 1895-1937*. Princeton.
3. Stephen Frenkel, ed., *Organized Labor in the Asia-Pacific Region*. ILR.

* Items preceded by an asterisk in reading list will be available for reading in the sociology department office or may be purchased in a course packet by ordering at the first meeting of the seminar . . . if you are prepared to assist with copying.

Course Description

This is both a proseminar and a research seminar. Please begin framing a subject for a term paper from the outset. I expect to work closely with you in choosing and refining a subject throughout the semester. When you have a firm idea, let me have a solid paragraph or two outlining the issues and your approach at mss44@cornell.edu, prior to discussing it. A term paper précis of five pages, including a clear statement of the problem, discussion of the issues, working hypotheses, and a preliminary bibliography of Western and (where appropriate) Asian and other non-Western language sources, is due in class on October 13. Précis will be circulated to members of the seminar by e-mail for information and mutual assistance. Final papers are due at noon on December 19 . . . which may be extended if necessary without discussion or grade penalty to January 16, 1998 for those whose précis has been approved.

Among the central issues the seminar will explore, and appropriate themes for papers, are

1. The nature of the East Asian world order over three broad historical epochs which may be framed temporally in terms of the 10th-18th centuries, mid-19th to mid-20th centuries, and 1945-present.
2. The intersection of East Asian and world economies
3. The question of "incorporation" including: who incorporates whom?
4. The changing position of East Asia in the global political economy including the "Rise of East Asia" hypotheses.
5. The sources of disintegration/integration and of stagnation/dynamism of East Asian economies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the era of imperialism, national liberation, and revolutionary change (both socialist and capitalist).
6. Alternative development strategies and their growth, class, gender, and environmental consequences.
7. The concepts and characteristics of regional and global economy. What constitutes a region?
8. Eurocentric and Asiatic perspectives.

Comparative papers, exploring more than one country, region, or temporality for the light they shed on the

regional or global economy or political economy, or exploring such themes as capital flows, gendered economies, class formation, environmental economics, rural industrialization or proto-industrialization, urban-rural dynamics, population movements and diasporic roles in the development process and/or in regional, are particularly encouraged.

Evaluation is based on the consistent quality of student reports and discussion, the précis and term paper.

Course Schedule

I Comparative Approaches to Regional and Global Development

A. Europe, the Middle East, Asia: Regional and World Economies. 9.11

1. Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony. The World System A.D. 1250-1350*, 1-134, 251-373. Supplement: The Middle East, 137-250.
2. Fernand Braudel, "Economies in space: the world-economies," *The Perspective of the World [Civilization & Capitalism 15th-18th Century Vol. 3]*, 21-57.
3. Giovanni Arrighi, "The Three Hegemonies of Historical Capitalism," in *The Long Twentieth Century. Money, Power and the Origins of Our Times*, 27-84.
- *4. Andre Gunder Frank, "The Euro/Western Centrism of Economic History," May 1997 net discussion.

B. East Asia and the World Economy: The Chinese World Order 9.18

- *1. John Fairbank, ed., *The Chinese World Order. Traditional China's Foreign Relations*
 - a. Fairbank, "A Preliminary Framework," 1-19.
 - b. Mark Mancall, "The Ch'ing Tribute System: An Interpretive Essay," 63-89.
 - c. Robert Sakai, "The Ryukyu (Liu-ch'iu) Islands as a Fief of Satsuma," 112-34.
- *2. Po-Keung Hui, "Overseas Chinese Business Networks: East Asian Economic Development in Historical Perspective," (Binghamton Sociology Ph.D. dissertation, 1995), chapter two, "The Formation and Transformation of the Overseas Chinese Business Networks (11th Century-18th Century), 28-61.
- *3. Andre Gunder Frank, "The Centrality of Central Asia," *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* 24,2, 1992, 50-74.

Supplement:

1. Wang Gungwu, "Early Ming Relations With Southeast Asia," in Fairbank, *The Chinese World Order*, 34-62

C. East Asia and the World Economy: the East Asia Tributary-Trade System 9.25

- *1. Takeshi Hamashita
 - a. "The Tribute Trade System and Modern Asia," *Memoirs of the Research Department of the Toyo Bunko*, 40 (1988), 7-25;
 - b. "Tribute and Emigration: Japan ;and the Chinese Administration of Foreign Affairs," *Senri Ethnological Studies* 25, (1989), 69-85;
 - c. "Tribute and Treaties: East Asian Treaty Ports in the Era of Negotiation, 1834-1894," 24 pp. trans. Adam Schneider.
2. Satoshi Ikeda, "The History of the Capitalist World-System vs. the History of East-Southeast Asia *Review*, 19,1, winter 1996, 49-76.
- *3. Robert Marks, "Commercialization Without Capitalism. Processes of Environmental Change in South China," *Environmental History* 1,1, January 1996, 56-82.

Supplement

1. Hung-chao Tai, "The Oriental Alternative: An Hypothesis on Culture and Economy," in *Confucianism and Economic Development. An Oriental Alternative.*, 6-37.

D. East vs. West: the Origins of the World Economy 10.9

1. Andre Gunder Frank, "R e O R I E N T : Global Economy in the Asian Age" (Forthcoming, University of California Press). Manuscript available at FBC. If possible, another copy will be placed at sociology.

Supplement

1. Explore the WSN postings in early March 1997, at the World System Archive, particularly the contributions by Frank, Barendse, Selden, Boswell, Misra, Bergesen, Hall, Goldfrank, and Blaut debating Eurocentrism and the primacy of the "East" in world historical perspective. [No need to read the debate on Pomo and WS later that month.] On the net: <http://csf.colorado.edu/wsystems/wsarch.html>. If you wish to volunteer to edit the relevant posts into a thread that WSN will display as a package and credit you, and for which your classmates will thank you, please let me know. (Approximately one to two hours work.)
2. Christopher Howe, *The Origins of Japanese Trade Supremacy. Development and Technology in Asia from 1540 to the Pacific War*, 3-41.

The seminar will not meet on October 16.

E. The Pattern of the Chinese Past 10.23

1. Mark Elvin, *The Pattern of the Chinese Past. A Social and Economic Interpretation*, 18-22, 42-90, 113-84, 194-319.

*2. G. William Skinner, "Urban Development in Imperial China," in *The City in Late Imperial China*, 3-31.

3. Francesca Bray, *Technology and Gender. Fabrics of Power in Late Imperial China*, 7-11 top, 175-206, 237-42, 269-72. [Supplement: 243-69, 369-80].

F. Agrarian Foundations of Asian Development 10.30

1. Francesca Bray, *The Rice Economies. Technology and Development in Asian Societies*.

*2. Philip Huang, "Introduction," *The Peasant Family and Rural Development in the Yangzi Delta, 1350-1988*, 1-18. [Supplement: "A Sum Up," 305-24.]

II Imperialism, 'Incorporation', Transformations in East Asia

A. Imperialism in Asia 11.6

- *1. Andrew Nathan, "Imperialism's Effect on China," and Joseph Esherick, "Harvard on China: The Apologetics of Imperialism," *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, 4,4, 1972, 2-16. [Supplement on imperialism in China: Elizabeth Lasek, 15,1, as well as John Fairbank and James Peck, 5,2,6,2]
2. W. G. Beasley, *Japanese Imperialism, 1894-1945*, Chs. 1-3,7,9, 10, pp. 1-40, 85-100,122-55.
3. Takeshi Hamashita, "The Intra-Regional System in East Asia in Modern Times," in Katzenstein and Shiraishi, *Network Power. Japan and Asia*, 113-35.
4. Christopher Howe, "Growth and Transformation in Japan's Trade and Payments, 1890-1937," *The Origins of Japanese Trade Supremacy*, 115-37.

B. Imperialism, War and Revolution in Asia 11.13

1. W. G. Beasley, *Japanese Imperialism*, Chs.13-16, 198-258,
2. Mark Peattie, "Japanese Attitudes Toward Colonialism, 1895-1945," in Ramon Myers and Mark Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*, 80-127.
3. Peter Duus, "Japan's Wartime Empire," in Peter Duus, Ramon Myers, and Mark Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Wartime Empire, 1931-1945*, xi-xxxix.
- *4. Mark Selden, "Epilogue," in *China in Revolution. The Yen'an Way Revisited*, 222-58.

Supplement

1. Ken'ichi Goto, "Cooperation, Submission, and Resistance of Indigenous Elites of Southeast Asia in the Wartime Empire," *The Japanese Wartime Empire*, 274-301.

III The Political Economy of the Asia-Pacific Region, 1945-2000

A. International Politics of Asia and the Pacific 11.20

1. Michael Yahuda, *The International Politics of the Asia-Pacific, 1945-1995*.
2. Bruce Cumings, "Japan and Northeast Asia in the Twenty-First Century," and Mark Selden, "China, Japan and the Regional Political Economy of East Asia, 1945-1995," in Katzenstein and Shiraishi, *Network Power. Japan and Asia*, 136-68, 306-40.

B. Asian Regionalism: Economic Factors and Comparative Perspectives 12.4

1. Walter Hatch and Kozo Yamamura, *Asia in Japan's Embrace*, viii-xi, 3-41, 50-129, 175-205.
2. Katzenstein and Shiraishi, eds., *Network Power: Japan and Asia* a. Katzenstein, "Introduction," 1-46.
b. Katzenstein and Shiraishi, "Conclusion: Regions in World Politics, Japan and Asia—Germany in Europe," 341-81.
- *3. T.G. McGee, "The Emergence of Desakota Regions in Asia," in Norton Ginsburg, Bruce Koppel and T.G. McGee, eds. *The Extended Metropolis. Settlement Transition in Asia*, 3-26.

Supplement

1. Chalmers Johnson, "A Japanese Model?" in *Miti and the Japanese Miracle*, 305-24.
2. T.J. Pempel, "Transpacific Torii: Japan and the Emerging Asian Regionalism, 47-82 in Katzenstein and Shiraishi, eds., *Network Power*.

C. Critical Perspectives on Asian Development: Social and Ecological Costs of Asian Developmentalism 12.4

1. Gavan McCormack, "The Construction State: The Pathology of the *Doken Kokka*," *The Emptiness of Japanese Affluence*, 25-70.
2. Stephen Frenkel, ed., *Organized Labor in the Asia-Pacific Region. A Comparative Study of Trade Unionism in Nine Countries*, chapters on Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore, 133-246.
- *3. Vaclav Smil, "Environmental Problems in China: Estimates of Economic Costs," East-West Center Special Reports Number 5, April 1996. [Supplement: Walden Bello and Stephanie Rosenfeld, *Dragons in Distress. Asia's Miracle Economies in Crisis*, 95-112, **or** Linda Gail Arrigo, "The Environmental Nightmare of the Economic Miracle: Land Abuse and Land Struggles in Taiwan," *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* 26,1-2 (Jan-June 1996), 21-44.]
- *4. Jonathan Unger and Anita Chan, "Corporatism in China: A Developmental State in an East Asian Context," in Barrett McCormick and Jonathan Unger, eds., *China After Socialism. In the Footsteps of Eastern Europe or East Asia?* 95-129.