HISTORY OF EAST ASIA II

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Course Description
This introductory course to East Asian civilizations focuses on the political, military, and social as well as intellectual history of China, Japan, and Korea, from the seventeenth century to the aftermath of the Second World War. It aims to present and explain major features and developments of the three countries in various historical periods, as well as their interactions in different aspects. The basic goal of this course is to kindle interest among students for their future exploration of the topics that we broach here.

Background in pre-1600 East Asian history is obviously helpful, but not essential. A student willing to do the works, but having no background, can still hope to do very well.

Required Texts
The following books, which are available at the University Bookstore, will be used as primary readings for the course and are recommended to be purchased:


**Course Requirements**

The requirements (duties) of this course are:

1. Attendance at lectures
2. Completion of assigned readings
3. In-class midterm exam
4. Two short papers
5. Five commentaries on primary sources
6. In-class final exam

Grades will be determined as follows:

- **Attendance and participation in class**: 10%
- **Two papers, each 20%; in total 40%**
- **Two examinations, each 15%; in total 30%**
- **Five commentaries, each 4%; in total 20%**

On the two papers (3-4 pages, double-spaced), students are expected to develop their critical reading and thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting a specific primary source or related set of sources (in English translation). Due dates for each paper appear in the schedule below, assigned topics for each paper will be handed out well in advance. Late papers will not be accepted for any reasons other than documented emergencies.

On the exams, students are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of the basic features of East Asian civilizations. The dates of exams also appear in the schedule below.

On the commentaries, students are expected to write five one-page and double-spaced comments on any primary source readings listed in the schedule below. The comments are expected to be short but sharp, which will show your critical interpretation of the sources and thorough understanding of the relevant topics.

**WARNING**: You are responsible for knowing how to adhere to the code of academic honesty. If you submit plagiarized work, you will fail the assignment, fail the course, and will be subjected to the university’s official adjudication process. If you are not sure of what constitutes plagiarism, consult the instructor before submitting your papers.
Schedule of Lectures

Week 1  
**Introduction**
Jan 22  Class description and policy briefing (no reading)
Jan 24  East Asia in 1600

*EAH* pp. 218-220, 238-239, 244-247, 257-261

Week 2  
**The Ming-Qing Transition in China**
Jan 29  The Crises of the Ming

*SEA* “Huang Zongxi’s Critique of the Chinese Dynastic System” (pp. 6-17)
Jan 31  The Rise of the Manchus

*EAH* pp. 262-266

Week 3  
**The Manchu Empire Marches West**
Feb 5  China as part of the Manchu Empire
Feb 7  The High Qing Period (I)

*EAH* pp. 266-278

*SEA* “Lu Liuliang’s Radical Orthodoxy” (pp. 17-21); “Late Confucian Scholarship: Wang Fuzhi” (pp. 21-23); “The Qing Version of Neo-Confucian Orthodoxy” (pp. 42-47)

Week 4  
**The Pinnacle of the Empire?**
Feb 12  The High Qing Period (II)
Feb 14  Two Empires Collided: The Great Qing v.s. The Great Britain

*EAH* pp. 266-278

*SEA* “Chinese Responses to Early Christian Contacts” (pp. 64-76)

Week 5  
**Pax Tokugawa**
Feb 19  The End of the Warring States Period
Feb 21  The Tranquility of the Edo Period

*EAH* pp. 218-220, 279-294

*SEA* “Ieyasu and the Founding of the Tokugawa Shogunate” (pp. 121-129); “Kumazawa Banzan: Confucian Practice in Seventeenth-Century Japan” (pp. 165-173)
Week 6  Japan on the Eve of Turning Up-side-down  
Feb 26  Challenges to the Tokugawa Order (I)  
Feb 28  Challenges to the Tokugawa Order (II)  
*EAH* pp. 324-336  
*SEA* “The Evangelic Furnace: Japan’s First Encounter with the West” (pp. 173-186); “Dutch Learning” (pp. 246-254); “The Way of the Warrior II” (pp. 272-280)  

Week 7  The Sea Barbarians Smashed the Great Wall of China  
Mar 5  The First Opium War  
Mar 7  The Arrow War  
*EAH* pp. 304-308, 312  
*SEA* “The Western Intrusion into China” (pp. 93-99); “Wei Yuan and the West” (pp. 100-106)  

Week 8  Exam & Movie  
Mar 12  In-class Mid-term Examination  
Mar 14  Movie showing  

Week 9  The Most-Killing Rebellion and China’s Attempts of Self-Rescue  
Mar 26  God’s Chinese Son: The Taiping Rebellion  
Mar 28  The Self-Strengthening Movement and Others  
*EAH* pp. 308-319  
*SEA* “The Heavenly Kingdom of the Taipings” (pp. 106-121); “Moderate Reform and the Self-Strengthening Movement” (pp. 629-641)  

**The First Essay Due in Class (Mar 28)**  

Week 10  Korea in a New East Asian World  
Apr 2  Korea after the 1590s Japanese Invasion  
Apr 4  The Triangle of China, Japan, and Korea  
*EAH* pp. 248-256, 353-368  
*SEA* “Politics” (pp. 373-384)
Week 11  Two Empires, Two Fates
Apr 9    Meiji Restoration and the Rise of the Japanese Empire
Apr 11   The Qing Empire Staggering
          *EAH* pp. 315-323, 337-352, 370-386
          *SEA* “The Meiji Restoration” (pp. 471-485); “Reform Edict of January 29, 1901” (pp. 663-665)

Week 12  Revolution and War (I)
Apr 16   The Birth of the Chinese Republic
Apr 18   Japanese Invasion of China
          *EAH* pp. 402-416
          *SEA* “The Nationalist Revolution” (pp. 678-699)

Week 13  Revolution and War (II)
Apr 23   Korea and China under Japanese Occupation
Apr 25   From Regional War to Global War
          *EAH* pp. 387-401, 417-440
          *SEA* “The Decision for War with the United States” (pp. 623-629)

**The Second Essay Due in Class (Apr 25)**

Week 14  Wrap up and Exam
Apr 30   East Asia after WWII
May 2    In-class Final Examination