HIST 252 (001): History of East Asia, Part II

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Course time and location:
Mon/Wed 10:30-11:45 am, East 122

Course webpage:
http://hist252.wordpress.com

Course Description: This course is an introduction to some of the major themes in the history of East Asia from the late-eighteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries (1750s-1950s). Although conceived of as a regional history, the primary focus of this course will be on China and Japan with some attention also paid to Korea. Issues covered will include imperialism, colonialism, nationalism, World War II, the Cold War, & revolutions.

This course fulfills the Mason Core requirement for Global Understanding. As such, students will be encouraged to develop and demonstrate their capacities for intercultural empathy and understanding. Assignments throughout the semester will provide opportunities for students to identify and articulate their own values (especially in regard to issues of colonialism and imperialism as well as problems of warfare) and to identify how these values might shape their interactions with others in both local and global contexts. Students will also have occasion to reflect upon how their studies of modern East Asia might broaden and/or complicate their understanding of the issues and events unfolding in the contemporary world.

Required Texts: The titles below are all available for purchase at the GMU Barnes & Noble bookstore.
1. Patricia Ebrey et al. *East Asia: A Cultural, Social, & Political History*. 3rd ed. Cengage, 2013/14.
2. Hildi Kang. *Under the Black Umbrella: Voices from Colonial Korea*. Cornell Univ. Press, 2005.
3. John W. Dower. *War Without Mercy: Race & Power in the Pacific War*. Pantheon, 1986.

Additional Readings: Readings in the course schedule marked by a **single asterisk (*)** and followed by (.pdf) are available at the "Additional Material" page on the course website: https://hist252.wordpress.com (password = asia).

Requirements & Grading: You must complete (that is, demonstrate serious engagement with) every requirement in order to receive a passing grade. The instructor reserves the final right to determine what constitutes "completion" of a requirement.

1. Participation (25%): I expect you to attend all scheduled meetings and to be fully prepared. This means finishing the assigned readings listed for that day before coming to class. The quality of your written and oral contributions both in class and online will be considered as indicators of your participation and engagement.

2. In-class Map Quiz (5%): A study guide will be provided on the first day of class. The quiz will be taken at the start of class on **Wed. 1/31/2018**. No make-ups will be allowed (unless prior arrangement has been made).

3. Midterm Exam (25%): identifications (in-class) & take-home essay; first draft due **Wed. 2/28/2018; final revision of the essay** due **in-class on Wed. 3/7/2018, when MIDTERM IDs** will also be taken.
No late work accepted and no make-ups allowed for the midterm exam.

4. Online Exercises and Written Responses (20%): You will be responsible for completing **two (2) online exercises, due by 5 p.m.** on **Tue. 3/27/2018 and Sun. 4/22/2018, as well as two (2) short (3 pg.) written responses, due in-class on Wed. 3/28/2018 and Mon. 4/23/2018**. Detailed instructions are available on the course webpage and will be provided in hard copy in class. Policies and procedures for submitting written work are listed below (see Course Policies, points c. and d.).

5. Final Exam (25%): identifications (in-classroom) & take-home essay due at **10:30 a.m., Mon. 5/14/2018.**
No late work will be accepted and no make-ups allowed for the final exam.

Course Policies, Reminders, and Helpful Tips:

a) Class absences: Students are expected to attend all meetings of the course. In the event that you must miss class, you are responsible for the contents of the lecture or discussion. **Students are expected to come to class on time.** Late arrivals are disruptive, and late-comers may miss important information or hand-outs.

b) Cell phones and laptop computers: During class all phones must be switched off and put away. Neither students nor instructors should compose, read, or respond to text messages during class. Students who wish to use a laptop computer for note-taking are welcome to do so. However, *students who use laptops for purposes other than taking notes (i.e., email, instant messaging, internet browsing unrelated to the course) will be asked to leave and will no longer be permitted to use a computer in class*. Violation of these policies will result in a significant reduction in your course participation grade.

c) Submission of written work: All written work is due at the beginning of class in hard copy on the day indicated on the syllabus. All written assignments should be typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins and in a 12-point font. Your name should be on the paper, and all pages should be stapled and numbered. *You must submit your work in hard copy only; no email attachments will accepted* (unless prior arrangements with the instructor have been made). You should, however, retain electronic copies of all written work, and your instructor may ask for an electronic copy of your paper in order to use it as an example in teaching or to submit to a plagiarism detection site like Turnitin.com.

d) Late policy: All students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the deadlines for course assignments. Late work will be penalized **ONE FULL LETTER GRADE (10 pts.) per day (including weekends & holidays).** The only exceptions will be when you have explicit, advance permission from your instructor. If you anticipate a problem in completing or submitting your work on time, you must contact the instructor in a timely manner. If you do not hear back from your instructor, you should assume that your work is due on the original date. Regardless of whether or not you have been granted an extension, you must contact your instructor for how to submit late work. Late assignments will not be considered as "received" until a hard copy is in the instructor's hands. ***No late work will be accepted for the take-home final exam*.**

e) Plagiarism: Don't do it. It's easy to spot & can result in expulsion from the University and loss of degree. **What is plagiarism?** As noted by the American Historical Association (AHA), "Writers plagiarize… when they fail to use quotation marks around borrowed material and to cite the source, use an inadequate paraphrase that makes only superficial changes to a text, or neglect to cite the source of a paraphrase." For details see pgs. 3-4 of this document: http://www.historians.org/Documents/Plagiarism/Curriculum_Plagiarism.pdf

If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, or about when or how to properly cite a source, talk to your instructor before you write! For more information see these very helpful websites:

http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/plagiarism.htm#plagiarism

f) Academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented condition that warrants academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 703-993-2474. **All academic accommodations must be arranged through ODS** (http://ods.gmu.edu/). Additional support may be obtained through Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): http://caps.gmu.edu/

g) Electronic communication. It is best to contact me at mchang5[at]gmu[dot]edu. I usually check email during normal business hours, namely M-F, 8 am-5 pm. Please allow 24-48 hours for a reply to an email request or inquiry (excluding weekends). Please sure to indicate your course number in your email subject line and include both your first and last name in your signature. For general advice on the best way to communicate via email, see:

http://web.wellesley.edu/SocialComputing/Netiquette/netiquetteprofessor.html

http://mleddy.blogspot.com/2005/01/how-to-e-mail-professor.html

h) Academic Integrity: All George Mason University students have agreed to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Honor Code (http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/)

All violations of the Honor Code will be reported to the Honor Committee for review.

i) Final disclaimer: This syllabus is subject to revision as the semester proceeds. Announcements of changes will be made online and during class meetings. Students are responsible for being aware of any changes.

Dates	Lectures & Discussions	Assignments & Readings	Notices
1/22 & 1/24	**M:** Course introduction **W:** China: Qing Order & Social Crisis, 1750-1850	**M:** buy your books; prepare for map quiz **W:** Ebrey, 234-237 (stop @ Wang Yangming's Challenge) and 270-287	Distribute map quiz guide
1/29 & 1/31	**M:** China: 1st Opium War,1839-42 **W:** China: The Taiping Rebellion, 1850-1864	**M:** Ebrey, 314-321 (stop @ 2nd Opium War) **W: **IN-CLASS MAP QUIZ**	Mon 1/29/18 Last day to add
2/5 & 2/7	**M:** China: 2nd Opium War & Self-Strengthening, 1860-1872 **W:** China: High Imp. & End of Self-Strengthening, 1870-1895	**M:** Ebrey, 321-326 (start @ 2nd Opium War; stop @ Failures of Reform) **W:** Ebrey, 306-313 (Western Imperialism) and 326-332 (start @ Failures of Reform)	Distribute midterm exam study guide
2/12 & 2/14	**M:** Japan: Tokugawa Order & Social Crisis, 1750-1850 **W:** Japan: Late Tokugawa 1850-70	**M:** Ebrey, 288-303 **W:** Ebrey, 333-341 (stop @ Political Turmoil)	
2/19 & 2/21	**M:** Japan: Debates over Opening **W:** Japan: Tokugawa Collapse	**M:** *"Debates Over the Opening of Japan" (.pdf) **W:** Ebrey, 342-346	Fri 2/23/18 Last day to drop
2/26 & 2/28	**M:** Japan: Early Meiji, 1870-1890 **W: peer editing of midterm essay**	**M:** Ebrey, 347-362 **W: FIRST DRAFT of midterm essay due for peer editing; NO LATE DRAFTS ACCEPTED.**	
3/5 & 3/7	**M:** Japan: Late Meiji, 1880-1912 **W: MIDTERM IDs (in-class)**	**M:** Ebrey, 360-361 ("Leaving Asia"); and *"Rescript on Education" (.pdf). **W: MIDTERM IDs (in-class); FINAL REVISION of MIDTERM ESSAY due. (No late work accepted.)**	Distribute guide for *Under the Black Umbrella*
3/12 & 3/14	**SPRING RECESS—NO CLASS**	**SPRING RECESS—NO CLASS** Read Ebrey, 363-379 (Korea in 19th cent.) and 400-414 (colonial era)	3/12 - 3/18/2018 SPRING RECESS
3/19 & 3/21	**M:** Korea under Japanese Colonial Rule, Stage 1 (1905-1919) **W:** Korea under Japanese Colonial Rule, Stage 2 (1920-1935)	**M:** **W:** *Under the Black Umbrella* (xi-xv, 1-83) [85 pgs]	Fri 3/23 midterm grades posted.
3/26 & 3/28	**M:** Korea under Japanese Colonial Rule, Stage 3 (1935-1945) **W:** disc *Under the Black Umbrella*	**M:** Kang, *Under the Black Umbrella* (85-147) [60 pgs] **Tue 3/27/2018: ONLINE EXERCISE for *Under the Black Umbrella* due by 5 p.m.** **W: WRITTEN EXERCISE for *Under the Black Umbrella* due in-class**	Fri 3/30 elective withdraw ends
4/2 & 4/4	**M:** Japan: Taisho Democracy, 1914-1926 **W:** China: New Culture & May 4th Movements, 1915-1925	**M:** Ebrey, 382-399; and *"Universal Suffrage & Peace Preservation Laws" (.pdf); **W:** Ebrey, 415-429; and *"The Twenty-One Demands" (.pdf)	Distribute guide for *War Without Mercy*
4/9 & 4/11	**M:** *China in Revolution, pt. 1 Struggle for Survival, 1911-1936* **W:** Toward the Pacific War	**M:** *War Without Mercy*, ix-xii & 3-117 [112 pgs]. **W:** Ebrey, 430-438 (WWII) and 456-461 (up to Occupation); *War Without Mercy*, 147-200 [33 pgs + 20 pics]	
4/16 & 4/18	**M:** *In the Name of the Emperor* **W:** *Senso Daughters*	**M:** *War Without Mercy*, 203-290 [87 pgs.] **W:** finish *War Without Mercy*, 293-317 [25 pgs.]	
4/23 & 4/25	**M:** discuss *War Without Mercy* **W:** *China in Revolution, pt. 2: Fighting for the Future, 1937-1949*	**Sun 4/22: ONLINE EX for *War W/out Mercy* due 5 pm** **M: WRITTEN EX for *War W/out Mercy* due in-class.** **W:** Ebrey, 439-454	Distribute final exam study guide
4/30 & 5/2	**M:** *Occupied Japan: an Experiment in Democracy* **W:** course evals & wrap-up	**M:** Ebrey, 461-465 (Occupation); *"Land Reform: Excerpts from SCAP Directive, 1945" (.pdf); and *"End of the American Occupation." (.pdf) **W:** Ebrey, 540-544 (E. Asia in 21st Century); start working on take-home Final Exam essay	
5/9-5/16 exams	**FINAL EXAM: 10:30 a.m. on Mon. 5/14/2018 in East 122. IDs (in classroom) & Essay due @ 10:30 a.m. *No late work or make-ups will be allowed*.**		

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Assigned page numbers for different editions of the main textbook, Ebrey et al., *East Asia*.

Dates	Assigned pgs. in 3rd ed., 2013/14	Assigned pgs. in 2nd ed, 2008/09	Assigned pgs. 1st ed, 2005/06
1/22 & 1/24	**M:** **W:** 234-237 (stop @ Wang Yangming's Challenge); and 270-287	**M:** **W:** 229-232 (stop @ Wang Yangming's Challenge); and 262-278	**M:** **W:** 277-279, 281; and 313-329
1/29 & 1/31	**M:** 314-321 (stop @ 2nd Opium War) **W:**	**M:** 304-312 (stop @ 2nd Opium War) **W:**	**M:** 375-385 (stop @ 2nd Opium War) **W:**
2/5 & 2/7	**M:** 321-326 (start @ 2nd Opium War; stop @ Failures of Reform) **W:** 306-313 (Western Imperialism) and 326-332 (start @ Failures of Reform)	**M:** 312-316 (start @ 2nd Opium War; stop @ Failures of Reform) **W:** 296-303 (Western Imperialism) and 316-323 (start @ Failures of Reform)	**M:** 385-389 (Self-Strengthening) **W:** 366-374 (Imperialism) and 390-396
2/12 & 2/14	**M:** 288-303 **W:** 333-341 (stop @ Political Turmoil)	**M:** 279-294 **W:** 324-332 (stop @ Political Turmoil)	**M:** 331-347 **W:** 397-406
2/19 & 2/21	**M:** **W:** 342-346	**M:** **W:** 332-336	**M:** **W:** 406-411
2/26 & 2/28	**M:** 347-362 **W:**	**M:** 337-352 **W:**	**M:** 412-429 **W:**
3/5 & 3/7	**M:** 360-361("Leaving Asia") **W:**	**M:** 350-351 ("Leaving Asia") **W:**	**M:** 428-429 (Escape from Asia) **W:**
3/12 & 3/14	**SPRING RECESS:** 363-379 (Korea in 19th cent.) and 400-414 (colonial era)	**SPRING RECESS:** 353-368 (Korea in 19th cent.) and 387-401 (colonial era)	**SPRING RECESS:** 431-446 (Choson Kor) and 484-500 (colonial era)
3/19 & 3/21	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**
3/26 & 3/28	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**
4/2 & 4/4	**M:** 382-399 **W:** 415-429	**M:** 370-386 **W:** 402-416	**M:** 465-483 **W:** 448-463
4/9 & 4/11	**M:** **W:** 430-438 (WWII) and 456-461 (up to Occupation)	**M:** **W:** 417-425 (WWII) and 442-445 (up to Occupation)	**M:** **W:** 520-528 (WWII) and 529-534
4/16 & 4/18	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**	**M:** **W:**
4/23 & 4/25	**M:** **W:** 439-454	**M:** **W:** 426-440	**M:** **W:** 501-518
4/30 & 5/2	**M:** 461-465 (Occupation) **W:** 540-544 (E. Asia in 21st Century)	**M:** 445-451 (Occupation) **W:** 525-528 (E. Asia in 21st Century)	**M:** 534-541 (Occupation) **W:** 619-623