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ASIA_V 101 - Introduction to Modern Asia

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This course is a survey of the history of East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia since 1600. The focus is on transnational interactions and comparisons within Asia to identify commonalities and differences in the ways the various peoples of Asia have navigated the challenges of the modern world. In particular, this course will trace changes from monarchies to participatory governments, from agrarian societies to industrial economies, and from rigid social stratification to social mobility, including greater autonomy for women. This course will also look at ideological changes in both religion and political philosophies as well as the shift from ethnic and cultural identities to national identities. In every case, we will explore explanations for why all those changes occurred.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal. Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy.

Craig A. Lockard. Southeast Asia in World History
John H. Miller Modern East Asia: An Introductory History.

Assignments

Top-hat Multiple-choice questions|10

4 short (1-2 -age) discussion papers|20

Mid-term exam|20

Final exam|25

Term paper (10 pages)|25