

HILD 12  
Spring 2005

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Office hrs.: Tu. 12:30-1:30, Th. 9:30-10:50 & by appt.

**EAST ASIA IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE:  
The Twentieth Century**

**Class Meetings:** Tu. & Th. 11:00-12:20, 101 Center  
**TAs:** Miriam Gross, Ji Hee Jung, George Solt, Xiaowei Zhang

**Course Description**

This course is intended to introduce students to the history of East Asia during the twentieth century, and will especially emphasize the conflicts, interactions, and mutually constitutive experiences of the peoples of China, Japan, Korea and the Euro-American powers. We will complicate conventionally nationalized views of the past, which tend to consider the histories of individual nations in isolation from one another and as stories of unproblematically unified peoples by: (1) adopting a transnational or global perspective; and (2) considering the conflicts and differences that have divided people within individual nations. This year the course will concentrate on the period from the early twentieth century to the end of the U.S. occupation of Japan in 1952. Key issues covered will include: Western and Japanese imperialism and colonialism, democracy, nationalism, feminism, racism, Marxism and the Chinese Communist Party, the Second World War, and the Cold War.

**Texts on Reserve Only**

Schirokauer, Conrad. Modern China and Japan: A Brief History. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982 (hereafter MCJ) AND A Brief History of Chinese and Japanese Civilizations. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989 (hereafter BH).

**Texts on Reserve and Ordered at Groundwork Books**

Dower, John W. War Without Mercy. Pantheon Books, 1986.  
Kim, Richard E. Lost Names. U.C. Press, 1998 (1970).  
Hinton, William. Fanshen. U.C. Press, 1997 (1966).

All reading materials not in the above books can be found in the course reader, which is available at Cal Copy, 3251 Holiday Ct., phone: 452-9949.

**Requirements**

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| 1. Midterm Essay I (due 4/19)                   | 25% of grade |
| 2. In-class midterm (5/12)                      | 25%          |
| 3. 2 Hour Final (6/8, 11:30-1:30)               | 30%          |
| 4. Section Work (includes comments on readings) | 20%          |

Sections will begin meeting from Tuesday, March 29. Sections will not meet on Monday,

March 28. Monday sections will meet for the first time on April 4 and for the last time on Monday of finals week. Starting from the second meeting each student must go to section prepared to respond in writing to a general question about the week's readings. These very short weekly written exercises (5-7 minutes) are not meant to be tests or quizzes. They will not penalize you for failing to remember the details of the readings. Instead, they will provide you with opportunities to show how well you have understood some of the larger themes of the readings and will facilitate group discussion. The exercises will focus on the readings that are not contained in the Schirokauer textbooks. They will be graded on a pass/not pass basis only, but you can use them to demonstrate your engagement in the course and to thereby improve your section grade. Since these exercises will take place at the beginning of section, it is imperative that you arrive ON TIME! You will not receive extra time because you have arrived late. In addition, you must come to class prepared to orally share at least one question that you would like your section to discuss.

A WORD OF WARNING TO THOSE TAKING THE COURSE PASS/NOT PASS: You must complete (that is, demonstrate a 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. The lowest passing grade is a "C-" (70% of total possible points for the course).

### PART I "SELF-DETERMINATION," 1906-27

#### WEEK I

Reading: MCJ, 167-217 or BH, 469-524.

March 29 Introduction

March 31 Western and Japanese Imperialism in East Asia

#### WEEK II

Reading: Yoshino Sakuzō, "On the Meaning of Constitutional Government and the Methods by Which It Can Be Perfected" (22); Kaneko Fumiko, "The Road to Nihilism" (49); Woodrow Wilson, "Fourteen Points Speech" & "Four Points Speech" (8); "The Nationalist Movement" (22); "The Communist Movement" (7). (108)

April 5 Taisho Democracy

April 7 Korean Nationalism and the March 1 Movement

#### WEEK III

Reading: Ding Ling, "Miss Sophia's Diary" (32); Yu Dafu, "Sinking" (17); Lu Xun, "Diary of a Madman" (12); "The New Culture Movement" (5), "Chinese Communism" (15). (81)

April 12 The May Fourth Movement and the Question of Culture

MID-TERM ESSAY QUESTION DISTRIBUTED

April 14 China and the Comintern, 1922-27

PART II TOWARD THE GREATER EAST ASIA CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE, 1927-45

WEEK IV

Reading: MCJ, 219-41 or BH, 525-52 (27); War Without Mercy, Preface & 3-73 (77). (104)

April 19 Movie: "No Regrets for our Youth"

MID-TERM ESSAY COVERING WEEKS I-III DUE IN CLASS

April 21 From Taisho Democracy to Japanese Fascism

WEEK V

Reading: War Without Mercy, 203-90 (87); Fanshen, ix-xiii, p.3-100 (101). (188)

April 26 From the Nanjing Decade to the The War of Invasion

April 28 Movie and Discussion: "In the Name of the Emperor" (50 minute film)

WEEK VI

Reading: Lost Names (entire, 195 pgs).

May 3 From Colonial to Imperial Subjects

May 5 Comfort Women and Mobilized Workers

IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAM QUESTION(S) DISTRIBUTED

WEEK VII

Reading: War Without Mercy, 77-117 (40).

May 10 Movie and Discussion: "Murmuring"

May 12 IN-CLASS MIDTERM covering weeks IV-VI

WEEK VIII

Reading: War Without Mercy, 118-200, 293-317.(106)

May 17 From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima/Nagasaki

May 19 Movie and Discussion: "The Prophecy"

PART III DECOLONIZATION, THE COLD WAR, AND REVOLUTION, (1945-52)

WEEK IX

Reading: MCJ, 245-61 or BH, 552-70 (28); Fanshen, 101-46 (initial village struggle) [45], 157-60

(women) [3], 168-87(CP) [21]; Ding Ling, "Thoughts on March 8" (5); Ch\_n Kwangyong, "Kapitan Ri" (25). (131)

May 24        The U.S. Occupation of Japan and the Cold War in East Asia  
May 26        Korea: "Liberation" and "Division"

#### WEEK X

Reading: Fanshen, 198-250 (party land reform errors) [52], 319-331, 350-59 (judging the party) [21], 374-77, 382-87, 394-95 (county meetings & land reform) [9], 396-99, 454-60 (women) [9], 479-87 (civil war) [8], 518-27 ("extreme democracy") [9], 535-47 (People's Congress) [12], 592 (landholding chart) [1], 601-13 (conclusion) [11]. (132)

May 31        The Chinese Revolution & CCP Victory  
                FINAL QUESTIONS DISTRIBUTED  
June 2        Afterword

FINAL:       June 8, 11:30AM-1:30PM