

## History of East Asia

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This seminar investigates the interactions among China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Taiwan before the West, the collapse of the Sinocentric regional system, as well as the domestic and international social, political and cultural repercussions resulted from the insertion of East Asia into the Western political order. While the Sinocentric hierarchy and the impact of the West from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century onwards are too consequential to be disparaged, non-Chinese East Asian countries are far from being passive recipients of the traditional Chinese hegemony and Western imperialism was not the driving force of the tremendous changes that the region went through. From this historiographical perspective, interplays between non-Chinese East Asian regimes, domestic cultural, social and political dynamics, the region's relationships with other Asian areas, as well as each East Asian country's active participations in – or even appropriation and co-creation of – the major regional orders and events will be accentuated to diversify and enrich key historical and political notions, such as the tributary system, imperialism and the Cold War. Through discussions on these issues, the very concept of East Asia will be further refined, clarified, and differentiated.

**Schedule:** November 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20.

### Plan and Reading:

#### 1. China and Sinocentrism

Mark Edward Lewis and Mei-yu Hsieh, "Tianxia and the Invention of Empire in East Asia," in *Chinese Visions of World Order: Tianxia, Culture, and World Politics*, ed. Ban Wang (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2017), 25-48.

Q. Edward Wang, "History, Space, and Ethnicity: The Chinese Worldview," *Journal of World History* 10, 2 (1999): 285-305.

Li Feng, "'Feudalism' and Western Zhou China: A Criticism," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 63, 1 (2003): 115-144.

#### 2. Japan, Korea and Vietnam in the Sinocentric regional order

David C. Kang, *East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010), 1-16.

Gakusho Nakajima, "The Structure and Transformation of the Ming Tribute Trade System," in *Global History and New Polycentric Approaches: Europe, Asia and Americas in a World Network System*, ed. Manuel Perez Garcia and Lucio de Sousa (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 137-162.

Yuen Foong Khong, "The American Tributary System," *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 6, 1 (2013): 1-47.

### **3. Rise of nationalism and presence of the West at the 19<sup>th</sup> century**

Lydia H. Liu, *The Clash of Empires: The Invention of China in Modern World Making* (Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004), 31-70.

Seo-Hyun Park, "Changing Definitions of Sovereignty in Nineteenth-Century East Asia: Japan and Korea Between China and the West," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 13, 2 (2013): 281-307.

Youn Dae-Yeong, "The Loss of Vietnam: Korean Views of Vietnam in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century," *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 9, 1 (2014): 62-95.

### **4. Localism, Nationalism and Asianism before WWII**

Cemil Aydin, *The Politics of Anti-Westernism in Asia: Visions of World Order in Pan-Islamic and Pan-Asian Thought* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), introduction chapter.

Prasenjit Duara, "The Discourse of Civilization and Pan-Asianism," *Journal of World History* 12, 1 (2001): 99-130.

Chushichi Tsuzuki, *The Pursuit of Power in Modern Japan, 1825–1995* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000), 121-139.

### **5. Japanese imperialism and Western imperialism**

Jeremy A. Yellen, *The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere: When Total Empire Met Total War* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019), 1-24.

Lewis H. Gann, "Western and Japanese Colonialism: Some Preliminary Comparisons," in *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895–1945*, ed. Ramon H. Myers and Mark R. Peattie (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984), 497-525.

Tran My-Van, "Japan Through Vietnamese Eyes (1905-1945)," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 30, 1 (1999), 126-146.

### **6. Post-war nation-states and the Cold War**

Lorenz M. Lüthi, *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008), 1-18.

Tuong Vu, "Cold War Studies and the Cultural Cold War in Asia," in *Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia: Ideology, Identity, and Culture*, ed. Tuong Vu and Wasana Wongsurawat (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), 1-16.

Immanuel Wallerstein, "What Cold War in Asia? An Interpretative Essay," in *The Cold War in Asia: The Battle for Hearts and Minds*, ed. Zheng Yangwen, Hong Liu and Michael Szonyi (Leiden: Brill), 15-24.

## **7. The rise of the East and regional confrontations**

James T. H. Tang, "Has the Cold War Returned to East Asia?" *Cold War History* 14, 4 (2014): 647-656.

Mikyong Kim, "Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia," *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law* 4 (2016): 7-21.

William A Callahan, "China's 'Asia Dream': The Belt Road Initiative and the New Regional Order," *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* 1, 3 (2016): 226-243.