EAST ASIAN STUDIES GRADUATE COURSE LIST FOR 2021-2022



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Please note that course numbers listed with an "a" are offered in the 2021 fall term and those with a "b" are offered in the 2022 spring term.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH 575a/EAST 575a

Hubs, Mobilities, and Global Cities

Helen Siu

T 1.30-3.20

Analysis of urban life in historical and contemporary societies. Topics include capitalist and postmodern transformations, class, gender, ethnicity, migration, and global landscapes of power and citizenship.

ANTH 726b/ARCG 726b

Ancient Civilizations of the Eurasian Steppes

William Honeychurch

F 3.30-5.20

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ANTH 797a/ARCG 797a

Archaeology of East Asia

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ARCHITECTURE, SCHOOL OF

ARCH 3240a

Spatial Concepts of Japan

Yoko Kawai

W 2.00-3.50

The seminar explores the origins and developments of Japanese spatial concepts and surveys how they help form the contemporary architecture, ways of life, and cities of the country. Many Japanese spatial concepts, such as ma, are about creating time-space distances and relationship between objects, people, space, and experiences. These concepts go beyond the fabric of a built structure and encompass architecture, landscape, and city. Each class is designed around one or two Japanese words that signify particular design concepts. Each week, a lecture on the word(s) with its design features, backgrounds, historical examples, and contemporary application is followed by student discussion. Contemporary works studied include those by Maki, Isozaki, Ando, Ito, SANAA, and Fujimoto. The urbanism and landscape of Tokyo and Kyoto are discussed. Students are required to make in-class presentations and write a final paper. Limited enrollment.

ARCH 3304a

Japanese Gardens

Mimi Yiengpruksawan

W 1.30-3.20

Arts and theory of the Japanese garden with emphasis on the role of the anthropogenic landscape from aesthetics to environmental precarity, including the concept of refugium. Case studies of influential Kyoto gardens from the eleventh through fifteenth century, and their significance as cultural productions with ecological implications.

DIVINITY SCHOOL

REL 616b

Introduction to East Asian Theologies

Chloe Starr

T 1.30-3.20

This course introduces a range of theological themes and key thinkers in twentieth- and twenty-first century Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. It surveys different theological movements within these countries (such as "homeland theology," Minjung theology, the "no-church" movement, etc.) and encourages a critical response to the challenges that these theologies raise for Christians in Asia and elsewhere. The course considers contextualization and inculturation debates in each of these societies, as well as regional responses to Christianity. We read primary texts in English, with background reading for context, and students are encouraged to develop their own responses to the authors and their thought (e.g., students may submit theological reflections to count toward their grade).

REL 917b

East Asian Religions and Ecology

John Grim, Mary Evelyn Tucker

T 4.00-6.00

This course introduces students to Asian religious traditions and their intersection with ecology. The first half of the course explores the South Asian religious traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism. The second half examines the East Asian religious traditions of Confucianism, Daoism, and East Asian Buddhism. These traditions are studied in the

context of the emerging field of religion and ecology. The course identifies developments in religious traditions that highlight their ecological implications for the contemporary period. In particular, it relates religious concepts, textual analysis, ritual activities, and institutional formations to engaged, on-the-ground environmental projects. It investigates the symbolic and lived expressions in religious ethics and practices that can be defined as religious ecologies. Similarly, it identifies narratives in South Asian religious traditions and in East Asian religious traditions that orient humans to the cosmos, namely, religious cosmologies. This interrelationship of narratives and religious environmentalism provides pathways into the study of religion and ecology. At present the rapid modernization in South Asia and East Asia is causing extreme environmental problems, and we investigate Asian religions in relation to this ecological crisis. Both the problems and promise of religions are acknowledged. Religions are now widely seen as significant social, intellectual, and spiritual forces that both shape and are shaped by cultural worldviews. Moreover, the symbolic language of religions often evokes nature's processes and reflects nature's rhythms. The multiform roles of religions, then, provide historical sources for reflection upon human behavior guided by values embedded in individuals and social bodies, projected onto ecosystems, and molded into cosmological narratives.

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

EALL 521a/RLST 568a

Introduction to Chinese Buddhist Literature

Eric Greene

Th 1.30-3.20

This class is an introduction to Chinese Buddhist literature. Although written in classical Chinese, Buddhist texts in China were written in a particular idiom that was much influenced by the Indian languages and which can be difficult to understand without special training. This class introduces students who already have some reading ability in literary Chinese to this idiom and the tools and background knowledge needed to read and understand Chinese Buddhist literature. We read a series of selections of some of the most influential Chinese Buddhist texts from various genres including canonical scriptures, apocryphal scriptures, monastic law, doctrinal treatises, and hagiography. Secondary readings introduce the basic ideas of Indian and Chinese Buddhist thought to the extent necessary for understanding our readings. *Prerequisite*: CHNS 571 or equivalent, or permission of the instructor. Students of Japanese or Korean literature who can read basic kanbun or gugyeol are also welcome to enroll; no knowledge of modern, spoken Chinese is required.

EALL 536a

Japanese Poetry and Poetics

Edward Kamens

T,Th 2.30-3.45

Core concepts and traditions of classical Japanese poetry explored through the medium of translation. Readings from anthologies and treatises of the ninth through early twentieth century. Attention to recent critical studies in transcultural poetic theory. Inspection and discussion of related artifacts in the Beinecke Library and the Yale Art Gallery.

EALL 562b

Natsume Sōseki

Timothy Goddard

W 9.25-11.15

This seminar explores the oeuvre of Natsume Sōseki (1867–1916), the preeminent writer of modern Japan. Readings include a broad sampling of Sōseki's fiction from across his career, as well as selected poems and essays. Discussions situate Sōseki's writings in the context of Japan's rapid modernization and imperial expansion during the Meiji period (1868–1912) and consider Sōseki's enduring legacy in the Japanese literary canon and as a figure of world literature.

EALL 565b/EAST 553b

Japanese Literature after 1970

Timothy Goddard

T 9.25-11.15

This course provides a survey of Japanese literature from 1970 to the present. Readings include novels and essays from a diverse range of authors, addressing themes such as identity, language, memory, domesticity, postmodernism, and racial discrimination. Students develop extensive knowledge of contemporary Japanese literature, while also cultivating skills in close reading and research methods. *All readings are in English translation; no knowledge of Japanese is required.*

EALL 568b

The Literature of Japanese Empire

Timothy Goddard

Th 9.25-11.15

Spanning a period from the 1910s to the 1940s, this course considers the effects of Japanese imperialism on the development of modern literature in East Asia. How did authors from mainland Japan represent the so-called outer

territories of the empire? How did authors from colonial Taiwan and Korea navigate issues of language, identity, and culture in their writings? What significance did the semi-colonial city of Shanghai hold in the modern literary imagination? Readings include a broad range of primary sources, including novels, short stories, essays, poems, and travelogues. We also engage with selections from recent secondary sources to understand how scholars have approached this tumultuous era in East Asian literary history. Graduate students are expected to conduct research in any and all East Asian languages relevant to their topic and in which they are proficient.

EALL 573a

Postwar Japanese Literature, 1945–1970

Timothy Goddard

W 9.25-11.15

Spanning a period from 1945 to 1970, this course provides an introduction to Japanese literature after Japan's catastrophic defeat in the Asia-Pacific War. Readings include novels, essays, and poetry by major writers of the era, including Dazai Osamu, Enchi Fumiko, Kawabata Yasunari, Mishima Yukio, and Tanizaki Jun'ichirō. In our discussions, we consider how Japanese writers responded to this moment of profound crisis, exploring such themes as identity, memory, modernity, and the nation.

EALL 581a/FILM 873a

Japanese Cinema and Its Others

Aaron Gerow

T,Th 11.35-12.50

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EALL 600a/EAST 640a

Sinological Methods

Pauline Lin

F 1.30-3.20

A research course in Chinese studies, designed for students with background in modern and literary Chinese. Students explore and evaluate the wealth of primary sources and research tools available in China and in the West. For native speakers of Chinese, introduction to the secondary literature in English and instruction in writing professionally in English on topics about China. Topics include Chinese bibliographies; bibliophiles' notes; specialized dictionaries; maps and geographical gazetteers; textual editions, variations, and reliability of texts; genealogies and biographical sources; archaeological and visual materials; and major Chinese encyclopedias, compendia, and databases.

EALL 601a

Ancient and Medieval Chinese Poetry

Lucas Bender

T 1.30-3.20

Readings in ancient and middle-period Chinese poetry, from the beginnings of the tradition through the Song dynasty. *Prerequisite: one year of classical/literary Chinese or equivalent, or permission of the instructor.*

EALL 608b

Sages of the Ancient World

Mick Hunter

T,Th 11.35-12.50

Comparative survey of the embodiment and performance of wisdom by ancient sages. Distinctive features and common themes in discourses about wisdom from China, India, the Near East, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Topics include teaching, scheming, and dying.

EALL 715a

Readings in Modern Japanese Literature

Timothy Goddard

T 9.25-11.15

Readings from a selection of representative texts from modern to contemporary Japanese literature with a focus on comprehension, translation, critical reception, and close reading. Students have the opportunity to select a few texts of interest in consultation with the instructor.

EALL 761a

Topics in Early Chinese Thought

Mick Hunter

M 1.30-3.20

An examination of certain key problems in the study of early Chinese thought. Topics vary from year to year but in general include intellectual typologies and affiliations, relating received texts and excavated manuscripts, the role of Han

editors in shaping pre-Han textual traditions, ruling ideology, and comparisons with other parts of the ancient world. Discussions and papers are in English. Because readings are different each year, this course may be repeated for credit.

EALL 806b/EAST 806b/ FILM 921b

Research in Japanese Film History

Aaron Gerow

M 1.30-3.20

This seminar covers the methods and problems of researching and writing Japanese film history. We review the theoretical issues involved in historiography in general and film historiography in particular, and then consider how these are pertinent to the study of Japanese cinema history. Our approach is critical, as we examine several recent examples of Japanese film historiography, as well as practical, as we explore various methods and strategies for researching Japanese film history. We particularly focus on the Japanese cinema's historical relation to the nation, especially in terms of how cinema may help us historicize the nation, and vice versa. Students develop their own research project using the unique collections at Yale. *Knowledge of Japanese is helpful but not essential*.

EALL 874a/HIST 892a

China at Its Borders

Denise Ho

F 1.30-3.20

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Courses in East Asian languages at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels are listed in Yale College Programs of Study.

CHINESE

CHNS 570a

Introduction to Literary Chinese I

Pauline Lin

T,Th 1.00-2.15

Reading and interpretation of texts in various styles of literary Chinese (wenyan), with attention to basic problems of syntax and literary style. After CHNS 151, 153 or equivalent.

CHNS 571b

Introduction to Literary Chinese II

Pauline Lin

MW 11.35-12.50

Continuation of CHNS 570a. After CHNS 570 or equivalent.

JAPANESE

JAPN 570a

Introduction to Literary Japanese

Edward Kamens

T,Th 9.00-10.15

Introduction to the grammar and style of the premodern literary language (*bungotai*) through a variety of texts. *After* JAPN 151 *or equivalent*.

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

EAST 511b/RLST 598b

Modern Korean Buddhism from Sri Lanka to Japan

Hwansoo Kim

Th 1.30-3.20

This course situates modern Korean Buddhism in the global context of the late nineteenth century to the present. Through critical examination of the dynamic relationship between Korean Buddhism and the Buddhisms of key East Asian cities – Shanghai, Tokyo, Taipei, and Lhasa – the course seeks to understand modern East Asian Buddhism in a

transnational light. Discussion includes analyzing the impact of Christian missionaries, pan-Asian and global ideologies, colonialism, Communism, capitalism, war, science, hypermodernity, and atheism.

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EAST 889b/HIST 889b

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M 1.30-3.20

Hannah Shepherd

After a general introduction to the broad array of sources and reference materials available for conducting research related to the history of Japan since ca. 1600, students prepare original research papers on topics of their own choosing in a collaborative workshop environment. *Prerequisite: reading knowledge of Japanese.*

EAST 900 Master's Thesis

Eric Greene

Directed reading and research on a topic approved by the DGS and advised by a faculty member (by arrangement) with expertise or specialized competence in the chosen field. Readings and research are done in preparation for the required master's thesis.

EAST 910 Independent Study

Eric Greene

By arrangement with faculty and with approval of the DGS.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

ENGL 503a/HIST 800a/ MDVL 565a Circa 1000

Valerie Hansen, Emily Thornbury

M 3.30-5.20

The world in the year 1000, when the different regions of the world participated in complex networks. Archaeological excavations reveal that the Vikings reached L'Anse aux Meadows, Canada, at roughly the same time that the Kitan people defeated China's Song dynasty and established a powerful empire stretching across the grasslands of Eurasia. Europeans tried to figure out whether the Vikings were a sign of Doomsday, and if so, whether a series of cultural experiments might stave off the end-time, even as the Icelanders tried to decide whether they wanted to be European. In this seminar, students read interpretative texts based on archaeology and primary sources, prepare projects in teams, work with material culture, and develop skills of cross-cultural analysis. Mandatory field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on the second Saturday of the fall term.

FILM STUDIES

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

GLBL 552b

Asia Now: Human Rights, Globalization, Cultural Conflicts

Jing Tsu

T 9.25-11.15

This course examines contemporary and global issues in Asia (east, southeast, northeast, south), in a historical and interdisciplinary context that includes international law, policy debates, cultural issues, security, military history, media, science and technology, and cyber warfare.

GLBL 616a

China's Rise and the Future of Foreign Policy

David Rank

Th 9.25-11.15

China's return to its traditional role as a regional—and, increasingly, global—power has implications for the political, security, and economic structures that have been the foundation of the international system since the end of the Second World War. This course looks at the impact China's ascent has had, the challenges a rising China will pose for policy makers in the years ahead, and the internal issues China will need to address in the years ahead. It does so from the perspective of a practitioner who spent nearly three decades working on U.S. foreign policy and U.S.-China relations.

GLBL 624b/LAW 21179b

Contemporary China Research Seminar

Paul Gewirtz, Jamie Horsley, Susan Thornton, Robert William

W 3.10-5.00

Research and writing on contemporary problems related to China, including but not limited to legal issues. The class meets roughly six times during the term to discuss particular China-related issues (occasionally with a guest) and at the end of the term for student presentations of their research. The remainder of the term, students work on their research and writing projects and individually meet with the instructors to discuss their work. Paper required. Enrollment limited to fifteen. Permission of the instructors required. Prerequisite (non-Law students): in addition to listing this course among permission-of-instructor selections, students should submit a statement of interest explaining their background related to China and research ideas they are considering no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 29, 2019. Decisions on admission to the class will be made primarily on the basis of the statements.

GLBL 678a/PLSC 678a

Japan and the World

Gento Kato, Frances Rosenbluth

HTBA

The historical development of Japan's international relations since the late Tokugawa period; World War II and its legacy; domestic institutions and foreign policy; implications for the United States; and interactions between nationalism and regionalism.

HISTORY

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HIST 884a

Readings in the History of Modern Japan

Daniel Botsman

M 1.30-3.20

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This course offers students an opportunity to explore recent English-language scholarship on the history of modern Japan (post-1868).

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RLST 574b Chinese Buddhist Texts Eric Greene

HTBA

Close reading of selected Chinese Buddhist texts in the original.

RLST 598b/EAST 511b Modern Korean Buddhism from Sri Lanka to Japan Hwansoo Kim

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