EAST ASIAN STUDIES GRADUATE COURSE LIST FOR 2022-2023



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Please note that course numbers listed with an "a" are offered in the 2022 fall term and those with a "b" are offered in the 2023 spring term.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH 515a/EAST 515a

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ANTH 562b

Unity and Diversity in Chinese Culture

Helen Siu

M 1.30-3.20

An exploration of the Chinese identity as it has been reworked over the centuries. Major works in Chinese anthropology and their intellectual connections with general anthropology and historical studies. Topics include kinship and marriage, marketing systems, rituals and popular religion, ethnicity and state making, and the cultural nexus of power. *Permission of instructor required*.

ANTH 575b/EAST 575b

Hubs, Mobilities, and Global Cities

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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. *Permission of instructor required*.

ANTH 736b/ARCG 736b HTBA

Advanced Topics in Asian Archaeology

William Honeychurch

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ARCHITECTURE, SCHOOL OF

ARCH 3265a

Architecture & Urbanism- Japan

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Yoko Kawai

W 2.00-3.50

This course examines how design philosophies and methodologies were developed in Japanese architecture during the 130-year period from the Meiji Restoration until the postmodern era. Special attention is paid to the process of urbanization through repeated destructions and the forming of cultural identity through mutual interactions with the West, both of which worked as major forces that shaped architectural developments. Highlighted architects include Chuta Ito, Goichi Takeda, Frank Lloyd Wright, Kameki Tsuchiura, Sutemi Horiguchi, Kunio Maekawa, Kenzo Tange, Arata Isozaki, Fumihiko Maki, Kisho Kurokawa, Kazuo Shinohara, Tadao Ando, and Mirei Shigemori. Historical photos and excerpts from films are used to better understand context. *Students are required to make in-class presentations and write a final paper*.

DIVINITY SCHOOL

REL 940a

The Chinese Theologians

Chloe Starr

T 1.30-3.20

This course examines select readings from Chinese church and academic theologians (including some Hong Kong writers and diaspora voices) to explore the nature of Chinese Christian thought. The readings cover late imperial Roman Catholic writers, early republican Protestant thinkers, high communist-era church theologians, and contemporary Sino-Christian academic theologians. Students read primary materials in English, supplemented by background studies and lecture material to help make sense of the theological constructions that emerge. The course encourages reflection on the challenges for Christian mission in a communist context, on the tensions between church and state in the production of theologies, and on the challenges that Chinese Christianity poses for global Christian thought.

Chinese and Japanese Christian Literature

Chloe Starr

M 1.30-3.20

What effect did Christianity have on modern Chinese literature, and what sort of Christianity emerges from Chinese Christian literature? Is Endō Shusakū the only Japanese Christian writer (and does Martin Scorsese's film do justice to Endō's novel *Silence*)? This course tackles such questions by tracing the development of a Christian literature in China and Japan from late Imperial times to the beginning of the twenty-first century, with particular focus on the heyday (in China) of the 1920s and '30s, and on the Japanese side, on Endō's postwar novels. Using texts available in English, the course examines how Christian ideas and metaphors permeated the literary—and revolutionary—imagination in East Asia. Though rarely clearly in evidence, the influence of Christianity on Chinese literature came directly through the Bible and church education and indirectly through translated European and Western literature. The course tests the aesthetic visions and construction of the human being from texts set among Japanese samurai in Mexico to the revolutionary throes of modern China.

REL 983b China Mission Chloe Starr

T 1.30-3.20

The Day Missions Collection at YDS is the strongest mission collection in the world, comprising about one third of the Divinity Library's 600,000 volumes—and it is also the central repository in the United States for China-related mission papers. This course offers students the opportunity to complete an original research project in the library relating to mission in China, utilizing manuscript, microform, and monograph materials from the collections. For the first six weeks, students read intensively in mission history, theory, and practice, schematized through mission narratives. The next four weeks are "library lab" time: supervised reading time in special collection and archive materials within the library; and reading into and developing projects while help is on hand for deciphering handwriting, providing reference tools, etc. The final two weeks are dedicated to research presentations and evaluation, with each student offering findings to the class in any media chosen.

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

EALL 503a

The Tale of Genji

James Scanlon-Canegata

T,Th 4.00-5.15

A reading of the central work of prose fiction in the Japanese classical tradition in its entirety (in English translation) along with some examples of predecessors, parodies, and adaptations (the latter include Noh plays and twentieth-century short stories). Topics of discussion include narrative form, poetics, gendered authorship and readership, and the processes and premises that have given The Tale of Genji its place in world literature. Attention is also given to the text's special relationship to visual culture. No knowledge of Japanese required. A previous college-level course in the study of literary texts is recommended but not required.

EALL 512b Ancient Chinese Thought Mick Hunter

MW 10.30-11.20

An introduction to the foundational works of ancient Chinese thought from the ruling ideologies of the earliest historical dynasties, through the Warring States masters, to the Qin and Han empires. Topics include Confucianism and Daoism, the role of the intellectual in ancient Chinese society, and the nature and performance of wisdom. *This is primarily an undergraduate course; graduate students are provided readings in the original language and meet in an additional session to review translations.*

EALL 552b/EAST 581b/ FILM 881b Japanese Cinema before 1960

Aaron Gerow

MW 11.35-12.50

The history of Japanese cinema to 1960, including the social, cultural, and industrial backgrounds to its development. Periods covered include the silent era, the coming of sound and the wartime period, the occupation era, the golden age of the 1950s, and the new modernism of the late 1950s.

EALL 563a/EAST 509a

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EALL 600b/EAST 640b

Sinological Methods

Pauline Lin

F 1.30-3.20

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EALL 733a Zhuangzi Mick Hunter

M 1.30-3.20

An in-depth examination of one of the great masterworks of ancient philosophy. Topics vary according to student interest but include: the interpretation of the text, its formation and history, its reception in the commentarial and scholarly literature, and its role in the modern construction of classical Chinese philosophy. This seminar is designed primarily for students who can read classical Chinese but is also open to students reading the text in translation. In that event, we will hold separate sessions for students working in the original language. *Proficiency in classical Chinese is preferred but not absolutely necessary*.

EALL 745b

Readings in Medieval Chinese Thought

Lucas Bender

T 1.30-3.20

This class considers documents pertaining to the intellectual history of medieval China, roughly from the end of the Han dynasty in 220 CE to the end of the Tang dynasty in 907. Texts change from term to term. Readings are in the original, so prospective students should have a firm background in Literary Chinese. Prerequisites: CHNS 170 and 171 or equivalent, or permission of the instructor

EALL 855a

Readings in Chinese-Language Primary Sources

Jing Tsu

T 1.30-3.20

This is a grad seminar designed to closely analyze, interpret, and work through specialized Chinese-language primary sources in the modern period, from the late nineteenth century to the present. Topics and genre of materials vary. Prerequisite: Advanced or graduate-level knowledge of reading Chinese. Permission of instructor required.

EALL 893a/FILM 893a

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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

MW 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

T,Th 1.00-2.15

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

JAPANESE

JAPN 570a

Introduction to Literary Chinese I

James Scanlon-Canegata

T,Th 11.35-12.50

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

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

EAST 504a/HSAR 785a

The Beginnings of Nagasaki (1560-1640)

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Th 3.30-5.20

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EAST 889b/HIST 889b

Research in Japanese History

Fabian Drixler, Hannah Shepherd

W 1.30-3.20

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

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS, SCHOOL OF

GLBL 6165a

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. *Permission of the instructor required.*

GLBL 6170a/LAW 20670a

Chinese Law and Society

Taisu Zhang

M 10.10-12.00

This course will survey law and legal practice in the People's Republic of China. Particular attention is given to the interaction of legal institutions with politics, social change, and economic development. Specific topics include, among others, the Party State, state capitalism, the judiciary, property law and development, business and investment law, criminal law and procedure, media (especially the Internet), and major schools of Chinese legal and political thought. Prior familiarity with Chinese history or politics is unnecessary but helpful. All course materials will be in English. Paper required. Enrollment limited to fifteen. Permission of the instructor required.

GLBL 6285a

China's Challenge to the Global Economic Order

T 1.30-3.20

In the decades after 1979, China's adherence to key tenets of the U.S.-backed liberal international economic system enabled it to achieve middle income status. After the 2008-9 global financial crisis, however, weaknesses in the U.S. model combined with China's own sustained growth increased Beijing's confidence in an alternative, state-oriented model that increasingly underpins China's foreign economic engagement. This course examines the Global Security and Belt and Road initiatives, trade, investment, and development policies, international organization advocacy, business practices, and other aspects of China's growing international economic footprint. These factors are analyzed from the

perspective of China's internal dynamics, competition with the United States, and overall foreign policy goals, and are evaluated for their impact on the prevailing global economic order. The course is taught by a practitioner who spent over a decade managing U.S. Government economic policy in and on China. *Permission of the instructor required*.

GLBL 7615a

Asia Now: Human Rights, Globalization, Cultural Conflicts

Jing Tsu

T 3.30-5.20

This course examines contemporary and global issues in Asia in a historical and interdisciplinary context. Topics include environmental studies, international law, policy debates, cultural issues, security, military history, media, science and technology, and cyber warfare. *Permission of the instructor required*.

HISTORY

HIST 881b

China's Age of Discovery

Valerie Hansen

W 3.30-5.20

Study of China's maritime history focusing on the period 1000–1500, culminating with the Zheng He voyages and their cancellation. English-language readings in secondary sources and primary sources in translation; examination of relevant maps in Beinecke's collection. Separate section for those with a reading knowledge of classical Chinese.

HIST 884a

Readings in the History of Modern Japan

Hannah Shepherd

F 1.30-3.20

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

HIST 888a/RLST 592a

Society and Religion on the Silk Road

Eric Greene, Valerie Hansen

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Religious Studies

RLST 574b

Chinese Buddhist Texts

Eric Greene

HTBA

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