

**Sociology of Asian Societies
SOC 245
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Course Requirements

Attendance is required at all lectures. Students will write two short papers. There is a mid-term examination and a final 'take home' examination at the end of the course.

Text available in bookshop

Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Course Outline and Reading List

All readings listed are required and available on e-reserve. Other readings are supplemental. While not required, I have listed several novels which I think are important for understanding Asian societies. Please make an effort to read them if you can. They are readily available in the library or at bookstores.

A. Introduction

1.Orientalism and Asian Society

Edward Said (1978) *Orientalism*, London:Routledge,ch.1.

Andre Gunder Frank (1998) *ReOrient. Global Economy in the Asian Age* Berkeley: University of California Press.ch.1.

(S) E.M.Forster (1924) *A Passage to India* London: Edward Arnold.

2. Empire and Colonialism

Nial Ferguson *Empire. How Britain made the modern world* New York Penguin Books, ch.3.

Jan Nederveen Pieterse (2004) *Globalization or Empire* New York: Routledge, chs 1, 2, 8, 9.

(S) George Orwell *Burmese Days* New York : Penguin.

3. World Systems Theory

Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, ch. 4.

Christopher Chase Dunn (2006) 'Globalization .World Systems Perspective' in Christopher Chase-Dunn and Salvatore J. Babones (eds) *Global Social Change* , Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 79-108.

Eric E. Wolf (1982) *Europe and the People without a History* Berkeley: Los Angeles , chs 8 and 11.

B. Modernity

4..Nationalism and Anti-colonialism

Benedict Anderson (1990) *Imagined Communities* London: Verso, chs. 1,2,3,4,5.

(S) Ernest Gellner (1983) *Nations and Nationalism* ,Oxford: Blackwell, chs 1,3, 4,5,7.

(S) Graham Greene (1955) *The Quiet American* London: Heinemann.

5. Communism and Post-communism

David Halberstam (2007) *Ho* Singapore :Talisman Press (and Lanham:Rowman and Littlefield) pp. 36-118

Patricia Pelley (2002) *Postcolonial Vietnam*, Durham: Duke University Press, chs 2 , 3.

(S) Jonathan Spence (1999) *Mao Zedong* New York: Penguin

(S) Robert Templar (1999) *Shadows and Wind. A View of Modern Vietnam* , New York:Penguin, chs 11, 12,14, 16

C. Globalization

6. Globalization in Asia (consumerism)

Saskia Sassen (2007) *A Sociology of Globalization* New York: W.W.Norton ,chs.2,4.

Sheldon Garon (2006) 'Japan's Post-war Consumer Revolution' in John Brewer and Frank Trentmann (eds) *Consuming Culture, Global Perspectives* Oxford: Berg, ch.8.

Leo Ou-Fan Lee (1999) *Shanghai Modern. The Flowering of a New Urban Culture in China 1930-1945*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, chs. 2,9,10.

7 Globalization in Asia (cultural)

Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, ch. 11..

Arjun Appadurai (ed) (2003) *Globalization* , Durham: Duke University, pp.1-21

Frederic Jameson and Masao Miyoshi (eds) *The Cultures of Globalization*
Durham:Duke University Press, pp 3-31;164-190.

D. Religion

8. Religion in Asia (Christianity)

Max Weber (1976) *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, London: Allen & Unwin, Author's Introduction pp.13-31.

Robert Bellah (2003) *Imagining Japan* Berkeley: University of California Press, pp.98-113.

Bryan Turner (2007) 'Globalization, Religion and Empire in Asia' in Peter Beyer and Lori Beaman (eds) *Religion, Globalization and Culture*, Leiden: Brill, pp.145-166.

9. Religion in Asia (Islam)

Bryan Turner Special Issue: Piety Politics and Islam . *Contemporary Islam* 2008 vol 2(1), pages T.B.A.

Robert Hefner (ed) (2009) *Making Modern Muslims* Honolulu : University of Hawai'i Press, chs 2,3.

10. Religions of China (Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism)

Max Weber (1951) *Religion of China* New York: Free Press, part 2.

Robert Bellah (2003) *Imagining Japan* Berkeley: University of California Press, chs.1,2,6.

(S) Philip Taylor (2007) *Modernity and Re-enchantment. Religion in Post-Revolutionary Vietnam* Singapore:ISEAS, chs 1,2,4

11. Popular Religion

Fenggang Yang (2006) 'The Red, Black and Gray Markets of Religion in China' *Sociological Quarterly* 47:93-122.

(S) Pattana Kitiarsa (ed) (2008) *Religious Commodifications in Asia*, London: Routledge, chs. 1,3,4,6,7.

E. Gender and Patriarchy

12 Gender Family and Population

Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, ch. 9.

Ann Brooks (2006) *Gendered Work in Asian Cities. The New Economy and Changing Labour Markets* Aldershot:Ashgate, chs. 1,2.

(S) Charlotte Ikels (ed) (2004) *Filial Piety.Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, chs. 1,2,5,9.

13 Sexuality

Michael G. Peletz (2007) *Gender, Sexuality and Body Politics in Modern Asia* , Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies, pp. T.B.A.

(S) Sheridan Prasso (2005) *The Asian Mystique* New York : Public Affairs

F. Politics, economics and the state

14 State formation,militarism

Chie Nakane (1981) *Japanese Society* , New York: Penguin, ch.2

Barrington Moore (1967) *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* London: Allen Lane, ch. 8

James Morley (ed) (1971) *Dilemmas of Growth in Prewar Japan* , Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, chs. 4, 6.

(S) Film : *Letters from Iwo Jima* (Clint Eastwood director)

15. Peasant Resistance and Violence

James C. Scott (1976) *The Moral Economy of the Peasant .Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*,New Haven: Yale University Press, chs 6,7

James C. Scott (1985) *Weapons of the Weak. Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance* New Haven: Yale University Pres, pages T.B.A.

Monique Skidmore (2004) *Karaoke Fascism .Burma and the Politics of Fear* ,Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, chs. 6,7,8.

16. *Ethnic Diversity and Multiculturalism*

Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, ch. 6.

Robert Hefner (ed)(2001) *The Politics of Multiculturalism* , Honolulu: Hawai'i Press,chs 1,3

17 *Democracy, Human Rights and Citizenship: Asian Values*

*Victor T.King (2008) *The Sociology of Southeast Asia* , Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, ch. 8

William Case (2002) *Politics in Southeast Asia* London: Routledge/Curzon, chs. 1,3, 6,7.

Carl Trocki (2006) *Singapore* London:Routledge chs 1,2,3,4.

(S) Merle Goldman (2005) *From Comrade to Citizen. The Struggle for Political Rights in China* ,Cambridge,Mass: Harvard University Press,chs.5,6,7,8.