

IMAS 2020

**Japanese Colonization in Asia and Its Development** (\*updated 20200907)

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**Week 1: Course Overview**; Review of Syllabus; Population and Geography; history of Japan before mid-19<sup>th</sup> century

**Week 2: Colonialism and Empire**

Reading: *Violence* Introduction and Part I: Colonial Violence and “Ways of Seeing”; Part II: Colonial Authority and the Violence of Law

**Week 3: Eating Moon Cake Holiday**

**Week 4: Defining and Re-defining “Japan”**

Course Reader Part I: Expanding the Contours of the Japanese Empire, and Articles Recommended for Further Reading, Part I

**Week 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt of (Southward) Expansion: Planning, 1870s**

Eskildsen, Introduction and Part I

**Week 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt of (Southward) Expansion: Action and Aftermath, 1870s**

Eskildsen, Part II—Conclusion

**Week 7: Japan and Korea**

Reading: Alexis Dudden, *Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power*. University of Hawaii Press, 2005

\* Jun Uchida, *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876-1945*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2011)

**Week 8: Manchuria/Manchukuo**

Reading: Louise Young, *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1998: Parts 1-2

**Week 9: Manchuria/Manchukuo**

Reading: Louise Young, *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1998: Parts 3-5

**Week 10:** Mid-term review; Final Project proposal due

**Week 11: What is Asia?**

Reading: Eri Hotta, *Pan-Asianism and Japan's War 1931-1945* (Palgrave Macmillan Series in Transnational History) (2007)

**Week 12: Colonial Violence and the Colonized**

*Violence* Part III Dynamics of Colonial Warfare; Course Reader Part II: Experiences of the Colonized, and Articles Recommended for Further Reading, Part II

**Week 13: Action and Response of the Colonized**

*Violence* Part IV Repression and Resistance; Course Reader Part III: Postcolonial Struggles; Amai, Yoshihisa, “Pro-colonial or Postcolonial?” (2011)

### **Week 14: War and the Colonized**

Course Reader Articles Recommended for Further Reading, Part III

### **Week 15: A Japanese Pacific**

Reading: Eiichiro Azuma, *In Search of Our Frontier: Japanese America and Settler Colonialism in the Construction of Japan's Borderless Empire*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2019: Introduction to Part II

### **Week 16: Imperial Settler Colonialism**

Reading: Eiichiro Azuma, *In Search of Our Frontier*: Part III to Epilogue

### **Week 17: Presentation of Research Project**

### **Week 18: Presentation of Research Project**

### **Requirements and Grades**

This course will consist of lectures, discussion, and students' presentation; active participation in class is expected. Students are expected to finish all required readings before class, and active participation is expected and will be taken into consideration in determining students' term grades.

Each student needs to:

- lead class discussion based on the assigned readings every week
- submit 1 précis (2000 words minimum) on **Week 10**, and another on **Week 17**
- submit 1 "Research Project" (5000 words minimum) on **Week 18**

The term grade : Class participation and 2 précis, 50%; Research Project (including Presentation) 50%

### **Required Readings:**

1. **(Course Reader)** The Japanese Empire: Colonial Lives and Postcolonial Struggle, edited by Kirsten Ziomek
2. Philip Dwyer and Amanda Nettlebeck, eds., *Violence, Colonialism and Empire in the Modern World*, 2018
3. Robert Eskildsen, *Transforming Empire in Japan and East Asia*, 2019
4. Jun Uchida, *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876-1945*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2011
5. Eiichiro Azuma, *In Search of Our Frontier: Japanese America and Settler Colonialism in the Construction of Japan's Borderless Empire*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2019

### **Recommended Readings:**

- Edward Said, *Orientalism*
- Ramon H. Myers and Mark R. Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*. Princeton University Press, 1984
- Alexander Bukh, *Japan's National Identity and Foreign Policy: Russia as Japan's 'Other'*. Routledge, London and New York, 2009
- Gi-Wook Shin and Michael Robinson, eds., *Colonial Modernity in Korea*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 1999
- Alexis Dudden, *Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power*. University of Hawaii Press, 2005
- Frederick Dickenson, *War and National Reinvention: Japan in the Great War, 1914-1919* (Harvard University Press, 1999)

- Peter Duus, Ramon H. Myers, and Mark R. Peattie, eds., *The Japanese Wartime Empire, 1931-1945*. Princeton University Press, 1996
- Louise Young, *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1998
- Ken'ichi Goto, *Tensions of Empire: Japan and Southeast Asia in the Colonial and Postcolonial World*, Athens: Ohio University Press, 2003
- Takashi Shiraishi and Saya S. Shiraishi, eds., *The Japanese in Colonial Southeast Asia*. Cornell University Press, 1993
- Satoshi Nakano, *Japan's Colonial Moment in Southeast Asia 1942–1945: The Occupiers' Experience*. New York: Routledge, 2018
- Sidney Xu Lu, *The Making of Japanese Settler Colonialism, Malthusianism and Trans-Pacific Migration, 1868-1961*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- Frederick Cooper and Ann Laura Stoler, eds., *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Culture in a Bourgeois World*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1997
- Nicholas B. Dirks, ed., *Colonialism and Culture*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 1992
- Liao Ping-hui and David Der-wei Wang, eds., *Taiwan Under Japanese Colonial Rule, 1895–1945: History, Culture, Memory*. Columbia University Press, 2006