Seminar Schedule (tentative) for Teaching about Asia, a seminar sponsored by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Indiana University and the Freeman Foundation

Clifton/Main Campus,
University of Cincinnati
Jan. 10- Feb. 21, 2004*

This seminar focuses on recent developments in modern East Asian history, politics, and economy. Participants will be brought up to date with the latest theoretical approaches and new findings such as the world trade system before 1800; the role of East Asia, Europe, and the new world in this system; how the European and Asian experiences diverged in the 19th century; and the consequences of globalization - the different trajectories and costs of “condemned modernization” in East Asia and an embedded “Orientalism” in the US - which we are still wrestling with.

Each session consists of a 1 1/2 hour presentation by a moderator, and after a brief break, discussions and brainstorming of possible teaching topics and classroom activities.

There is no prerequisite for seminar participants, although they are expected to do the readings, attend the sessions, and contribute in the give-and-take discussions. There is a stipend for the participants, and graduate course credits can be arranged through the University of Indiana, Bloomington. Participants are required to submit a set of lesson plans, attend follow up events, and write a report on how their plans were implemented. For complete details on participant requirements, please see http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/taa_seminar/index.htm.

*Except for the Jan. 10 meeting, all sessions run from 9:00 to 1:00, with distinctive Chinese, Japanese, and Korean lunches (optional) being served to enhance the learning experience. University of Cincinnati snow policy applies, and make-up session(s) will be arranged.

Jan. 10 Introduction, orientation, and getting acquainted.

Distribution of reading packet, and text, either:
De Bary, Theodore et al. Sources of Chinese Tradition.
--------. Sources of Japanese Tradition.


Learning about the “Orient” as the “other” is also about knowing ourselves.

Moderator: Professor Roger Daniels

Discussion/teaching topics:

American Orientalism from Fu Manchu to Jackie Chan

Orientalism in American popular culture

Tentative readings:

Selections from:

Daniels, Roger. Asian America.
Issacs, Harold R. Scratches on our minds: American images of China and India.
“Charlie Chan: A Model Minority Man.”

Jan. 24 East Asia in World Civilization

From Asia-centric to Eurocentricism and back: Changing perspectives on Asia.

Moderator: Professor Arnold Schrier

Film: “The Genius that was China.”

Discussion/teaching topics:

Pre-modern world trade system

Europe as the periphery?
Technology and science in East Asia
Visit to the Cincinnati Art Museum

Tentative Readings:

Selections from:

Frank, Andre Gunder. ReOrient.
Pomerantz, Kenneth. The Great Divergence.

Jan. 31 From the hermit kingdom to chaebol: Korea Colonialism, Confucianism, and “Crony capitalism”: How Korea’s recent history shaped its economic growth.

Moderator: Professor Kim Han-kyo

Discussion/teaching topics:

Colonialism: formal and informal.
Korean War.
Reunification of Korea.
Does culture matter? Confucianism and economic and patrimonial economic development
Is “democracy” necessary or sufficient for economic development?
Corruption can be good for economic development?

Tentative Readings:

Selections from:

Timothy Brook and Hy V. Luong eds. Culture and Economy.
Peter Duus and Ramon Myers eds. The Japanese Informal Empire.
Kang, David C... Crony Capitalism.
Kim Han-kyo. “Korean Unification in Historical Perspective.”
Kim, Richard E. Lost Names.
Lee Yur-Bok and Wayne Patterson, eds. The United

Feb. 7  From Samurai to Godzilla:

How and why did Japan succeed in transforming itself: Japanese modernization and its consequences.

Moderator: Professor Betsy Sato

Film: “The Electronic Tribe”.

Discussion/teaching topics:

- The A-bomb decision
- Concentration camp USA
- The Occupation experience

Tentative Readings:

Selections from:

Dower, John. Embracing Defeat.

Feb. 14: The Sleepy Dragon Awakens

From the Opium Wars to Cabbage Dolls: Balancing China’s explosive growth.

Moderator: Kwan Man Bun

Discussion/teaching topics:

- Human rights and economic development
- Economic development and the environment
- The Three Gorges Dam Project
WTO and challenges to China

**Tentative Readings:**

Selections from:

Bell, Lynda S, Andrew J. Nathan, and Ilan Peleg, eds. *Negotiating Culture and Human Rights.*
Lardy, Nicholas. *Integrating China into the Global Economy.*

**Feb. 21: Globalization and Implications for Asia:**

Problems and Prospects

**Moderator:** Professor Mistry Dinshaw

**Discussion/teaching topics**

Public enemy #1 or 2?

New Imperialism.

**Tentative Readings:**

Selections from:

Clippings from *New York Times, Newsweek, and Times.*

Presentations by seminar participants and evaluations.