Tentative Seminar Schedule for Teaching about Asia, a seminar sponsored by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Indiana University, OSU, and the Freeman Foundation

McMicken Hall 368
Clifton/Main Campus,
University of Cincinnati
Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 2006*

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, presentations from past NCTA participants, 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, participate in follow up presentation session(s) and enrichment events to be arranged, as well as 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. 7 meeting, all sessions run from 9:00 to 1:00, with distinctive Chinese, Japanese, and Korean snacks/lunches (optional) being served to enhance the learning experience. University of Cincinnati snow policy applies, and make-up session(s) will be arranged.
Jan. 7 Introduction, orientation, and getting acquainted.

Distribution of textbooks, welcome and reading packets.

Murphey, Rhoads, *East Asia: A New History*.

Jan. 14 East Asia in World Civilization

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

**Moderator:** Professor Willard Sunderland

**Discussion/teaching topics:**

- Pre-modern world trade system
- The Silk Routes
- Technology and science in East Asia
- Compass, gunpowder, printing, paper

**Readings:**

Frank, Andre Gunder. *ReOrient*.

Jan. 21 From the hermit kingdom to chaebol: Korea

Colonialism, Confucianism, and economic miracle: How Korea’s recent history shaped its economic growth.

**Moderator:** Professor Han-kyo Kim

**Discussion/teaching topics:**

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

Selections from:

Kim, Richard E. Lost Names.

Jan. 28 From Samurai to Godzilla:

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

Moderator: Professor Betsy Sato

Discussion/teaching topics:

The A-bomb decision
Concentration camp USA
The Occupation experience

Readings:

Selections from:

Dower, John. Embracing Defeat.

Feb. 4: The Sleepy Dragon Awakens

From Chopsticks to Computers: Balancing China’s explosive growth and problems.

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

Readings:

Selections from::

Lardy, Nicholas. Integrating China into the Global Economy.
Lu Xun, Diary of a Madman.

Feb. 11: Globalization and Implications for Asia::

Problems and Prospects

Moderator: Professor Mistry Dinshaw

Discussion/teaching topics

Public enemy #1 or 2?
The New Imperialism.

Readings:

Selections from::


Feb. 18: Women of Asia

Moderator: Barbara Ramusack

Discussion/teaching topics:

The traditional heritage

Growing up female in Asia

How economic development affected women

Readings:

Barbara Ramusack and Sharon Sievers eds., Women in Asia, pp. 145-254.


Evaluations and farewell lunch

Feb. 25 Optional Enrichment event
Model asia pacific countries summit. For details, see www.polisci.uc.edu/apec.