

SEMESTER AT SEA COURSE SYLLABUS:
University of Virginia, Academic Sponsor

Voyage: Spring 2015
Discipline: History 3559-102
Course Title: Colonialism and Imperialism
Division: Upper
Faculty Name: Jim Huffman
Credit Hours: 3; Contact Hours: 38
Time: B Day, 14:25 to 15:40
Pre-requisites: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Imperialism and colonialism fundamentally changed the nature of the world in the 1800s and 1900s. This course will study its causes, its nature, and its consequences, with a focus on several of the countries that we will visit. After a discussion of theoretical perspectives and a historical overview of the major empires, we will examine, comparatively, the role that imperialism played in Japan (itself an imperialist power), Vietnam (France, United States), Burma (Great Britain), South Africa (Great Britain, the Netherlands), and Morocco (France, Spain). Special attention will be paid to the impact of colonialism on local life and politics, as well as to the continuing impact of imperialism in the post-colonial world. We will consider the question: Is the United States an imperialist power today?

COURSE OBJECTIVES.

We will seek to: 1) gain a *factual understanding* of the course imperialism and colonialism took in the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly in Asia and Africa; 2) decipher the *values and historical forces* that supported—and resulted from—imperialism; 3) practice the skills of history, especially *research, critical analysis, and communication*; and 5) *enjoy* history—and each other.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

AUTHOR: Burbank, Jane; Cooper, Frederick
TITLE: *Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference*
PUBLISHER: Princeton University Press
ISBN #: 9780691127088
DATE/EDITION: 2010

AUTHOR: Pruitt, Ida
TITLE: *Daughter of Han: Autobiography of a Chinese Working Woman*
PUBLISHER: Kessinger Publishing (originally Stanford University Press, 1967)
ISBN #: 1-4325-8903-2
DATE/EDITION: 2007

AUTHOR: Kim, Richard
TITLE: *Lost Names: Scenes from a Korean Boyhood*
PUBLISHER: University of California Press
ISBN #: 0-520-21424-8
DATE/EDITION: 1998

AUTHOR: Achebe, Chinua
TITLE: *Things Fall Apart*
PUBLISHER: Anchor Books
ISBN #: 978-0-307-74385-5
DATE/EDITION: 1994

TOPICAL OUTLINE OF COURSE (Note: readings in parentheses are recommended; all others are required.)

Depart Ensenada- January 7: Imperialism and Colonialism: The Big Picture

B1- January 10: Introduction, video clips: “The King and I”

B2-January 12: Imperialism: Theories and Issues

Burbank/Cooper, *Empires in World History* (hereafter B/C), 1-22

V.I. Lenin, “Imperialism: the Highest Stage of Capitalism,” Section VI (“Division of the World”) to the end, ECM

B3- January 15: An Overview of the Imperialist Era

Pruitt, *Daughter of Han*, 1-141

(B/C, 61-92)

Hilo: January 14

Imperialism in Asia

B4-January 17: China’s Experience with Imperialist Powers

Pruitt, *Daughter of Han*, remainder

(B/C, 93-116)

B5-January 21: Japan: Challenged by Imperialism

Fukuzawa Yukichi, *Datsu-a ron* (“Cast off Asia”), ECM

Eskildsen, Robert, “Of Civilization and Savages,” 388-418, ECM

Study Day: January 20

B6- January 23: Japan: An Asian Imperialist Power

Peattie, Mark, “Attitudes Toward Colonialism,” 80-127, ECM

Ishibashi Tanzan, “Greater Japanism,” 181-189, ECM

B7-January 25:

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Yokohama: January 26-27

In-Transit: January 28

Kobe: January 29-31

B8- February 2: Southeast Asia Under Europe and Japan

B/C 287-330

Goto, Ken’ichi, “Perceptions of Southeast Asia,” 3-23, ECM

Shanghai: February 3-4

In-Transit: February 5-6

Hong Kong: 7-8

B9- February 10: Vietnam and the West

Foster, Anne, “An Empire of the Mind,” 73-110, ECM

SarDesai, D.R., “French Conquest of Vietnam,” 31-42, ECM

B/C 369-412 (to be discussed primarily on B10 day)

Ho Chi Minh: February 11-16

February 12: Field Lab on “Remembering Imperialism”

B10- February 18: Singapore and the British

FIELD REPORT DUE

Hack, Karl, “‘Lessons’ of Singapore,” 35-55, ECM

Singapore: February 19-20

Study Day: February 21

B11-February 23: The Burmese Case

Christie, Clive, “Karens of Burma,” 53-81, ECM

Rangoon: February 24-March 1

B12-March 3: Japan in Southeast Asia

Kim, Richard, *Lost Names*, all

B13- March 5: British India

Moore, Robin, “Imperial India, 1858-1914,” 422-446, ECM

Chandra, Bipan, “Freedom and Partition,” 487-504, ECM

Cochin: March 6-11

B14-March 13: Discussion: Asian Colonial Legacy as I’ve Seen It

JOURNALS DUE

Study Day: March 14

Imperialism in Africa

B15-March 16: Video: “The Mission” (special session)

Achebe, Chinua, *Things Fall Apart*, 1-96

Port Louis: March 18

B16- March 19: The Dutch in South Africa

Defronzo, James, “South Africa,” 331-370, ECM

Bush, Barbara, “Forging Racist State,” 131-156, Reserves

Study Day: March 21

B17-March 22: The British in South Africa

Bush, Barbara: “Knocking on White Man’s Doors,”

“Fighting for the Underdog,” 157-201, Reserves

Seidman, Gay, “Struggle Against Apartheid,” 295-303, ECM

B18- March 24: Imperialism: The Colonized

Achebe, Chinua, *Things Fall Apart*, 97-179

Cape Town: March 25-30

B19-April 1: Namibia under Germany and South Africa
Innes, Duncan, "Imperialism, National Struggle," 44-59, ECM
Bauer, Gretchen, "Namibia in First Decade," 33-55, ECM

Walvis Bay: April 2-6

B20-April 8: The African Experience: Comparisons
Bush, Barbara, "Why Imperialism?" 1-19, Reserves
Achebe (review it)

JOURNALS DUE

Imperialism After Colonialism

B21- April 10: Colonialism: World War II's Aftermath
Johnson, Chalmers, "Blowback, "Okinawa: Asia's Last
Colony," "Stealth Imperialism," 3-94, Reserves
B/C, 413-431

Study Day: April 11

B22-April 13: The United States as a Global Power
B/C, 431-442
Johnson, Chalmers, "South Korea: Legacy of Cold War," 95-118,
"Meltdown," "The Consequences of Empire," 193-230, Reserves

B23: April 15: Is the United States an Imperial Power?
Bacevich, Andrew, "Myth of the Reluctant Superpower,"
"Globalization and Its Conceits," 7-54, Reserves

PAPER DUE

Study Day: April 16

B24: April 18: Review

Casablanca: April 19-23

Global Lens Exams and Study Day: April 24

B25: April 26:

FINAL TEST

April 29: Arrive in Southampton

FIELD WORK

Field lab attendance is mandatory for all students enrolled in this course. Please do not book individual travel plans or a Semester at Sea sponsored trip on the day of your field lab.

FIELD LAB

We will begin the 8-hour lab with a brief on-board discussion of museums and the ways in which they foster (and distort) memory. Then we will visit three important museums—the War Remnants Museum, the Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum, and the History Museum—before concluding with a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral. At each, we will attempt to understand not just the inherent interest of the artifacts but how the Vietnamese view themselves. To focus our attention, students will be asked to consider these questions:

- What impact—positive, negative, and neutral—did colonialism have on the development of Vietnamese culture?
- How did the influence of each of the different imperial powers—the Chinese, the French, the Japanese, and the Americans—differ?
- What role did war play in shaping the way the Vietnamese saw their experience with imperialism?

FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

The field lab will constitute 20 percent of the course grade. Students will be expected to be fully engaged in the study and discussion of the things we see. They will document their experience with a four-page paper (doubled spaced, 12-point) answering one of the focus questions. The paper may be illustrated with photos, but at least three pages must be text.

METHODS OF EVALUATION / GRADING RUBRIC. The class grade will be based on the following:

- 10 points. Attendance and participation. (Note: Each unexcused absence over one absence of any kind will result in a one percent reduction in the final average.) To facilitate participation, students will be asked to turn in one discussion question at the start of each day's class.
- 20 points. A short answer/essay test over the material covered as we cross the Pacific.
- 40 points. A journal, to be submitted twice (March 15, April 7): over on-shore experiences from Yokohama to Walvis Bay, as they relate to the themes of the class.
- 40 points. A report on your field lab, described above.
- 50 points. A 10- to 12-page research paper (double spaced, 12 point) on the impact of colonialism on one country; the specific topic must be worked out with Professor Huffman.
- 40 points. A final exam.

Note: papers should be done in Word and submitted electronically.

Office Hours: Professor Huffman will hold office hours on A and B days from 9:30 to 10:20 in the area between the Piano Lounge and the Coffee Bistro on Deck 6. Feel free to contact him at any other hour (prior to 10 p.m.).

RESERVE BOOKS AND FILMS FOR THE LIBRARY

AUTHOR: Bush, Barbara

TITLE: *Imperialism, Race and Resistance: Africa and Britain, 1919-1945*, Routledge

PUBLISHER: Routledge

ISBN #: 0-415-15972-5

DATE/EDITION: 1999

AUTHOR: Johnson, Chalmers

TITLE: *Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire*

PUBLISHER: Metropolitan Books, Henry Holt

ISBN #: 0-8050-6238-6

DATE/EDITION: 2000

AUTHOR: Bacevich, Andrew

TITLE: *American Empire*

PUBLISHER: Harvard University Press

ISBN 0-674-00940-1

DATE/EDITION: 2002

ELECTRONIC COURSE MATERIALS

AUTHOR: Lenin, V. I.

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Imperialism: the Highest Stage of Capitalism"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1916lenin-imperialism.html>.

DATE: 1916

PAGES: all

AUTHOR: Fukuzawa Yukichi

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Datsu-a ron" (Cast Off Asia)

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: in Lu, David J., ed. *Japan: A Documentary History*. M.E. Sharpe

DATE: 1997

PAGES: 352-353

AUTHOR: Eskildsen, Robert

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Of Civilization and Savages: The Mimetic Imperialism of Japan's 1874 Expedition to Taiwan"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: *American Historical Review*

VOLUME: 107-2 (April 2002)

DATE: April 2002

PAGES: 388-418

AUTHOR: Peattie, Mark

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Japanese Attitudes Toward Colonialism, 1895-1945"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Myers, Ramon and Mark Peattie, eds. *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*

DATE: 1984

PAGES: 80-127

AUTHOR: Ishibashi Tanzan

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "A Liberal Business Journalist (Fantasy of Greater Japanism)"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: deBary, Wm. Theodore, et al, eds. *Sources of Japanese Tradition 1600 to 2000*, Columbia University Press

VOLUME: Pt. 2, 1868-2000

DATE: 2006

PAGES: 181-189

AUTHOR: Goto, Ken'ichi

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Changing Japanese Perceptions of Southeast Asia"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: *Tensions of Empire: Japan and Southeast Asia in the Colonial and Postcolonial World*, Ohio University Press

DATE: 2003

PAGES: 3-23

AUTHOR: Foster, Anne

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "An Empire of the Mind"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: *Projections of Power: The United States and Europe in Colonial Southeast Asia*, Duke University Press

DATE: 2010

PAGES: 73-110

AUTHOR: SarDesai, D.R.

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "The French Conquest of Vietnam"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: SarDesai, D.R., *Vietnam: The Struggle for National Identity*, Westview Press

DATE: 2nd edition, 1992

PAGES: 31-42

AUTHOR: Hack, Karl

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "1942 and the 'Lessons' of Singapore"

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Hack, Karl, *Defence and Decolonization in Southeast Asia*, Curzon Press
DATE: 2001
PAGES: 35-55

AUTHOR: Christie, Clive J.
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Anatomy of a Betrayal: the Karens of Burma"
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Christie, Clive. *A Modern History of Southeast Asia: Decolonization, Nationalism and Separatism*, Tauris Academic Studies
DATE: 1996
PAGES: 53-81

AUTHOR: Moore, Robin J.
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Imperial India, 1858-1914"
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: *The Oxford History of the British Empire*
VOLUME: V-III
DATE: 1999
PAGES: 422-446

AUTHOR: Chandra, Bipan, et al.
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "Freedom and Partition"
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: *India's Struggle for Independence*
DATE: 1989
PAGES: 487-504

AUTHOR: Defronzo, James
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "South Africa"
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Defronzo, James, *Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements*, Westview Press
VOLUME: 5th edn.
DATE: 2015
PAGES: 331-370

AUTHOR: Seidman, Gay
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "The Struggle Against Apartheid"
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Goldstone, Jack, ed., *Revolutions: Theoretical, Comparative, and Historical Studies*, Thomson/Wadsworth
DATE: 2003
PAGES: 295-303

AUTHOR: Innes, Duncan
ARTICLE TITLE: "Imperialism and the National Struggle in Namibia"
JOURNAL TITLE: *Review of African Political Economy*
VOLUME: No. 9, Southern Africa
DATE: May-August 1977
PAGES: 44-59

AUTHOR: Bauer, Gretchen
ARTICLE TITLE: "Namibia in the First Decade of Independence: How Democratic?"
JOURNAL TITLE: *Journal of Southern African Studies*
VOLUME: 27, no. 1
DATE: March 2001
PAGES: 33-55

OTHER: DVDs to be shown:

“The King and I”

“The Mission”

HONOR CODE

Semester at Sea students enroll in an academic program administered by the University of Virginia, and thus bind themselves to the University’s honor code. The code prohibits all acts of lying, cheating, and stealing. Please consult the Voyager’s Handbook for further explanation of what constitutes an honor offense.

Each written assignment for this course must be pledged by the student as follows: “On my honor as a student, I pledge that I have neither given nor received aid on this assignment.” The pledge must be signed, or, in the case of an electronic file, signed “[signed].”