

MO335 Honors: The Japanese Empire and its Aftermath, 1873-1952

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Description

This module traces the history and contradictions of Japan's empire from the first debate over how to "punish" Korea in 1873 and through to consider the early postwar aftermath of Japanese defeat in 1945. We will compare Japanese colonialism in Taiwan, Korea and Okinawa to that of Western empires, the important role of the Sino-Japanese war, and the development of nationalist and pan-Asian ideals.

Overview

- **17.9 Introduction: Japanese History and the Transitions of the 19th Century**
 - GORDON Ch 4-6
- **24.9 Japan: A Student of Imperialism**
 - GORDON Ch 7; 2:681-688; 14:29-65; 15:388-418; 7
- **01.10 Taiwan after 1895: What to do with your new colony?**
 - 23:111-140; 1:323-360; 26:37-61; 31:38-77
- **08.10 Entering the World Stage: the Boxer expedition and the Russo-Japanese War**
 - GORDON Ch 8-10; 25:1-26, 29-46, 91-108, 199-218; 33:415-438; 29:179-209
- **15.10 Japan's Changing Colonialism in Korea, Taiwan, and Okinawa**
 - 26:97-121; 32:1-32; 6:??; 8:1-50; 28:??
- **22.10 The Idea of Colonial Modernity and its Distortions**
 - 23:111-140; 30:1-20, 21-51, 52-69, 336-362; 31:38-77; 12:9-40
- **29.10 Struggling to Build an Anti-Empire and Overcome Modernity**
 - GORDON Ch 11; 5:1-41; 12:89-130; 27:711-744; 18:110-154
- **05.11 The Sino-Japanese Conflict and Japan's Move to Total War**
 - **Group Presentations**
 - 34:1-54; 17:133-180; 4:?? ; 16:1-24; 13
- **12.11 The Double Occupations of Southeast Asia: Japan and Western Imperialism**
 - **Essay Due**
 - GORDON Ch 12; 21:36-95
- **19.11 The Cosmopolitics of Urban Space in the Japanese Empire**
 - **Group Presentations**
 - 11:1-24,101-134, 263-314; 20:279-301, 325-345
- **26.11 Decolonization, Retribution, and the Politics of Memory**
 - **Group Presentations**
 - 3:423-456; 10:443-524,547-564; 24:15-46,47-77,172-191
- **02-07.12 Revision**
- **09-20.12 Examination Period**

Reading assignments indicate the reading number and page numbers. See the readings section.

Assessment

60% Coursework

Essay (4,000-4,500 Words 30%) - November 11

Group Presentation (15%) - November 5, 19, or 26

3 Short Essays (300-400 Words 15%) - May submit weeks 2-11

40% Exam

Take-Home Examination - Date TBD, 3/6 Questions, 24 Hours

Readings

Basic Texts

- Andrew Gordon, *A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present*. (Oxford University Press, 2009).
- Mark Peattie, ed., *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945* (Princeton University Press, 1984).
- Mark Caprio, *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945*. (University of Washington Press, 2009).
- Louise Young, *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism*. (University of California Press, 1999).

Primary Sources

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- Wm Theodore de Bary, Carol Gluck, and Arthur Tiedemann, *Sources of Japanese Tradition: Volume 2, 1600 to 2000*, 2nd ed. (Columbia University Press, 2005).
- Haruko Taya Cook and Theodore F. Cook, *Japan at War: An Oral History*, Reprint. (New Press, The, 1993).
- Timothy Brook, ed., *Documents on the Rape of Nanking* (University of Michigan Press, 1999).

All Readings

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11. Mark Driscoll, *Absolute Erotic, Absolute Grotesque: The Living, Dead, and Undead in Japan's Imperialism, 1895-1945* (Duke University Press Books, 2010). 1-24, 101-134, 263-314.
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13. Prasenjit Duara, "The New Imperialism and the Post-Colonial Developmental State: Manchukuo in Comparative Perspective", n.d., <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Prasenjit-Duara/1715>.
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21. Akira Iriye, *Power and Culture : The Japanese-American War, 1941-1945* (Harvard University Press, 1982). 36-95.
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