

Course Syllabus Form
Hist 258SEA
American University of Beirut
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
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A contemporary history of East Asia

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1 Course Learning Outcomes

- Students who have attended the course are expected to be able to describe the historical records relevant to the history of East Asia from the middle of the 19th century until now. They should be able to understand the origin of the main international and political events in this area since 1945.
- Students should be able to show critical awareness of the use and misuse of the past to serve present politics and ideologies.
- Students should be able to distinguish between aetiological accounts and historical facts.

In terms of skills students should be able:

- To improve their critical thinking
- To develop valid arguments
- To improve their research ability in selecting and organizing data

In terms of attitude students should be able to seek objectivity and change their opinion if evidence goes against their belief.

2- Resources available to Students:

Unfortunately, no textbook concerning the topic of this course exists in Lebanon, neither in English nor in French. The main references will be the course itself, as well as articles of newspapers.

See also:

Beye (M), The rise of East Asia, Routledge, 1997

Bianco(L), les origines de la révolution chinoise, Gallimard, 1967

Chevrier (Y), La Chine moderne, Puf, 1983

Godement (F), La renaissance de l'Asie, Odile Jacob, 1996

Grousset (R), Histoire de l'Asie, PUF, 1957

Guillermaz(J), Histoire du Parti Communiste Chinois, Payot, 1975

Guillermaz(J), Le Parti Communiste au pouvoir, Payot, 1979

Joyaux(F), La nouvelle question d'Extreme-Orient, Payot, 1985-88

Joyaux(F), Géopolitique de l'Extreme-Orient, Complexe, 1991

Latourette(KS), A short history of the Far East, Macmillan, 1964

Mackerras(C), Eastern Asia, an introductory history, Longman, 1995

Mac Lane(C), Soviet strategie in South East Asia, Princeton University Press, 1966

Pouchepadass(J), L'Inde au 20^e siècle, PUF, 1975
 Renouvin(P), La question d'Extreme-Orient, Hachette, 1946
 Ryvel(P) La nouvelle bataille du Pacifique, EDM, 1984
 Sabouret(JF) L'état du Japon, La Découverte, 1988
 Smith(W), Tibetan Nation, Westview, 1996
 Tipton (FB), The Rise of Asia, Macmillan, 1998
 Zogoria(D), The Sinosoviet conflict, Princeton University Press, 1962

3- Grading Criteria

Your grade in this course will be calculated based on:

- Attendance of classes and active participation (10%)
- Midterm Examination (20%)
- Term paper or class presentation (20%)
- Final exam (50%).

4- Schedule

Week	Topic	Activities	Assignments
1	General introduction. Geographical, chronological, and historical Setting.		Godement (F), <u>La renaissance de l'Asie</u> , Odile Jacob, 1996 Grousset (R), <u>Histoire de l'Asie</u> , PUF, 1957 Latourette(KS), <u>A short history of the Far East</u> , Macmillan, 1964 Mackerras(C), <u>Eastern Asia, an introductory history</u> , Longman, 1995 Renouvin(P), <u>La question d'Extreme-Orient</u> , Hachette, 1946
2	Historical recollection: the Far East between 1840 and 1945 : a world in crisis		Bianco, Lucien, <u>Les origines de la révolution chinoise</u> , Paris, Gallimard, 1967. Chevrier, Yves, <u>La Chine moderne</u> , Paris, PUF, 1983 Guillermaz, Jacques, <u>Histoire du Parti Communiste Chinois</u> , Paris, Payot, 1975 (see also introduction)
3	Historical recollection: the Far East between 1840 and 1945 : The awakening of Asia		Bianco, Lucien, <u>Les origines de la révolution chinoise</u> , Paris, Gallimard, 1967. Chevrier, Yves, <u>La Chine</u>

			<u>moderne</u> , Paris, PUF, 1983 Guillermaz, Jacques, <u>Histoire du Parti Communiste Chinois</u> , Paris, Payot, 1975 (see also introduction)
4	The “formation of coalition” Northeast Asia and Soviet-American rivalry		Guillermaz, Jacques, <u>Le Parti Communiste Chinois au pouvoir</u> , Paris, Payot, 1979 Joyaux, François, <u>La nouvelle question d’Extreme-Orient</u> , vol 1, Paris, 1985. (see also introduction)
5	The “formation of coalition” Southeast Asia: Decolonisation and Cold War		Mac Lane, Charles, <u>Soviet strategie in South East Asia</u> , Princeton University Press, 1966. Pouchepadass, Jacques, <u>L’Inde au 20^e siècle</u> , Paris, PUF, 1975 (see also introduction)
6	The Korean war	The emergence of a New Japan	Joyaux(F), <u>La nouvelle question d’Extreme-Orient</u> , Payot, 1985-88 Sabouret(JF) <u>L’état du Japon</u> , La Découverte, 1988
7	The first Indochina war	Mao's new China	Guillermaz, Jacques, <u>Le Parti Communiste Chinois au pouvoir</u> , Paris, Payot, 1979 Joyaux(F), <u>La nouvelle question d’Extreme-Orient</u> , Payot, 1985-88 Mac Lane, Charles, <u>Soviet strategies in South East Asia</u> , Princeton University Press, 1966
8	The Tibetan question	India and the neutral side MIDTERM	Smith(W), <u>Tibetan Nation</u> , Westview, 1996 Pouchepadass, Jacques, <u>L’Inde au 20^e siècle</u> , Paris, PUF, 1975
9	The sino-Indian conflict	The sino-américain conflict	Joyaux(F), <u>La nouvelle question d’Extreme-Orient</u> , Payot, 1985-88 Mac Lane, Charles, <u>Soviet strategie in South East Asia</u> , Princeton University Press, 1966
10	The sino-soviet conflict		Zogoria(D), <u>The Sinosoviet</u>

			<u>conflict</u> , Princeton University Press, 1962
11	New relations between China and the Occident.	India and the Bangladesh crisis	Joyaux(F), <u>La nouvelle question d'Extreme-Orient</u> , Payot, 1985-88 Pouchepadass, Jacques, <u>L'Inde au 20^e siècle</u> , Paris, PUF, 1975
12	The second Indochina war	The end of soviet empire and the rise of nationalism	Joyaux(F), <u>La nouvelle question d'Extreme-Orient</u> , Payot, 1985-88 Joyaux(F), <u>Géopolitique de l'Extreme-Orient</u> , Complexe, 1991
13	Japan, master of Pacific west?	The "New Dragons " crisis	Tipton (FB), <u>The Rise of Asia</u> , Macmillan, 1998 Godement (F), <u>La renaissance de l'Asie</u> , Odile Jacob, 1996
14	The Question of Taiwan		Joyaux(F), <u>Géopolitique de l'Extreme-Orient</u> , Complexe, 1991
15	The Korean question		Joyaux(F), <u>Géopolitique de l'Extreme-Orient</u> , Complexe, 1991
17	Synthesis and conclusions		

5- Course Policy

You are expected to be on time for the class. Late comers will be counted absent. Attendance of classes is required. Repeated absence may lead to dropping a student from the course. Make-up exams will be given only to those with a valid excuse.