

HISTORY 220: SOUTHEAST ASIA

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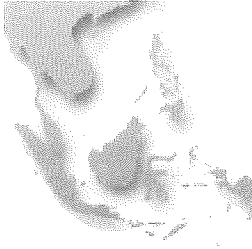
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Overview of Course: Southeast Asia is a region containing an incredible diversity of states, cultures, beliefs, societies, and peoples. Rather than isolation from the great empires to the west (India, the Middle East, and Europe) and to the north (Japan, China, etc.), Southeast Asia has long been a crossroads of cultural exchange, regional and global trade, and religious belief. This course will serve as an introduction to the long history of this diverse region, and the impact of that history in the present. Part I begins with a simple question: What is Southeast Asia? To answer this question, we look at the early history of the region, the social and trade patterns that developed, and the early states of the region. In Part II we examine the early contact between Southeast Asians and the West, and the tremendous rise in trade that gave rise to the Early Modern era in Southeast Asia. Part III examines the spread of both colonialism and the nationalist resistance it engendered. The final section of the course deals with Southeast Asia after WWII, the rise of the Cold War, and the impact of these conflicts in Southeast Asia today.

Required Readings:

The course is designed around sets of core readings, primary sources, and online materials. Our main textbook is available as a rental text at the UWSP bookstore:

- Ricklefs, M. C., Bruce Lockhart, Albert Lau, Portia Reyes, and Mairii Aung-Thwin. *A New History of Southeast Asia*. New York: Palgrave, 2010.

There are additional readings available on the course website as PDF files or links. Note: I expect students to do all the readings—any optional readings are marked with an asterisk (*).

Recommended books (for additional research):

- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680*, Two Volumes. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988 & 1993.
- Victor Lieberman. *Strange Parallels: Volume 1, Integration on the Mainland: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c.800-1830*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- Nicholas Tarling, ed., *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*. 2 Volumes. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).
- Andaya, Barbara Watson, and Leonard Y. Andaya. *A History of Early Modern Southeast Asia, 1400-1830*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Glover, Ian, and Peter S Bellwood. *Southeast Asia: From Prehistory to History*. London ; New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2004.

Films:

Over the course of the semester, we will watch and discuss several films having to do with key moments in Southeast Asia's history. These films can be found in D2L under the 'eReserves' module in the content section.

- *Indochine* (1992)
- *The Legend of Suriyothai* (2001)
- *The Most Secret Place on Earth* (2008)
- *The Act of Killing* (2012)
- *The Look of Silence* (2014)
- *Enemies of the People* (2009)
- *The Missing Picture* (2014)

Links:

Over the course of the semester, I expect you to keep up with the news of one or more of the countries covered in this course. The following list of websites may help you to keep up with current events in the region:

- *The Jakarta Post*: www.thejakartapost.com
- *The Nation*: www.nationmultimedia.com
- *The Philippine Daily Inquirer*: www.inquirer.net
- *Vietnam News*: vietnamnews.vn
- *The Irrawaddy*: www.irrawaddy.org
- *The Phnom Penh Post*: www.phnompenhpost.com
- *The Straits Times*: www.straitstimes.com

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Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify and explain various components of two or more Southeast Asian cultures.
- Use primary sources to analyze historical change in Southeast Asia.
- Describe different interpretations of Southeast Asian peoples from the colonial period on.
- Analyze religious and cultural changes in two or more Southeast Asian societies.
- Analyze how cultural and racial differences have been negotiated between Southeast Asians and outsiders in the global context of empire and the Cold War.

Evaluation: Grades are based on the following elements:

- 1) Attendance and participation (10% of your total grade),
- 2) a map quiz, given at the start of lecture in Week 3 (10% of total grade),
- 3) a take-home midterm examination distributed in class at the end of Week 6 (25% of total grade),
- 4) two short review essays (1000 words each) submitted over the course of the semester (30% of total grade), and
- 5) a final examination given at the end of the term at the appointed time (25% of total grade).

COURSE OUTLINE:

PART I: EARLY SOUTHEAST ASIA

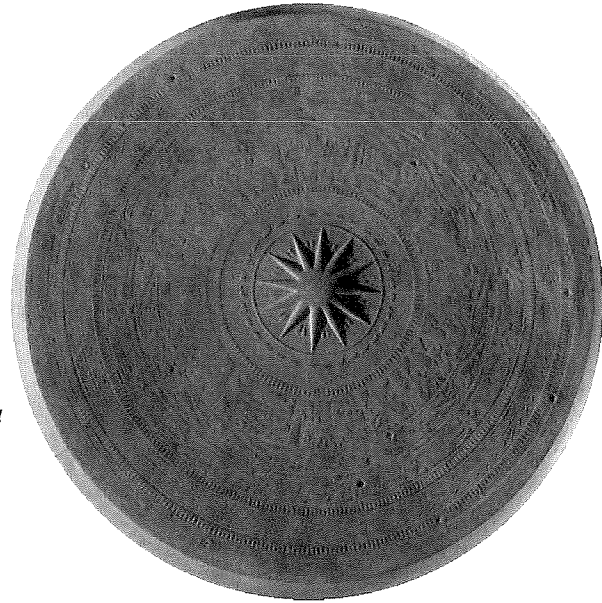
WEEK 1: What is Southeast Asia?

Core Readings

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 1-17.

*Donald Emmerson. “What’s in the Name ‘Southeast Asia?’” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 15 (1984): 1-21.

*Anthony Reid, “Introduction,” *Southeast Asia in an Age of Commerce, Vol. 1*, pp. 1-10.



WEEK 2: Trade, Society, & Belief

Core readings

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 18-35.

*Paul Lavy, “As in Heaven, so on Earth,” in *JSEAS* 34 (1) 2003, pp. 21-39.

*Reynolds, Craig J. “A New Look at Old Southeast Asia.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 54, no. 2 (May 1, 1995): 419-46.

*Charles Keyes, “Theravada Buddhism...” *The Golden Peninsula*, pp. 78-90.

Documents

“A Seventh-Century Visit to Sumatra,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 5-6.

“Theravada Kingship in Pagan,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 34-37.

Links

The 'Other' Silk Road: China Peers into Maritime Past:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128113397>

WEEK 3: The Classical States

Core Readings

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 36-68.

“Angkor was a city ahead of its time.” *The Los Angeles Times*, August 14, 2007.

(<http://articles.latimes.com/2007/aug/14/science/sci-angkor14>)

Keith Taylor, “The Early Kingdoms,” *Cambridge History of South East Asia*, pp. 137-182.

*David K Wyatt, *Thailand: A Short History*, 2nd ed. (New Haven, Conn: Yale University Press, 2004), pp. 17-49.

Documents

“Oath of Allegiance to a Khmer Sovereign,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 33-34.

Zhou Daguan, “A Chinese Visitor to Angkor,” pp. TBD.

PART II: EARLY MODERN SOUTHEAST ASIA to c. 1800**WEEK 4: Social Organization & Religion****Core readings**

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 69-91.

Barbara Watson Andaya, “From Temporary Wife to Prostitute,” pp. 11-28.

*Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, Vol. 1*, pp. 146-72.

*Carolyn Brewer, “From Animist ‘Priestess’ to Catholic Priest: The Re/gendering of Religious Roles in the Philippines, 1521-1685,” pp. 69-86.

*John L. Phelan, *The Hispanization of the Philippines*, pp. 72-89.

*Anthony Reid, “Islamization and Christianization, the Critical Phase” in *Southeast Asia in the Early Modern Era*, pp. 151-179.

**Documents**

Miguel de Loarca, *Relation of the Filipinas Islands*, pp. 115-119.

J.S. Stavorinus, *Voyages to the East Indies*, pp. 312-323.

Ibn Battuta, *Travels in Asia and Africa, 1325-1354*, Chapter X, pp. 272-281.

“Magellan the Missionary,” in J.M. Gullick, pp. 10-16.

WEEK 5: The Age of Commerce**Core readings**

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 92-115; 116-133.

Anthony Reid, *Charting the Shape of Early Modern Southeast Asia*, pp. 1-14.

*Wang Gungwu, “A Short History of the Nanyang Chinese,” pp. 11-18.

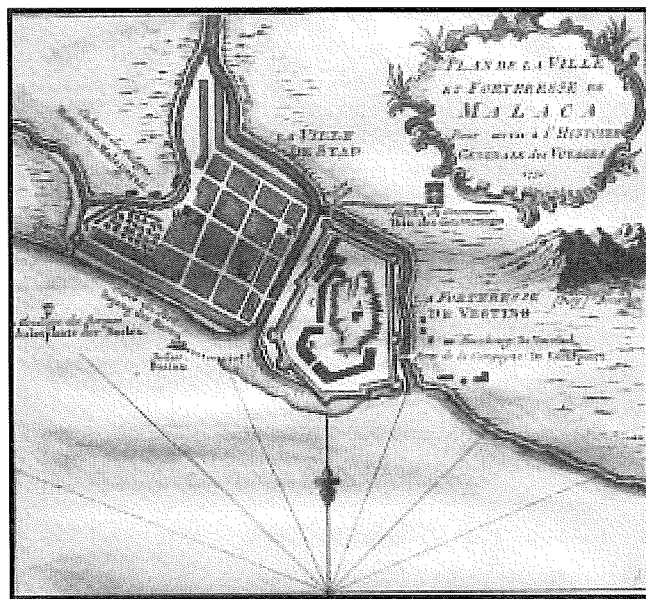
*Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, Vol. 1*, pp. 120-146.

Documents

“The Suma Oriental of Tome Pires,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 18-23.

“The First Dutch Voyage to the Indies,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, 80-84.

J.S. Stavorinus, *Voyages to the East Indies*, pp. 307-311.



WEEK 6: Crisis and Consolidation**Core readings - SEA**

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 134-164.

*Victor Lieberman, “What Strange Parallels Sought to Accomplish,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70, no. 04 (November 2011): 931–38.

*Victor Lieberman, “An ‘Age of Commerce’ in Southeast Asia? Problems of Regional Coherence,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 54, no. 03 (August 1995): 796-807.

**Core readings - Vietnam**

George Dutton, *The Tay So'n Uprising: Society And Rebellion in Eighteenth-century Vietnam*, Chapter 1.

*William Duiker, *Vietnam: Revolution in Transition*, pp. 21-29.

Core readings – Siam/Thailand

Pasuk and Baker, *A History of Thailand*, pp. 10-32.

Film

The Legend of Suriyothai (2001)

Documents

Christophoro Borri, *Cochin-China, (1633)* Chapter VIII (5 pgs.)

“Louis XIV and the King of Tonkin,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 84-87.

Guy Tachard, *Voyage to Siam* (1685), pp. 1-6 and 165-71.

PART III: COLONIALISM, NATIONALISM, & RESISTANCE, c. 1800 to c. 1940**WEEK 7: Southeast Asia and European Colonialism from c. 1800****Core readings**

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 165-227, 238-255, 262-291.

*James C. Scott, *The Moral Economy of the Peasant*, pp. 1-12.

Documents

Map of Indo-China (1886): http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/indo_china_1886.jpg

V. I. Lenin, “Preliminary Draft of Theses on the National and Colonial Questions,” and Ho Chi Minh, “The Path Which Led me to Leninism,” in Christie, pp. 70-76.

WEEK 8: The ‘Civilizing Mission’ and Its Opponents in *Indochine***Core readings**

William J. Duiker, *Vietnam: Revolution in Transition* (2nd edition), pp. 15-43

Ho Tai, *Radicalism and the Origins of the Vietnamese Revolution*, in Christie, pp. 27-37

Jean Lacouture, *Ho Chi Minh: A Political Biography*, pp. 17-32

Documents

Emperor Ham Nghi, “Royal Edict on Resistance,” in Gettleman, p. 18

Ho Chi Minh, “First Appeal to the United States (June 1919),” in Gettleman, pp. 19-20

“In Defense of the *Mission Civilisatrice* in Indochina,” in Gettleman, pp. 137-141

Links

Historical images, maps, and texts from colonial Indochina (in French): belleindochine.free.fr.

Film

Indochine (1992)

WEEK 9: Dutch Rule and the Roots of Indonesian Nationalism**Core readings**

Robert Cribb and Colin Brown, *Modern Indonesia*, pp. 1-16.

Jean Gelman Taylor, *Indonesia: Peoples and Histories*, pp. 279-309.

Documents

E. Douwes Dekker, “Max Havelaar...” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 124-128.

Raden Adjeng Kartini, *Letters of a Javanese Princess*, pp. 31-36.

Sukarno, “Indonesia Accuses,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 189-193.

Links

“Memory of the Netherlands” digital photo archive: [www.geheugenvannederland.nl/?/en/collecties/nederlands-indie in fotos, 1860-1940](http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/?/en/collecties/nederlands-indie%20in%20fotos,1860-1940).



WEEK 10: Variations on a Theme: Siam & the Philippines

Core readings

Philippines:

“In Century-Old Misadventure, A Caution for U.S.” *LA Times*, July 20, 2003:
<http://articles.latimes.com/2003/jul/20/opinion/op-gibney20>.
 P. N. Abinales and Donna J Amoroso, *State and Society in the Philippines*, chapter 5 and 6.

Siam/Thailand:

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 227-237; 255-262.

Pasuk and Baker, *A History of Thailand*, Chapters 3-5

Thongchai Winichakul, *Siam Mapped*, pp. 128-139

*B. J. Terweil, *Thailand's Political History*, pp. 199-229

Documents

Historic film footage of the Philippine Revolution:

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/sawhtml/sawsp5.html>

(Read the brief historical text and view these short films of U.S. military action in the Philippines, made between 1898 and 1901.)

Links

Southeast Asian Images and Texts – A Searchable database of photographs, covering primarily Laos, the Philippines, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison: <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/SEAIT/>.

“The United States and Its Territories, 1870-1925: The Age of Imperialism” – A searchable database of texts and photographs, from the University of Michigan: <http://www.hti.umich.edu/p/philamer/>.



PART IV: WAR AND INDEPENDENCE, c. 1940 TO THE PRESENT

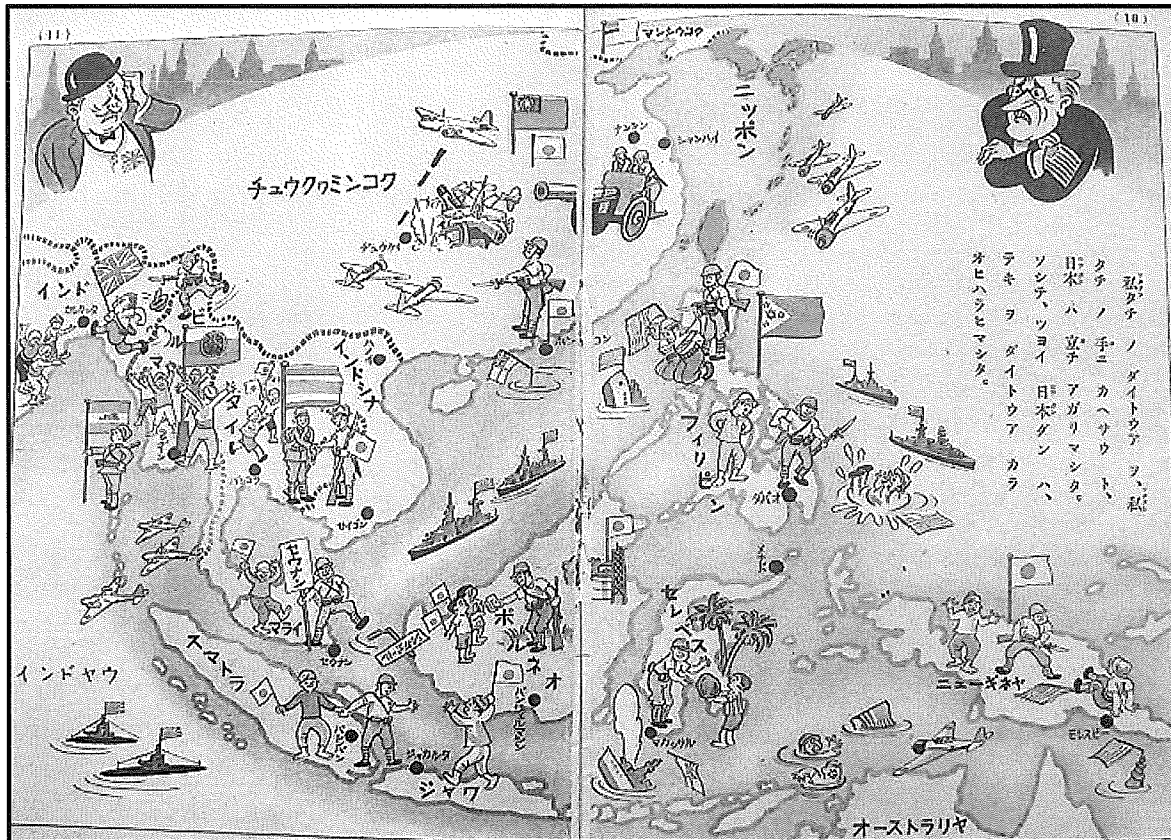
WEEK 11: The Pacific War and the Japanese Occupation

Core readings

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 292-317.

Wang Gungwu, “Memories of War: World War II in Asia,” in Lim and Wong, pp. 11-22

Hayashi Hirofumi, “Japanese comfort women in Southeast Asia,” *Japan Forum*, 10:2, 1998, pp. 211-19.



Documents

“Maria Rosa Henson, 69, Dies; Victim of Japanese Brothels,” *NY Times*, August 27, 1997:
<http://www.nytimes.com/1997/08/27/world/maria-rosa-henson-69-dies-victim-of-japanese-brothels.html>.

“The Japanese Blueprint for Southeast Asia,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 219-223

Links

Digital Museum: The Comfort Women Issue and the Asian Woman’s Fund:
<http://www.awf.or.jp/e-preface.htm>

“Interview: Healing Southeast Asia's 'comfort women,’” *Asia Times*:
<http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Japan/NB02Dh01.html>

WEEK 12: Vietnam: Three Decades of War

Core readings

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 318-362.

Ngo Vinh Long and Douglas Allen, eds. *Coming to Terms*, pp. 21-50.

David Anderson, ed. *Facing My Lai*, pp. 1-17.

Robert S. McNamara, *In Restrospect: The Lessons and Tragedy of Vietnam*, pp. 319-335.

Documents

“The Declaration of Independence of . . . Vietnam,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 270-273.

“The Tonkin Gulf Debate and Resolution,” in Williams et. al. pp. 236-239.

“Two Poems . . . (1965)” in Gettleman, pp. 299-301.

George Black, “The Lethal Legacy of the Vietnam War,” *The Nation*, February 25, 2015.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/lethal-legacy-vietnam-war/>.



Films

The Most Secret Place on Earth (2008)

WEEK 13: Cambodia & Indonesia: Roots and Legacies of Genocide

Core readings

Ben Kiernan, *The Pol Pot Regime*, pp. 1-27

Alexander L. Hinton, “Why Did You Kill?” pp. 93-118.

Mark Curtis, “Democratic Genocide,” *The Ecologist*, Sept/Oct 1996, pp. 202-204

Marshall Green, *Indonesia: Crisis and Transformation, 1965-1968*, Chapter 5

Documents

R. Nixon, “Rationale for the Invasion of Cambodia (1970),” in Gettleman, pp. 447-451

Molyda Szymusiak, *The Stones Cry Out*, pp. 3-10.

“A Tale of a Cambodian Woman,” *NY Times*, January 21, 1999.

Mohammad Sjoekoer, “Death,” pp. 23-26

U.S. Government documents about the 1965 coup and massacre: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB52/> (Read main article, “CIA Stalling State Department Histories,” and “Exhibit 2a.”)

Links

Cambodian Genocide Program. Database of documents and photos: <http://www.yale.edu/cgp/>

Digital Archive of Cambodian Holocaust Survivors. Photos and testimonies:

<http://www.cybercambodia.com/dachs/>

The Legacy Project. Artistic works related to the Khmer Rouge Genocide: <http://www.legacy-project.org/events/display.html?ID=7>

PBS website on Indonesia, with a special focus on the 1965 coup and massacre:

<http://www.thirteen.org/shadowplay/>

BBC News briefing on Aceh, and other “flashpoints” in Indonesia, December 29, 2005: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3809079.stm>

Films

The Act of Killing (2012) / *The Look of Silence* (2014)

Enemies of the People (2009) / *The Missing Picture* (2014)



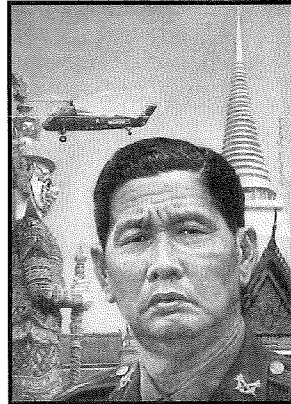
WEEK 14: Thailand: From Military Rule to Democracy... and back again?

Core readings

Pasuk and Baker, *A History of Thailand*, Chapters 6, 7, and 9.

Kevin Hewison and Kengkij Kiririanglarp, “‘Thai-Style’ Democracy,” in *Saying the Unsayable*, pp. 179-202.

Thongchai Winichakul, “hok Tula: Breaking the Silence on a Country’s Traumatic Past.” *Communiqué*, November-December 1996, pp. 7-8.



Links

Jonathan Head, “The mystery of the missing brass plaque,” BBC News:
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-39650310>

WEEK 15: From Southeast Asia to ASEAN, and beyond

M. C. Ricklefs, et. al., *A New History of Southeast Asia*, pp. 425-471.

WEEK 16: Final Exam

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 2:45PM - 4:45PM

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Good Luck!