

HISTORY 457: SOUTHEAST ASIA TO C.1800

Location: Ingraham 120

Schedule: 2:25-3:15pm MWF

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Overview:

Southeast Asia is a region comprised of a diverse array of states, cultures, beliefs, societies, and peoples. Located between great empires of India, the Middle East, and Europe to the west, and Japan and China to the north, Southeast Asia has long been a crossroads of cultural exchange, global trade, and religious conversion. Before the rise of western colonialism in the 19th century, this dynamic region was far from isolated and backward; rather, it saw the arrival of new populations, the rise and fall of empires, and the spread of world religions.

This course will introduce students to Southeast Asian History before the rise of Western colonial power in the 19th century. The course is divided into four main sections, beginning with “Early Southeast Asia to ca. 800 CE,” which covers the prehistory of the region, the formation of the earliest cities and states, and the links between Southeast Asia and the rest of Asia and the world. Part II, “Classical States of Southeast Asia, ca. 800 to ca. 1400 CE,” covers the transition of the earliest states into expanding empires, and the factors contributing to their decline. Part III, “Early Modern Southeast Asia, ca. 1400 to ca. 1800 CE” covers a range of social, political and cultural transformations during the time when western travelers and traders first began to establish a presence in the region. In Part IV, we turn our attention to some central themes in the study of Southeast Asia, such as the nature of religion, power, and gender. The course concludes with a look at Southeast Asia on the eve of western dominance at the turn of the 19th century.

Grading:

Grades will be based on four assignments: a map quiz given in-class on September 14, two take-home midterm examinations (the first handed out on October 12, and the second on November 4), and a final essay due at the end of the semester, in place of a traditional final examination. Topics, themes, deadlines, and expectations for the midterm exams and the final essay will be discussed in class. The distribution of grades will be as follows:

Map Quiz: 10%

Midterm Examinations: 25% each (50% total)

Final Essay: 40%

Course Website:

The Learn@UW website for the course will provide access to most of the course readings, as well as a number of other features. The instructor will also post additional materials related to the class from time to time, including online videos, music, or other resources relevant to the topic at hand. Finally, the website will be used for submission and grading of all written assignments. Students will be expected to submit their all writing assignments *both* to the instructor in hard copy and as an online attachment via the appropriate dropbox on the website; grades and comments will then be posted on the website.

Academic Integrity:

Students in this class have the right to expect that their fellow students are upholding the academic integrity of this University. According to the [Wisconsin Administrative Code \(UWS 14.01\)](#), “academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the University of Wisconsin system.” Such dishonesty consists of cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism (see UWS 14.03).

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has established a range of penalties for students guilty of plagiarism or academic dishonesty. Appropriate penalties include suspension or expulsion from the university, a failing grade for a course, a failing grade for the assignment, or a reduced grade on a redone assignment. All instances of serious plagiarism are reported to the Dean of Students. (Please note that I have caught and reported students for plagiarism in the past—save me the paperwork, and follow the rules.)

Students with Disabilities:

I wish to fully include persons with disabilities in this course. Please email me within the first three weeks of the semester to schedule an appointment to discuss any accommodations you might need in the curriculum, instruction, or assessments in this course to enable you to fully participate. I will attempt to maintain confidentiality of the information you share with me. The McBurney Disability Resource Center (263-2741) provides resources for students with disabilities. You will need to provide documentation of disability to them in order to receive official university services and accommodations.

Readings:

The course is designed around sets of core readings, and when available, primary source documents and online materials. Readings marked '++' are optional, and included for graduate students or those interested in further reading on that particular topic.

There are two required and six optional texts for the course, available for purchase at the University Book Store.

Required:

Nicholas Tarling, ed. *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).

Charles Higham. *The Civilization of Angkor*. (University of California Press, 2001).

Recommended:

Nicholas Tarling, ed. *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From early times to c. 1500*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Ian Glover and Peter Bellwood, eds. *Southeast Asia: From prehistory to history*. London and New York: Routledge Curzon, 2004.

Anthony Reid. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume One: The Lands Below the Winds*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988.

Anthony Reid. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume Two: Expansion and Crisis*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988.

Kenneth Hall. *A History of Early Southeast Asia: Maritime Trade and Societal Development, 100-1500*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2011.

Victor Lieberman. *Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, Volume 1: Integration on the Mainland*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction:

What is Southeast Asia?

Sep 2-7 (FW)

[NOTE: No class Monday, Sep 5 - Labor Day]

Core Readings:

Mary S. Heidhues, *Southeast Asia: A Concise History*, pp. 7-14.

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

Donald Emmerson, "What's in the Name 'Southeast Asia'?" *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 15 (1984): 1-21. (Available here: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20070562>)

Ian Glover and Peter Bellwood, "Southeast Asia: Foundations for an Archaeological History," in *Southeast Asia: From prehistory to history*, pp. 4-11.

++J.D. Legge, "The Writing of Southeast Asian History," in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From early times to c. 1500*, pp. 1-50 (chap 1).

Links:

Reference map of Southeast Asia, from the Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection:

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/southeast_asia_ref_2009.pdf

PART I: EARLY SOUTHEAST ASIA to c.800 CE

Pre-History of Southeast Asia: People, Lands, and Winds

Sep 7-9-12 (WFM)

Core Readings:

Craig Lockard. "The Ancient Roots of Southeast Asia to c.200 BCE," in *Southeast Asia in World History*, pp. 5-19.

++Charles Higham, *The Civilization of Angkor*, pp. 1-12 (chap 1).

Charles Higham, *The Civilization of Angkor*, pp. 13-22 (chap 2).

Ian Glover and Peter Bellwood, "Southeast Asia: Foundations for an Archaeological History," in *Southeast Asia: From prehistory to history*, pp. 11-17.

Peter Bellwood, "Southeast Asia Before History," in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 90-136.

Kenneth Hall, "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia," in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 183-192.

Links:

Ban Chiang Archaeological Site: <http://youtu.be/o-GHiGIZfvY>.

Recent archaeological finds in Cambodia: <http://www.dainst.org/en/project/prohear?ft=all>.

Emerging States: Overview

Sep 14 (W)

[NOTE: MAP QUIZ IN LECTURE SEPTEMBER 14]

Core Readings:

Craig Lockard. "Southeast Asians in the Classical World, c.200 BCE-800 CE" in *Southeast Asia in World History*, pp. 20-33.

++Mary S. Heidhues, *Southeast Asia: A Concise History*, pp. 20-34.

Emerging States: Early Vietnam and the Han

Sep 16 (F)

[NOTE: Guest Lecture by Dr. Nam Kim]

Core Readings:

S. O'Harrow, "From Co-loa to the Trung Sisters' Revolt: Vietnam as the Chinese Found It," *Asian Perspectives* 22(2) 1979: 140-163.

Nam C. Kim, et. al., "Co Loa: an investigation of Vietnam's ancient capital," *ANTIQUITY* 84 (2010): 1011-1027.

Emerging States: Trade, Polity, and Society in Early SE Asia

Sep 19-21-23 (MWF)

Core Readings:

Kenneth Hall, "Early International Maritime Trade and Cultural Networking in the Southeast Asia Region, ca. 100-500," in *A History of Early Southeast Asia: Maritime Trade and Societal Development, 100-1500*, pp. 37-66.

Charles Higham, *The Civilization of Angkor*, pp. 23-52 (chapters 3-4).

++Leonard Andaya, "Malayu Antecedents," in *Leaves of the Same Tree*, pp. 18-48.

Indianization:

Hermann Kulke, "India's Impact on Southeast Asia: Causes and Consequences," in H. Kulke and D. Rothermund (eds.), *A History of India*, pp. 152-161. (Available online here:

<http://goo.gl/9uEij>)

George Coedès, *The Indianized States of Southeast Asia*, pp. 14-35.

++Paul A. Lavy, "As in Heaven, so on Earth: The Politics of Viṣṇu, Śiva and Harihara Images in Preangkorian Khmer Civilisation," *JSEAS* 34, 1, 2003, pp. 21-39. (Available online here:

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/20072473>)

Documents:

"The Perilous Journey of Fa-hsien," in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 3-5.

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

PART II: CLASSICAL STATES

Overview: Rice, Water, Temples, and States

Sep 26 (M)

Core Readings:

Craig Lockard. "The Kingdoms of the Golden Age c.800-1400" in *Southeast Asia in World History*, pp. 34-51.

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Mary S. Heidhues, *Southeast Asia: A Concise History*, pp. 35-62.

Angkor: Temples, Rice, and Water

Sep 26-28-30 (MWF)

Core Readings:

Charles Higham, *The Civilization of Angkor*, pp. 53-142 (chapters 5-7).

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

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

Keith Taylor, "The Early Kingdoms," in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 157-163.

Kenneth Hall, "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia," in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 229-240.

Documents:

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

Links:

Angkor Temple Monuments: <http://youtu.be/7V3ONgMSyj8>.

Images of Angkor Wat: <http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/SEAiT.AngkorWat>.

A Tai Century

Oct 3-5 (MW)

Core Readings:

David K. Wyatt, "Tai and the Classical Empires" and "A Tai Century, 1219-1350," in *Thailand: A Short History*, 2nd ed., pp. 17-49.

++David K. Wyatt, "Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth-Century Siam," *JSEAS* 32, 1 (Feb 2001): 3-64. (Available here: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20072298>)

Richard O'Connor, "Who are the Tai? A Discourse of Place, Activity and Person," in Hayashi and Yang (ed.), *Dynamics of Ethnic Cultures Across National Boundaries in Southwestern China and Mainland Southeast Asia: Relations, Societies and Languages*, pp. 35-50. (Also available here: http://coe.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/research/sea/social/hayashi/Hayashi_Unnan_3Richard.htm.)

Documents:

"The Ramkhamhaeng Inscription," in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 40-45.

“Classical” States, c.9th - 14th century

Oct 7-10-12-14 (FMWF)

[NOTE: FIRST MIDTERM EXAM HANDED OUT IN LECTURE OCTOBER 12; DUE AT START OF LECTURE OCTOBER 17]

Mainland Kingdoms:

Keith Taylor, “The Early Kingdoms,” in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 137-157 (Vietnam/Champa); 164-73 (Pagan/Ayutthaya).

Kenneth Hall, “Economic History of Early Southeast Asia” in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 240-272 (Pagan/Champa/Vietnam).

Island States and Societies:

Keith Taylor, “The Early Kingdoms,” in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp.173-181 (Srivijaya/Majapahit).

Kenneth Hall, “Economic History of Early Southeast Asia” in N. Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, pp. 196-229 (Srivijaya/East Java/Singhasari and Majapahit).

Patricio Abinales and Donna Amoroso, “The Philippines in Maritime Asia to the Fourteenth Century,” in *State and Society in the Philippines*, pp. 19-39.

Videos:

Prambanan Temple Compounds: <http://youtu.be/mynqrEey8f0>.

Borobudur Temple Compounds: http://youtu.be/txujqGtB_6g.

My Son Sanctuary: <http://youtu.be/ZNkXdSmTJkQ>.

Documents:

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

“An Early Chinese Description of the Philippines,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 7-10.

PART III: EARLY-MODERN SOUTHEAST ASIA, c.1400-c.1800

An “Age of Commerce”

Oct 17-19 (MW)

Core readings:

Anthony Reid, “Economic and Social Change, c. 1400-1800,” in Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*, pp. 116-160.

Victor Lieberman, “An Age of Commerce in Southeast Asia? Problems of Regional Coherence—A Review Article,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 54.3 (Aug 1995), pp. 796-807. (Available here: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2059452>)

Anthony Reid, “Global and Local in Southeast Asian History,” *International Journal of Asian Studies* 1.1 (2004), pp. 5–21. (Available online via MadCat

[<http://library.wisc.edu/#journals>]. Journal title: International Journal of Asian Studies, Date: 2004, Volume 1, Issue 1; follow links to download PDF)

++Victor Lieberman, *Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, Volume 1: Integration on the Mainland*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 15-21.

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*, pp. 80-84.

”The Dutch East India Company’s Trade in Southeast Asia,” in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 94-97.

Emerging Empires and “Early Modern” States

Oct 21-24-26 (FMW)

Core Readings:

Barbara Watson Andaya, “Political Development between the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Centuries,” in Tarling (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*, pp. 58-111.

Victor Lieberman, “South East Asia and Eurasia during a thousand years,” *South East Asia Research*, Volume 19, Number 1, March 2011, pp. 5-25. (Available online via MadCat [<http://library.wisc.edu/#journals>]. Journal title: South East Asia Research, Date: March 2011, Volume 19, Issue 1; follow Ingenta link to download PDF)

++Victor Lieberman, “Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History,” *Modern Asian Studies* 27, no. 3 (July 1993): 475-572. (Available here: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/312961>)

++Victor Lieberman, *Strange Parallels: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, Volume 1: Integration on the Mainland*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 6-66.

City-State Cultures in SE Asia:

Anthony Reid, “Negeri: The Culture of Malay-Speaking City-States of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries,” in *A Comparative Study of Thirty City-State Cultures*, pp. 417-429.

Richard A. O'Connor, “A Regional Explanation of the Tai Müang as a City-State,” in *A Comparative Study of Thirty City-State Cultures*, pp. 431-443.

The Philippine Archipelago: An Early Modern State and Society

Oct 28-31 (FM)

[Note: Guest Lecturer on October 28 – Dr. Michael Cullinane]

Core Readings:

Patricio Abinales and Donna Amoroso, “New States and Reorientations, 1368-1764,” in *State and Society in the Philippines*, Oxford: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005, pp. 41-72.

W.H. Scott, “Why Did Tupas Betray Dagami?” in *Looking for the Prehispanic Filipino*, 1992, pp. 159-170.

J.L. Phelan, "Political Hispanization" and "In Retrospect" in *The Hispanization of the Philippines: Spanish Aims and Filipino Responses, 1565-1700*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1959, pp. 121-135, 153-161.

Foreigners, Outsiders, and 'Others'

Nov 2-4-7 (WFM)

[NOTE: SECOND MIDTERM EXAM HANDED OUT IN LECTURE NOVEMBER 4; DUE AT START OF LECTURE NOVEMBER 9]

Core readings:

Leonard Andaya, "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptation in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*, pp. 1-51.
 Anthony Reid, "Flows and Seepages in the Long-term Chinese Interaction with Southeast Asia," in *Sojourners and Settlers: Histories of Southeast Asia and the Chinese*, pp. 15-49.
 ++Martin Stuart-Fox, "Enter the Europeans," in *A Short History of China and Southeast Asia: Tribute, Trade and Influence*, pp. 95-114.
 Anthony Reid, "Early Southeast Asian Categorizations of Europeans," in *Charting the Shape of Early Modern Southeast Asia*, pp. 155-180.

Documents:

"The First Nguyen Emperor Through European Eyes," in *World of Southeast Asia*, pp. 104-107.
 "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 IV: THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WORLD OF PREMODERN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Gender and Sex in Premodern Southeast Asia

Nov 9-11-14 (WFM)

Core readings:

Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume One: The Lands Below the Winds*, pp. 146-72.
 Michael G. Peletz, "Gender Pluralism and Transgender Practices in Early Modern Times," in *Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times*, pp. 21-83.
 Barbara Watson Andaya, "From Temporary Wife to Prostitute: Sexuality and Economic Change in Early Modern Southeast Asia," *Journal of Women's History*, Vol 9, No 4, (1998), pp. 11-34. (Available online via MadCat [<http://library.wisc.edu/#journals>]. Journal title: *Journal of Women's History*, Date: 1998, Volume 9, Issue 4; follow links to download PDF)
 ++See several chapters in B. Andaya (ed.), *Other Pasts: Women, Gender and History in Early Modern Southeast Asia*, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hawai'i, 2000, especially Carolyn Brewer, pp. 69-86, Barbara Andaya, pp. 231-253, and Dhiravat na Pombejra, pp. 195-214.

Religion, State, and Society

Nov 16-18-21-23 (WFMW)

[NOTE: No class Friday, Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday]

Core Readings: <220pp>

Barbara Andaya and Yoneo Ishii, “Religious Developments in Southeast Asia, c.1500-1800” in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*, pp. 164-227.

Anthony Reid, “A Religious Revolution” in *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume Two: Expansion and Crisis*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993, pp. 132-201.

++Donald Swearer, *The Buddhist World of Southeast Asia*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995, pp. 71-109.

++John L. Phelan, “The 'Philippinization' of Spanish Catholicism,” in *The Hispanization of the Philippines*, pp. 72-89.

Kingship, Power, and Legitimacy

Nov 28-30-Dec 2 (MWF)

Core Readings:

Benedict R.O'G. Anderson, “The Idea of Power in Javanese Culture,” in Claire Holt (ed.), *Culture and Politics in Indonesia*, pp. 1-69.

Tony Day, “Ties that (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-Modern Southeast Asia,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 55(2), 1996, pp. 384-405.

What was a “State” in Premodern Southeast Asia?

Dec 5-7-9 (MWF)

Core Readings:

Structure of the State:

Hermann Kulke, “The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History” in D.G. Marr and A. Milner (eds.), *Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th Century*, pp. 1-22.

O.W. Wolters, “Some Features of the Cultural Matrix” and “Again a Cultural Matrix” in *History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives*, pp. 15-26, 107-125.

James Scott, “‘Stilled to silence at 500 metres’: making sense of historical change in Southeast Asia,” *IAS Newsletter* #49, 2008, pp. 12-13.

Manpower and Slavery:

Anthony Reid, “Social Organization,” in *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume One: The Lands Below the Winds*, pp. 120-136.

James Scott, “Concentrating Manpower and Grain: Slavery and Irrigated Rice,” in *The Art of Not Being Governed*, pp. 64-97.

++Bryce Beemer, “Southeast Asian Slavery and Slave-Gathering Warfare as a Vector for Cultural Transmission: The Case of Burma and Thailand,” *The Historian*, pp. 481-506.

Conclusion:

Southeast Asia on the Eve of Western Dominance

Dec 12-14 (MW)

Core Readings: <74-85pp>

Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, Volume Two: Expansion and Crisis*, pp. 267-325 (chapter 5).

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K. Kathirithamby-Wells, "The Age of Transition: The Mid-Eighteenth to the Early Nineteenth Centuries" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*, pp. 228-275 (chapter 10).

++Anthony Reid, "Heaven's Will and Man's Fault': The Rise of the West as a Southeast Asian Dilemma" in *Charting the Shape of Early Modern Southeast Asia*, Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 1999, pp. 246-271.