

Course number		U-LAS06 20037 LE38					
Course title (and course title in English)	An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2			Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,MURPHY, Mahon		
	An International History of East Asia 1839-1945-E2						
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences			Field(Classification)	Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)		
Language of instruction	English			Old group	Group A		Number of credits 2
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters	2025 • Second semester	
Days and periods	Tue.2		Target year	Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students	For all majors
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>This course will introduce students to the International History of East Asia from the First Opium War in 1839 to the end of the Second World War in 1945. Students will understand how global connections affected the development of the history of East Asia from the period beginning with the Opium Wars and ending with Japan ' s defeat in the Second World War. The lecture series as outlined below will discuss how commodities such as opium played a role in initially ' opening up ' East Asia to modern trade and how this helped to create two opposing modernising trends in the Japanese Empire and China. It will discuss the global flow of ideas such as the racist ' Yellow Peril ' doctrine, the Pan-Asian movement, feminism, communism and imperialism. The course will throughout focus on international cooperation and the transfer of ideas not just within East Asia but with also with the wider world. Japan ' s interaction with the League of Nations and the Kuomintang ' s flirtations with the Comintern dominated the 1920s. It will then analyse the global context in which the Second-Sino Japanese War broke out in which these two opposing modernising forces clashed.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
Students will gain a knowledge of the international relations of East Asia and be able to demonstrate this through a written essay and class discussion.							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
The course will develop as follows:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction Lecture 2. Opium, Tea, and Silver: The First Opium War 1840 3. Creating a Nation: The Meiji Restoration 4. From Taiping to the Boxer Rebellion 5. 'The Yellow Peril' in Public Discourse 6. Creating an Empire: Japan, Taiwan and Korea 7. ' World War Zero ' The Russo-Japanese War and Pan-Asianism 8. The First World War and Empire in Asia 9. Riots, Protests and Self-Determination 10. The League of Nations and East Asia 11. International Communism and the Guomintang 12. The Path to Global War: The Second Sino-Japanese War 13. The Second World War and the end of the Japanese Empire 14. Review Lecture 							

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15. Exam
16. Feedback

[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Evaluation will be based on the following:

Completion of class assignments 20%.

Mid term essay 30%.

End of term essay 50%.

- Those who miss fail to hand in at least 4 assignments will not pass.

- Students must submit the mid term essay.

[Textbooks]

Not fixed

Students will be given a list of recommended reading for each class.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students will be given a short reading and primary source prepare for each class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Classes will be conducted in two parts:

1. Lecture on the topic

2. Class discussion using primary and secondary source material.

[Essential courses]