

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 231 **Course Title** Modern History of East Asia
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Elective course for International Studies concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Second trimester / Every year

7. **Course Description**

The history of China, Japan and Korea since the mid - 19th century. Traditional political and economic structures. The impact of the West. Meiji Japan. Nationalism, Communism, Wars. Contemporary economic and political structures. The world role of East Asia.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- (i) To give students an overview of the main developments in East Asian history during the period covered.
- (ii) To increase students' awareness of the nature of historical thinking and methodology.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Basic concepts of Chinese and Japanese Religions, Culture and Society	4	Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn
2	Film; The Last Emperor	4	
3	Manchu Dynasty; Lamas, Eunuchs and Concubines	4	
4	Opium Wars and Unequal treaties	4	
5	God - worshippers, Boxers and Mandarins	4	
6	Revolution 1911 and Dr. Sun Yatsen	4	
7	Chiang Kaishek and Mao Zedong	4	
8	Japanese feudal system and the opening of Japan	4	
9	Meiji restoration and Japanese expansionism in Korea	4	
10	Manchukuo and The Rape of Nanjing	4	
11	Emperor Hirohito, Revolution 1949, and Cold War in East Asia	4	
	Total	44	

NB. The lecturer has the right to vary the topics as he / she see fit.

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

11. Teaching Media

Notebook of lecture summaries.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45 - 50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluation will be based on two examinations (Mid-term / Final) each carrying 50% of the marks. Questions will normally take the short answer and / or essay format.

14. Reference (s)

- (i) Beasley, W. G. The Japanese Experience. A Short History of Japan. Phoenix Press. 1999.
- (ii) Roberts, J.A.G. A History of China. Macmillan Press. 1999.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Marja-Leena Heikkilä-Horn