

ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES COURSES GUIDE FOR FALL 2020

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SOCIOLOGY

Asian American Experience, SOC 2514-91096

AAE looks at diverse histories, discriminatory laws, activism and more related to Asians in the U.S., through scholarship, film, oral histories and memoir.

Suchitra Samanta | T R 2:00–3:15pm | Online Synchronous
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WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Intro to Women's & Gender Studies, WGS 1824-90542


This course takes a critical perspective on gender justice across racial and ethnic diversity in contexts such as media, health, gender-based violence, activism, and the workplace. It includes Asian gendered experience as well as global perspectives.

Suchitra Samanta | T R 8:00–9:15am | Online Synchronous
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Intro to Women's & Gender Studies, WGS 1824-90541

This course takes a critical perspective on gender justice across racial and ethnic diversity in contexts such as media, health, gender-based violence, activism, and the workplace. It includes Asian gendered experience as well as global perspectives.

Suchitra Samanta | T R 11:00–12:15pm | Online Synchronous
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Global Feminisms, WGS 3124-90553

This seminar (discussion based) course is informed by transnational feminist and postcolonial theory to create change and build a foundation of more productive and equitable relations among social justice advocates across borders and cultural contexts. When we consider the pursuit of gender justice, we must simultaneously work to decenter patriarchal, Eurocentric and neoliberal ideals. This means studying and citing scholars of color and those from outside of western paradigms. Reading transnationally we will seek to immerse ourselves in becoming part of the change we are reading and writing about. Part of the course traces the women's movement in India and pivotal ideas from South Asian women.

Bonnie Zare | T R 3:30–4:45pm | Online Synchronous
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HISTORY

Security and Conflict in Modern East Asia, HIST 1354-85634

Survey of the 20th century history of five states in northeast Asia, People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, North and South Korea, and the connections between them. Causes and consequences of war, colonization and nationalist movements and their implications for contemporary regional and global relations. Emphasis on cultural concepts, political ideologies, social relations and historical conflicts as background to current security concerns.

Faith Skiles | M W F 10:10–11:00am | Online Synchronous
fskiles@vt.edu

History of China, HIST 2355-85651

China from prehistory, through the imperial period, to 1800. Special attention will be given to political, social, economic, and cultural developments.

Helen Schneider | M W F 1:25–2:15pm | Online Synchronous
hms@vt.edu

Gods and Kings in India, HIST 2374-85651

History of India from prehistoric times to approximately 1700, with particular focus on the interplay between religion and politics. Emphasis on sources for and interpretations (historiography) of early Indian history. Literary versus archaeological record of pre-historic India, the earliest empires and rulers, and impact of the Islamic and wider world on India. Legacies of ancient and medieval India in the contemporary world.

Peter Schmittenner | M W 2:30–3:45pm | Online Synchronous
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History Research Seminar, HIST 4914-91911

History of Refugees. Variable topic, writing-intensive, capstone course for history majors. Provides in-depth knowledge of a specific historical subfield. Utilizes archival historical sources, online research databases, and existing literature to create an original work of historical scholarship. May be repeated with different content up to 6 hours. Junior standing or above required.

Brett Shadle | T R 3:30–4:45pm | Online Synchronous
shadle@vt.edu

RELIGION AND CULTURE

Religion and Culture in Asia, RLCL 1904-91816

Historical and geographical overview of diverse religious/cultural traditions in Asia, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto. Investigation of the categories "religion" and "culture" and their interactions in Asia. Examination of different methodological and interdisciplinary approaches and their integration, with emphasis on critical thinking about the complexities of studying religion and culture in Asia. Asia on a global stage, including Western views of Asia and Asian views of the West.

Zhange Ni | M W F 12:20–1:10pm | Hybrid
nizhange@vt.edu

Religion and Culture in Asia, RLCL 1904-89764

History of India from prehistoric times to approximately 1700, with particular focus on the interplay between religion and politics. Emphasis on sources for and interpretations (historiography) of early Indian history. Literary versus archaeological record of pre-historic India, the earliest empires and rulers, and impact of the Islamic and wider world on India. Legacies of ancient and medieval India in the contemporary world.

Peter Schmitthenner | M W F 11:15–12:05pm | Online Synchronous
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Gods and Kings in India, RLCL 2374-89768

History of India from prehistoric times to approximately 1700, with particular focus on the interplay between religion and politics. Emphasis on sources for and interpretations (historiography) of early Indian history. Literary versus archaeological record of pre-historic India, the earliest empires and rulers, and impact of the Islamic and wider world on India. Legacies of ancient and medieval India in the contemporary world.

Peter Schmitthenner | M W 2:30–3:45pm | Online Synchronous
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Islam, RLCL 2374-89767

Addresses the rise of Islam under the Prophet Muhammad in Arabia, the development of Islam in the Middle Ages, and its resurgence in the 20th century. Issues of geographical, temporal, and ideological diversity, and critical thinking about representations of Islam in the West. Islamic orthodoxy addressed by examining the question of who represents Islam, when, and how.

Mohammed Pervaiz | T R 11:00–12:15pm | Hybrid
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ECONOMICS

Economics of Race, ECON 1204-91956

Causes and consequences of racial disparities in economic outcomes including education, health, housing, entrepreneurship, and earnings. Tools in microeconomics and statistics as applied to the study of racial issues. Historical and institutional contexts of racial problems. Change in racial gaps across generations. Impact of public policies to address racial discrimination in labor markets. Does not count toward ECON major.

Zhou Yang | M W 4:00-5:15pm | Online Synchronous
zyang74@vt.edu

Economics of China, ECON 4144-83986

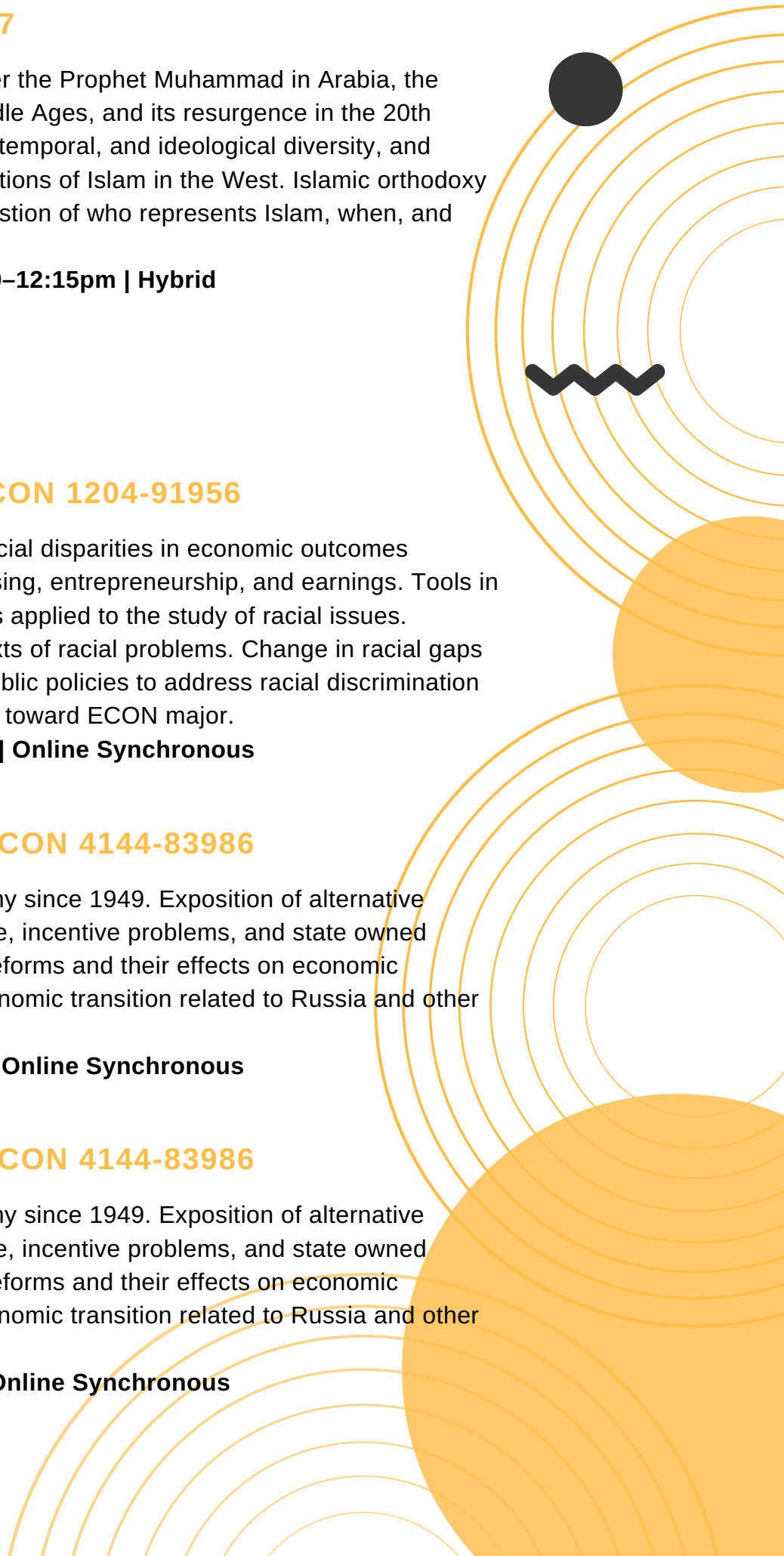
Evolution of the Chinese economy since 1949. Exposition of alternative economic systems, the commune, incentive problems, and state owned enterprises. Analysis of recent reforms and their effects on economic efficiency; and key issues of economic transition related to Russia and other East European countries.

Suqin Ge | T R 12:30–1:45pm | Online Synchronous
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Government and Politics of Asia, PSCI 3564-89608

Introduction to governmental institutions, political behavior, and social and economic policy approaches of China and other selected countries in the Asian region.

Deborah Milly | M W 5:30–6:45pm | Hybrid
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Seminar Global Political Economy, PSCI 4054-91303

Examines theoretical and historical approaches to global political economy and assesses their practical implications. Focuses on issue areas such as production, trade, money, finance and investment and analyzes their implications for the global economic and political order. Investigates issues pertaining to economies of development and in transition.

Bikrum Gill | Online Asynchronous
bikrum@vt.edu

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

In this course sequence, you will get a taste of a variety of data that are highly relevant to urban and environmental planning and policy, the tools that will be helpful to make sense of these data, and how data can be used in decision-making processes:

Intro to Urban Analytics, SPIA 2005-89970

Introduction to modeling, simulation, and visualization. How models can be used to examine complex urban problems. Ethical issues in the application of computational models. Basic model building without data.

Theo Lim | M W F 12:20–1:10pm | Hybrid
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Intro to Urban Analytics, SPIA 2006-89971

Identifying data sources for simulation model building and testing. Developing and using a model to understand a complex urban problem. Manipulating models to achieve desired outcomes. Ethical issues in computational models, including data collection and data use.

Theo Lim | Hybrid | tclim@vt.edu

Urban Analytics for Decision Making, SPIA 2014-89972

Use and critique of large-scale computational models for urban planning and decision-making. Information synthesis, agent-based simulation, and simulation analytics techniques for analysis of urban and regional systems. Value-sensitive design and ethical use of computational models.

Theo Lim | Hybrid | tclim@vt.edu

ENGLISH

Theory & Research in Tech Comm, ENGL 5664-90853

Key theories, methods, strategies, genres, and modes of written and multimedia technical communication and information design. Intellectual history of the field and its relation to contributing disciplines. Economic, political, cultural, and ethical contexts of technical communication. Pre: Graduate Standing.

Jennifer Sano-Franchini | W 4–6:50pm, max. 11 | Hybrid
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Contemporary Fiction, ENGL 4664-84620

Fiction since 1945 with emphasis upon the most recent two decades: the late modernist narratives of Bellow, Updike, and Percy; the new fiction of Barth, Hawkes, Barthelme; the postmodern fiction of Federman, Carter, Fowles, Katz, Sukenick.

Silas Cassinelli | M W 4:00–5:00pm | Virtual
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LANGUAGE

Chinese Culture and Civilization, CHN 2734-90633

Survey of Chinese culture and civilization through interactions between major political and historical events, social and artistic movements in China. Chinese literature, art, architecture, film, and theater in the context of Chinese cultural history. Aesthetic and rhetorical strategies. Interpretation of intercultural experiences from different vantage points. Taught in English.

Tingting Zhao | M W 2:30–3:45pm | Online Synchronous
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