Enriched by the Chinese and Indic civilizations, Southeast Asia is a place of striking diversity where the major world’s religions meet (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Confucianism). Yet it is the subtle commonality of local cultures that make the region distinctive. The cultural traditions have shaped the history of the region and are very much alive today despite colonization and Westernization.

This course will explore major themes and topics in the history of the whole region rather than of major events in individual countries in details. No prior knowledge is required. Nor is the ability to memorize the dates and unfamiliar names. The enthusiasm to learn other cultures and to study unfamiliar materials, plus imagination, is hoped for.

Lecture and Discussion
A two-hour weekly meeting on Wednesday 3:30-5:30 at 2637 Humanities. Additional meeting, if necessary, will be announced. The quasi-seminar format would facilitate more discussion. But students are expected to work hard on the weekly reading and assignment than the normal lecture format. (This accounts for the extra credits beyond the weekly meeting.) Questions are welcome any time.

Office Hours Room 5211 Humanities ph. 263-8931
Monday 11:00-12:30 and 2:00-3:00 or by appointment

Grading
Undergrad: 1. Mid-term take-home exam 20% (perhaps in week 5 or 6)
2. Three credit A specified assignment (e.g. a fact finding research or annotate bibliography of a topic. To be announced later in class.) Due Wed, Nov 23. 40%
   Four credit One 2,500 word (@10 pages) research essay. Due Wed, Nov. 23. 40%
3. Final exam 40%

Grad: 1. A essay on a selected primary source. Due week 5 or 6.
2. One essay on the historiography of a selected topic. Due week 10.
3. One 4,000-5,000 word paper (15-20 pages). Topic agreed by the instructor, preferably a topic on any marginal subject. Due Dec 15.

Required texts
The coursepacket for History 457 (available at Humanities Copy Center, Rm. 1650 Humanities).

Recommended book

All of the above materials are also available in the Reserves Collection (at College Library).
The required readings which are not in the required texts are mostly in the packet. The exceptions are K. Hall (w.4,5) which is the recommended book; Lieberman for w.8 and 13 which is from a journal but too long to get the permission for copying, and Heine-Geldern for w.9. They are in the library. Students should find time to make your own copies in advance.

Supplementary Reading listed each week are the studies in more details and depth on specific topics for your interest and may be useful for your research paper.

General Supplementary (The classic works and/or texts on individual countries for further references. All of them are in both the Memorial library and in the Reserves, except Andaya and Lieberman are at Memorial only. Many have several copies.)

Hall, D.G.E. History of South East Asia.
Cady, John F. Southeast Asia: Its Historical Development.
Coedes, George. The Making of Southeast Asia.
Coedes, George. The Indianized States of Southeast Asia.
Wolters, O.W. History, Culture, and Region in Southeast Asian Perspective.
Hall, Kenneth R. and Whitmore, John eds. Explorations in Early Southeast Asian History: the Origins of Southeast Asian Statecraft.
Legge, J.D. Indonesia.
Ricklefs, M.C. A History of Modern Indonesia c.1300 to the Present.
Andaya, Barbara and Leonard. A History of Malaysia.
Wyatt, David K. A Short History of Thailand.
Chandler, David P. A History of Cambodia.
Taylor, Keith. The Birth of Vietnam.
Phelan, J.L. The Hispanisation of the Philippines: Spanish Aims and Filipino Responses 1565-1700

COURSE SCHEDULE
(* = required readings, the rest in each week are supplementary)
(Titles shortened if the same as above. Page numbers at the end of each item.)

Week 1 (Sept 7) The course: aims and objectives, scope of contents, assignments, reading materials, and other class business.

Week 2 (Sept 14) What is Southeast Asia? Diversity and Similarity

Emmerson, Donald. "What's in the Name 'Southeast Asia'?" Journal of Southeast Asian Studies

Week 3 (Sept 21) Prehistory: the old and new theories of early settlements.

Smith. R.B. and Watson, W. eds. Early Southeast Asia: Essays in Archaeology, History and Historical Geography. 9-14, 315-336.
Week 4 (Sept 28) The genesis of "states": Indianization vs. localization
* Hall, K. Maritime Trade. 1-25.
* Coedes. Indianized States. 14-35.

Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region. 45-55 (or 68).
Hall, K. "State and Statecraft in Early Srivijaya," in Early Southeast Asian History. 61-106.
Wales, H.G.Q. Dvaravati: the Earliest Kingdom of Siam.

Week 5 (Oct 5) No class. (A make-up or assignment to be announced)

Week 6 (Oct 12) Classical states and the 13th century transition
* Wolters. History, Culture and Region. 16-33.
* Hall, K. Maritime Trade. 78-102, 169-93
* Coedes. Making of South-East Asia. 121-34.

Coedes. Making of South-East Asia. 73-87.
Coedes. Indianized States. 110-234.
Luce, G.H. Old Burma Early Pagan, (3 vols.)
Hall, K. Maritime Trade. 194-231.
Chandler, David P. A History of Cambodia. 55-75.
Wolters, O.W. The Fall of Srivijaya in Malay History. chap.1-5.
Kasettsiri, Charavt. The Rise of Ayudhya. chap. 3-4 (30-75).
Week 7 (Oct 19) The Age of Commerce
* Reid. *Age of Commerce*. vol. 2. 1-61, 204-266.


Week 8 (Oct 26) Consolidation of Power in the Mainland

Mangrai, Sao Saimuang. *The Shan States and British Annexation*.
Chandler, David. *History of Cambodia*. chap.5 (pp.77-98).
Buttinger, Joseph. *The Smaller Dragon*. chap.3 (pp.129-76).

Week 9 (Nov 2) Power and Kingship
* Heine-Geldern, Robert. *Conceptions of State and Kingship in Southeast Asia*.

Kulke, Hermann. *The Devaraja Cult*.
Reynolds, Frank E. and Mani B. *Three Worlds According to King Ruang: A Thai Buddhist Cosmology*. see introduction.
Kirsch, A. Thomas. "Kinship, Genealogical Claims, and Societal Integration
Week 10 (Nov 9) Religions

Lapidus, Ira M. A History of Islamic Societies. chap.19 (pp.467-88).
Ricklef, M.C. A History of Modern Indonesia c.1300 to the Present. chap.1

Week 11 (Nov 16) Social organization
* _______. ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1-43.

Moertono, Soemarsaial. State and Statecraft in Old Java: A Study of the Later Mataram Period, 16th to 19th Century.
________. The Organization of Thai Society in the Early Bangkok Period, 1782-1873.
Reid, ed. Slavery, Bondage. see another article by Reid pp.156-81; and by others on individual countries.


**Week 12** (Nov 23) No class. Papers due this week before the Thanksgiving recess.

**Week 13** (Nov 30) At the dawn of the colonial period

* Lieberman. "Structuring of Southeast Asian History" (see w. 8) 552-569.

See the articles by Kathirithamby-Wells, Manguin and Lieberman in


Hall, D.G.E. History of South East Asia. chap. 11-12, 15-17 (205-37, 290-334).

Cady, John Southeast Asia. chap.9-11 (173-259).


Meilink-Roelofsz. Asian Trade and European Influences in the Indonesian Archipelago between 1500 and about 1630.

Boxer, C.R. The Portuguese Seaborne Empire, 1415-1825.

Smith, George V. The Dutch in Seventeenth Century Thailand.

Geertz, Clifford. Agricultural Involution. chap.4 (47-82).

Legge, J.D. Indonesia. chap.4 (71-89).

**Week 14** (Dec 7) On the Possibility of an Authentic History of Pre-modern Southeast Asia.


Legge, J.D. "The Writing of Southeast Asian History," Cambridge History of Southeast Asia, vol 1, chap. 1 (1-50).

**Week 15** (Dec 15) Summary