Located between the Chinese and Indic civilizations, Southeast Asia has been a region of striking diversity where for more than two thousand years the complex indigenous cultures encountered with and were enriched by world's major influences – from major religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Confucianism to Western influences. Yet what makes the region distinctive is also the subtle commonality of local polities, societies and cultures. The complex traditions which have shaped the history of the region are very much alive today despite colonization and Westernization over the past hundred years.

This class explores both the important phases of changes and major issues before colonialism. Among the issues covered in this class are the early settlements, state formation and development from a simple polity to an empire, influences from the Indic, Chinese, and Western civilizations.

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Assignments
1. Two map exercises 20% (instructions in class)
2. Three take-home exams (including the final, no sit-in final exam). 20%-30%-30% (dates and instructions in class)

Required Textbooks (available in the Reserves and for purchase).
- Tarling, Nicholas (ed.). *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c. 1500*. Cambridge University Press.
- Tarling, Nicholas (ed.). *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800*. Cambridge University Press.

Recommended Textbook
- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, volume one*, Yale University Press.

Readings: All the Required Readings (**) are either in the required textbooks or in the Electronic Reserves. The Recommended materials (*) are suggested readings in case students cannot find the required ones to prepare for the class, and in case students are interested to read more on the topics. Many are in E-Reserves as well. Materials in the E-Reserves for this class are accessible via your My UW. Some journal articles can be found in the library’s article databases (search: journal titles → choose article databases → search: year or article title or author)
TOPICS AND SCHEDULE
This schedule may change if needed. Changes will be announced in advance in class.

Week 1 (Sept 3)  Introduction – The course: objectives, scope, contents, assignments, reading materials, and other class business.
(Sept 5)  Land and peoples, diversity and similarity.

Week 2 (Sept 8-12)  Prehistory and archaeology: geography, settlements and early polity

Week 3 (Sept 15-19)  Early states, 2nd to 8th or 9th c.: Indianization vs Localization

Week 4 (Sept 22-26)  The “classical states”, 9th to 14th c. and the 13th c. transition

Week 5 (Sept 29-Oct 3)  What was a “state” in pre 1800 Southeast Asia? mandala, kingdom and empire

Week 6 (Oct 6 -10)  Early modern development, 15th -18th c. (1) emerging empires

Week 7 (Oct 13-17)  Early modern development, 15th -18th c. (2) trade and states

Week 8 (Oct 20-24)  The Philippines before 1800

Week 9 (Oct 27-31)  Religions, especially Islamization (14th-17th c.)

Week 10 (Nov 3-7)  Kingship, power and legitimacy

Week 11 (Nov 10-14)  Slavery, bondage, social stratification

Week 12 (Nov 17- 21)  Chinese and other foreigners, Outside influences

Week 13 (Nov 24)

Week 14 (Dec 1-5)  Transitions at the dawn of the colonial period

Week 15 (Dec 8-12)  Questions on evidence and historiography, and Closing

READING MATERIALS FOR EACH TOPICS
(** = Required; * = Recommended & substitute for the required ones)

Introduction: Southeast Asia
* Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, vol. 1, 1-119

Prehistory: migrations, early settlements and polity
** Tarling (ed.). Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, chap 2 by Peter Bellwood.
** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 2 and 3

The early states 2nd - 9th c.
** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 3 and 4

Indianization vs. Localization
** Coedes. The Indianized States of Southeast Asia, 14-35.
** Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives ,15-26, 107-125.

The “classical states”, 9th - 14th c.
** Tarling (ed.). Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, pp.157-181 and 215-272
** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 5-7

What was a “state”?: kingdom, empire and mandala
Kulke, Hermann. "The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History," in Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th, 1-22

“Pre-modern” development, 15th -18th c.(1) emerging empires
Tarling (ed.).The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800, chap2 by Barbara Watson Andaya; OR
(This article is accessible on-line via journal database. MadCat: Basic Search → Modern Asian Studies → JSTOR → browse the journal → choose year 1993 → the article)

“Pre-modern” development, 15th -18th c. (2) trade and states
Tarling (ed.).The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800, chap3 by Anthony Reid;
Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 2. 1-61, 204-266.

The Philippines before 1800
Hutterer, Karl. "A Balance of Trade: The Social Nature of Late Pre-Hispanic Philippines" (published lecture, 1985, 12 pages)

Religions
Tarling (ed.). Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, chap 5 by de Casparis and Mabbett
Tarling (ed.).Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800, chap 4 by Barbara Andaya and Yoneo Ishii

Kingship, power and moral legitimacy
Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives,15-26.

Slavery, bondage, social stratifications
Reid, Anthony. ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1-43

The Chinese and other foreigners, Outside influences
** Tarling (ed.).The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800, chap 1 by Leonard Andaya
* Reid, Anthony, ed. Sojourners and Settlers: Histories of Southeast Asia and the Chinese. 1996,
see the articles by Anthony Reid, G. William Skinner, and Mary Somers Heidhues.

Transition at the dawn of the colonial period
** Tarling (ed.).The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From c. 1500 to c. 1800, chap 10 by Kathirithamby-Wells; OR

MATERIALS IN THE E-RESERVES FOR THIS CLASS

- Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives, 15-26, 107-125.
- Articles by Barbara Andaya, and by Junko Koizumi from Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia, ed. Barbara Andaya, pp. 231-268, notes pp. 318-338
- Hutterer, Karl. "A Balance of Trade: The Social Nature of Late Pre-Hispanic Philippines" (published lecture, 1985, 12 pages)