Hist 725: Historiography of Colonial-Era Korea

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the English-language historiography of colonial-era Korea with a focus on nationalist discourse, social and cultural history, and the complex interactions among Koreans and Japanese within the space of empire. We will be reading a mix of influential earlier studies and promising recent works. The objective is for you to build, or fortify, your own categories for understanding colonial-era history and historiography in preparation for future academic work.

Course Requirements:

(1) Eight book reviews/response papers (3-4 pages). Write book reviews for books, or response papers for weeks in which we read book chapters and journal articles (Feb. 14, & May 2). Post your papers on Learn@UW as text postings and upload as doc, docx, or pdf file each week by Sunday night.

(2) Final project for graduate students. Choose between either

a. drafting an undergraduate syllabus

b. writing a historiographical essay (8-10 page, double-spaced) on a selected topic

Evaluation:

For graduate students, I will evaluate your seminar participation (40%), book reviews (35%), and final project (25%).

For undergraduates, I will evaluate your seminar participation (50%) and book reviews (50%).
Jan. 31  The Emergence of Modern Nationalist Discourse in Korea


OPTIONAL:


Feb. 7  The Colonial State


OPTIONAL:


Feb. 14  Rural Social Relations


Feb. 21  Economic Development


OPTIONAL:


Feb. 28  
**Social Class**


March 7  
**Gender and Modernity**


March 21  
**Gender and Class**


March 28  
**Cultural History (1)**


Apr. 4  
**Cultural History (2)**


Apr. 11  
**Reading Day**

Apr. 18  
**Imperial Space**


Apr. 25  
**Reading Day**
May 2  On “Colonial Modernity”


