

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History
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HISTORY 457: HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE 1800
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MWF 11:00-11:50 Rm. 1217, The Mosse Humanities Bldg.

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 major issues in the history of the region before colonialism rather than a chronology or a narrative of major events. 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-three 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 at the University Book Store).

- 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.
- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, Volume Two: Expansion and Crisis*. Yale University Press.
- Higham, Charles. *The Civilization of Angkor*. 2001.
- Materials in the Electronic Reserves for this class, accessible via your My UW

Recommended Textbook

- Reid. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, vol. 1*
- Wolters, O.W. *History, Culture, and Region in Southeast Asian Perspectives*, revised edition, Ithaca: Southeast Asia Program Publications, Cornell University, 1999

Readings: All the *Required Readings* (**) are either 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. Some of them can be found in the Electronic Reserves as well.

TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

Below are the topics (in order) to be covered in the course. But the schedule may change if extra time is needed for some topics. Any schedule changes will be announced in advance in the class.

Sept 2	Introduction – The course: objectives, scope, contents, assignments, reading materials, and other class business.
Week 1 (Sept 5-9)	Intro to Southeast Asia, its land and peoples, diversity and similarity
Week 2 (Sept 12-16)	Prehistory and archaeology: migrations, early settlements and polity
Week 3 (Sept 19-23)	Early states, 2 nd to 8 th or 9 th c.: Indianization vs Localization
Week 4 (Sept 26-30)	“Classical states”, 9 th to 14 th c. and the 13 th c. transition
Week 5 (Oct 3-7)	What was a “state” in pre 1800 Southeast Asia? <i>Mandala</i> , kingdom and empire
Week 6 (Oct 10-14)	(guest lecturer)
Week 7 (Oct 17-21)	“Pre-modern” development, 15 th -18 th c.(1) emerging empires
Week 8 (Oct 24-28)	“Pre-modern” development, 15 th -18 th c.(2) trade and states
Week 9 (Oct 31- Nov 4)	Kingship, power and legitimacy
Week 10 (Nov 7-11)	Religions
Week 11 (Nov 14-18)	Slavery, bondage, social stratification
Week 12 (Nov 21, 23)	
Week 13 (Nov 28-Dec2)	Outside influences, foreigners, the Chinese
Week 14 (Dec 5-9)	Transitions at the dawn of the colonial period
Week 15 (Dec 12, 14)	Comments on historiography and class conclusion

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
- * Emerson, Donald. "What's in the Name 'Southeast Asia'?" Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, 15 (1984): 1-21.

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
- ** Tarling (ed.), Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, pp. 137-157 and pp.183-215.

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

* David K. Wyatt, “Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth-Century Siam” Journal of Southeast Asian Studies 32, 1 (Feb 2001): 3-66.

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

** Day, Tony. “Ties That (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-modern Southeast Asia” Journal of Asian Studies, 55, 2 (1996): 384-409

*Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives, 27-40, 126-154.

“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

** Lieberman, Victor. "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History," Modern Asian Studies 27, 3 (1993): 475-572.

“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; OR

** Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 2. 1-61, 204-266

Kingship, power and moral legitimacy

**Anderson, Benedict. "The Idea of Power in Javanese Culture," in Culture and Politics in Indonesia ed. Claire Holt, pp.1-69.

* Wolters, O.W. History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives,15-26.

* Heine-Geldern, Robert. Conceptions of State and Kingship in Southeast Asia.(also in the previous years Readers).

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

* Reid. Age of Commerce, vol. 2. 132-201.

Slavery, bondage, social stratifications

** Reid, Anthony. ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1-43

** Barbara W. Andaya. ed. Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia. See the articles by Barbara Watson Andaya, and by Junko Koizumi, pp. 231-268.

* Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.1. 120-28, 137-172.

* Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.2. 62-93, 114-131.

Outside influences, foreigners, and the Chinese

** 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 Wang Gangwu, Anthony Reid, and G. William Skinner.

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

** Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.2. chap. 5 (267-325).

LIST OF MATERIALS IN THE ELECTRONIC RESERVES FOR HISTORY 457 - SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE 1800

Coedes. *The Indianized States of Southeast Asia*. 1971. pp.14-35.

Wolters, O.W. *History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives*, 15-26, 107-125.

Kulke, Hermann. "The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History," in *Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th century*. ed. A.C. Milner. 1986. pp.1-22.

Wyatt, David . "Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth Century Siam," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 32, 1 (2001): 3-66.

Day, Tony. "Ties That (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-modern Southeast Asia" *Journal of Asian Studies*, 55, 2 (1996): 384-409

Anderson, Benedict. "The Idea of Power in Javanese Culture," in *Culture and Politics in Indonesia* ed. Claire Holt, 1972. pp.1-69.

Reid, Anthony ed. *Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia*. 1983. pp.1-43.

Andaya, Barbara W. ed. Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia. – the articles by Barbara Watson Andaya, and by Junko Koizumi, pp. 231-268, notes pp. 318-338

Andaya, Barbara. "Women and Economic Change: the pepper trade in pre-modern Southeast Asia," *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 38, 2 (1995): 165-190

Note: The only required reading that is in neither the textbooks nor the Electronic Reserves is Lieberman, Victor. "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History," *Modern Asian Studies* 27, 3 (1993): 475-572, for the topic "***Pre-modern***" ***development, 15th -18th c.(I)***. The journal is accessible on-line via MADCAT. (Basic Search → journal title → click at the link to journal database → browse → year 1993 → issue 3 → the article)