

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History
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HISTORY 457: HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE 1800
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Mon Wed Fri 12.05 -12:55, Rm. 1217 the George 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 the 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, influences from the Indic, Chinese, and Western civilizations, the region as part of world trade system since the 13th c. to the European expansion of sea power.

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Assignments

1. Two map exercises 10% each = total 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)

- M.C. Ricklefs, Bruce Lockhart, Albert Lau and Portia Reyes, *A New History of Southeast Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010
- 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*. University of California Press, 2001.

Recommended Textbook

- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, volume one*, Yale University Press
- Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony: The World Systems A.D. 1250-1350*, Oxford University Press

Readings: All the *Required Readings* (**) are either in the required textbooks or in the e-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 of them are in the e-Reserves as well. 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.

(No class on Sept 14, Oct 26, and Nov 21)

Week 1 (Sept 5)	The course: objectives, contents, assignments, readings, and other class business
(Sept 7)	Attend TW's talk on Thai history at 206 Ingraham Hall, noon
Week 2 (Sept 10, 12)	Land and peoples, diversity and similarity
Week 3 (Sept 17-21)	Prehistory and archaeology: geography, settlements and early polity
Week 4 (Sept 24-28)	Early states, 2 nd to 8 th or 9 th c.: Indianization vs Localization
Week 5 (Oct 1-5)	"Classical states", 9 th to 14 th c
Week 6 (Oct 8 -12)	What was a "state" in pre 1800 Southeast Asia? The <i>mandala</i> kingdom and empire; kingship and moral power
Week 7 (Oct 15-19)	The 13 th - 14 th c. transition
Week 8 (Oct 22, 24)	Early modern 15 th -18 th c. Archipelago: trade and fragmentation
Week 9 (Oct 29-Nov 2)	Early modern 15 th -18 th c. Mainland: consolidation of empires
Week 10 (Nov 5-9)	Religions 14th-17th c.: Theravada Buddhism and Islamization
Week 11 (Nov 12-16)	Slavery, bondage, social stratification
Week 12 (Nov 19)	Women
Week 13 (Nov 26-30)	Chinese and other foreigners, Outside influences
Week 14 (Dec 3-7)	Transitions at the dawn of the colonial period
Week 15 (Dec 10-14)	Questions on evidence and historiography, and Closing

READING MATERIALS FOR EACH TOPICS

(** = Required; * = Recommended and /or substitute for the required ones)

Southeast Asia: Land and peoples, diversity and similarity

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

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 1

Prehistory: migrations, early settlements and polity

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 2 and 3

** George Coedes, The Making of Southeast Asia, chapter 2: Prehistory, pp. 10-33

* Peter Bellwood, "Southeast Asia Before History" in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 2, pp. 55-136

The early states 2nd - 9th c.: Indianization vs. Localization

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 3 and 4

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 2

The "classical states", 9th - 14th c.

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 3

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 5-7

What was a "state"? The "mandala"; Kingship and power

**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

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

The mid 13th – mid 14th centuries transitions

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 5

* Victor Lieberman, "Charter State Collapse in Southeast Asia, ca. 1250–1400, as a Problem in Regional and World History," American Historical Review, 2011, pp. 936-963

* Janet Abu-Lughod, Before European Hegemony: The World Systems A.D. 1250-1350, Part III, esp. chapter 9

Early modern 15th -18th c. Archipelago: trade and fragmentation

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al, A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 7 p. 134, 149-164

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

Early modern 15th -18th c. Mainland: consolidation of empires

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al, A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 7 p. 134-149

** Lieberman, Victor. Strange Parallel: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, vol.2, pp. 11-48

- Lieberman, Victor, "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History," Modern Asian Studies 27, 3 (1993): 475-572 (accessible on-line via journal database)

Religions and moral legitimacy

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 4

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

Slavery, bondage, social stratifications

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

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

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

The Chinese and other foreigners; Outside influences

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 6

** Leonard Andaya, "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptations in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800", in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 6, pp. 345-401.

Women

**Anthony Reid, "Female Roles in Pre-Colonial Southeast Asia," Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 22, No. 3, (1988), pp. 629-645

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

Transition at the dawn of the colonial period

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

MATERIALS IN THE E-RESERVES FOR THIS CLASS

- George Coedes, The Making of Southeast Asia, chapter 2: Prehistory, pp. 10-33
- 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.
- Day, Tony. "Ties That (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-modern Southeast Asia" Journal of Asian Studies, 55, 2 (1996): 384-409
- Wyatt, David . "Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth Century Siam," Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, 32, 1 (2001): 3-66.
- Victor Lieberman, "Charter State Collapse in Southeast Asia, ca. 1250–1400, as a Problem in Regional and World History," American Historical Review, 2011, pp. 936-96
- Lieberman, Victor. Strange Parallel: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, vol.2, pp. 11-48
- Leonard Andaya, "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptations in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800", in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 6, pp. 345-401.
- Reid, Anthony ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1983. pp.1-43.
- Anthony Reid ed., Sojourners and Settlers: Histories of Southeast Asia and the Chinese, 1996
The articles by Anthony Reid, G. William Skinner, and Mary Somers Heidhues.
- Anthony Reid, "Female Roles in Pre-Colonial Southeast Asia," Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 22, No. 3, (1988), pp. 629-645
- Barbara Andaya ed., Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia, see articles by Barbara Andaya and Junko Koizumi, pp. 231-268, notes pp. 318-338