

New Course!
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Asia-Pacific in Cross-Cultural Perspective

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TF 10:20-11:40

Course Description:

This course explores the social, cultural, and political interactions in the Asia-Pacific region from the late nineteenth century to the present from a cross-cultural perspective. Students will gain “alternative” perspectives and learn to critically examine topics on early U.S.-Asia encounters (immigrants, students, embassies), colonialism, and war and its legacies through exposure to multiple points of view: the “voices” or contemporaneous literary works and primary sources (in translation), museums and sites where the experiences are remembered and told, and faculty and students of a Japanese university. The course will culminate with joint online sessions with Professor Keiji Nakatsuji’s class at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, during the final month of the semester. Guest lecturers will be invited for selected topics.

***Will count toward Asian Studies and Japanese major/minor.*