

EALC 550
Borderlands in modern East and Inner Asia:
History, Culture and Identity

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Time: T. 1-3:30

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Course Description

This graduate seminar will introduce students to historical, anthropological and sociological literature on Euro-Asian borderlands, with a focus on East Asia and through transnational approach. Major topics to be covered include: 1) Theoretical Development on Frontier and Borderlands; 2) Ethnicity in Borderlands; 3) Borderlands as Zones of Contacts; 4) Individual and Community in Historical and Contemporary Borderlands; 5) Gender and Borderlands; 6) Fieldwork in Borderlands.

This is a reading and discussion seminar. Guest professors from other departments and fields are invited to join several discussions on topics of their specialties. Students need to finish an annotated bibliography on a selected topic related to their own research interest by the end of the semester.

Students are expected to read and discuss cross-disciplinary writings beyond the borders of the existing nation-states and historical periodization in East Asia.

Requirements

Attendance: 10%

Participation: 20%

Weekly discussion leadership: 20%

Presentation: 15%

Bibliography: 35%

- 1) Active participation in class discussions is required.
- 2) Each student will take turns leading discussion sessions from Week 3-13. Weekly discussion leader is required to post discussion questions (5-8) on Compass one day before the class.
- 3) Each student needs to finish all the reading before coming to the class, and prepare a SHORT and informal weekly summary (1-2 pages) for the class.
- 4) Each student is to present his or her bibliographical research in Week 15.
- 5) An annotated bibliography on a topic related to borderlands, and of student's choice (10-15 pages). Recommended topics: Theories on Borders and Borderlands, Geographical borders, Ethnic boundaries, Legal borders, Gender in borderlands, Travel and translation, China's Borderlands, Northeast Asian borderlands.

Textbooks

Most of the titles are Available at Illini Union Bookstore. Titles that are out of print or too expensive will either be put on reserve, or you can get a copy through ILL.

E-articles are available on course's Compass site.

Schedule

Week 1. Jan.17. Introduction

Week 2. Jan. 24. Theoretical Development on Frontier and Borderlands

1) Jeremy Adelman; Stephen Aron. 1999. "From Borderlands to Borders: Empires, Nation-States, and the Peoples in between in North American History" (in Forum Essay). *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 104, No. 3. (Jun., 1999), pp. 814-841.

2) Christopher Ebert Schmidt-Nowara. 1999. "Borders and Borderlands of Interpretation" (in Forum Essay: Responses). *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 104, No. 4. (Oct., 1999), pp. 1226-1228.

3) Baud, Michiel. 1997. "Toward a Comparative History of Borderlands." *Journal of World History*, 8.2. (Fall 1997): 211-242.

4) Selected chapters in Prasenjit Duara. 2003. *Sovereignty and authenticity: Manchukuo and the East Asian modern*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

5) Selected chapters in Lattimore, *Studies in Frontier History*

Week 3. Jan.31. Examining Euporean and American borderlands

László Kürti. 2001. *The remote borderland : Transylvania in the Hungarian imagination*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Selected chapters from Sahlins, Peter. 1989. *Boundaries : the making of France and Spain in the Pyrenees*. Berkeley: University of California Press, c1989.

Selected chapters from
James Brooks. 2002 *Captives and Cousins: slavery, kinship, and community in the Southwest borderlands*. University of North Carolina Press.

Ethnicity in Borderlands

Week 4. Feb. 7

Millward, J. A. 1998. *Beyond the Pass: Economy, Ethnicity, and Empire in Qing Central Asia, 1759-1864*. Stanford, Stanford University Press.

Selected chapters from

Hostetler, Laura. 2001. *Qing Colonial Enterprise: Ethnography and Cartography in Early Modern China*. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press.

Articles on Compass: TBA

Week 5 Feb. 14

Guest Professor, Donna A. Buchanan, Director, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, Associate Professor, School of Music

Diehl, Keila. *Echo of Dharamsala: music in the lives of Tibetan refugees in north India*. Berkely, 2002. Preface and introduction (pp. xvii - 31), chapters 4 and 5 (144-206), and 7 and the conclusion (234-70).

Park, Hyun Ok. 2005. *Two Dreams in One Bed: Empire, Social Life, and the Origins of the North Korean Revolution in Manchuria*. Duke University Press.

Articles on Compass: TBA

Week 6. Feb. 21

Lipman, Jonathan N. *Familiar Strangers: A History of Muslims in Northwest China*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1998. ISBN: 0295976446.

Elliott, Mark. "The Limits of Tartary: Manchuria in Imperial and National Geographies". JAS. Vol. 59, No. 3 (Aug., 2000): 603-646.

Selected chapters in

Christopher I Beckwith. 1993. *The Tibetan Empire in Central Asia: a History of the Struggle for Great Power among Tibetans, Turks, Arabs, and Chinese during the Early Middle Ages*.

Princeton, N.J. : Princeton University Press.

Mueggler, Erik. 2001. *The age of wild ghosts : memory, violence, and place in Southwest China*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Borderlands as Zones of Contacts

Week 7. Feb. 28.

Guest professor: Tierney, Japanese literature on imperial empire

Yuasa Katsuei. 2005. *Kannani and Document of Flames*. Duke University Press.

Yosano Akiko. 2001. *Travels to Manchuria and Mongolia*, translated by Joshua Fogel Columbia University Press.

Mary Louise Pratt. 1992. "Introduction," *Imperial Eyes: travel writing and transculturation*. New York: Routledge.

Optional:

Clifford, James. 1997. *Routes: Travel and Translation in the Late Twentieth Century*.

Bishop, I.B. *Korea and Her Neighbours* (Any edition)

Hopkirk, Peter. 1984. *Foreign Devils on the Silk Road: The Search for the Lost Cities and Treasures of Chinese Central Asia*. Boston: University of Massachusetts Press (reprint). ISBN: 0870234358.

Week 8. March 7

Perdue, P. C. 2005. *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia*. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press.

Selected Chapters in

Winichakul, Thongchai. 1994. *Siam mapped: a history of the geo-body of a nation*. Honolulu : University of Hawaii Press.

Teng, E. J. 2004. *Taiwan's Imagined Geography: Chinese Colonial Travel Writing and Pictures, 1683-1895*. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Asia Center.

Whitfield, Susan. 1999. *Life Along the Silk Road*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Optional:

Bishop, I.B. 1899/1987. *The Yangtze Valley and beyond : an account of journeys in China, chiefly in the province of Sze Chuan and among the Man-tze of the Somo territory*.

Individual and Community in Borderlands

Week 9 March 14:

Guest Professor: Ronald Toby, Japanese diplomacy and borderlands

Young, Louis. 1998. *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the culture of wartime imperialism*. Berkeley : University of California Press.

Tessa Morris-Suzuki, "Northern Lights: The Making and Unmaking of Karafuto Identity," *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2001

Selected chapters from

John Harrison, *Japan's Northern Frontier* (1950s).

Brett L. Walker, *The conquest of Ainu lands: ecology and culture in Japanese expansion, 1590-1800* (California 2001).

Spring Break

Week 10. March 28:

Mariko Asano Tamanoi. 2005. *Crossed histories : Manchuria in the age of empire*. Honolulu : Association for Asian Studies and University of Hawai'i Press, c2005.

Selected chapters from

Ching, Leo T.S.. *Becoming "Japanese": colonial Taiwan and the politics of identity formation*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

Edward Schatz, 2004. *Modern Clan Politics: The Power of "Blood" in Kazakhstan and Beyond*. Seattle: University of Washington Press. ISBN 0295984473

Week 11. April 4

Dru C. Gladney. *Muslim Chinese: Ethnic Nationalism in the Peoples Republic* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1991. ISBN: 0674-59496-7

Selected chapters in

Tagliacozzo, Eric. 2005. *Secret trades, porous borders: smuggling and states along a Southeast Asian frontier, 1865-1915*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Atwood. Christopher. 2002. *Young Mongols and Vigilantes in Inner Mongolia's Interregnum Decades, 1911-1931*. Leiden: Brill.

Optional: Nyiri, Pal. Editor. 2005. *China Inside Out*. Budapest: Central European University Press.

Gender and Borderlands;

Week 12. April 11

Film: "Song of the Exile" (Ke tu qiu hen)

Bernhard, Kathryn. 1996. "A Ming-Qing transition in Chinese women's history?", in *Remapping China: Fissures in Historical Terrain*.

Selected chapters in Louisa Schein. 2000. *Minority Rules: The Miao and the Feminine in China's Cultural Politics*. Duke University Press.

Selected articles from Special Issue on "gender on borderlands," *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 24.2&3 (2003)

Week 13. April 18. Languages in Borderlands

Guest Instructor: Dr. Peter Alan Michalove.

Ramsey, Robert. 1987. *The Languages of China*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Pp. 157-172; Pp. 173-229

Lyovin, Anatole. 1997. *An Introduction to the Languages of the World*. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 146-164.

Daniels, Peter T. and William Bright. 1996. *The World's Writing Systems*. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 228-238; 431-441; 536-558.

Week 14 April 25 Fieldwork in Borderlands

Bernard S Cohn. 1987. *An anthropologist among the historians and other essays*. Oxford University Press.

Gladney, Dru's article in Liu, Xin. 2004. *New reflections on anthropological studies of (greater) China*. Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies.

Selected chapters from Overmyer, Dan. 2002. *Ethnography in China Today*.

Selected chapters in Mueggler, Erik. 2001. *The age of wild ghosts: memory, violence, and place in Southwest China*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Week 15. May 2. Presentations

Annotated Bibliography due: May 5th