

Sociology 179: Globalizing East Asia (Fall 2019)  
Tuesdays, 16:10-18:59, 126 Barrows  
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The course will survey the recent political-economic and cultural transformations in Northeast Asia, chiefly Japan, South Korea, and China (and to lesser extent North Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong). The focus will be on transcending ethnocentric and nationalistic accounts in order to arrive at a more satisfactory transnational and comparative understanding of the region.

If you have no background knowledge in modern eastern Asia, then please read Warren Cohen, [East Asia at the Center](#), New York: Columbia University Press, 2001 (available at [www.ou.edu/USChina/texts/Cohen2000EastAsiaCenter.pdf](http://www.ou.edu/USChina/texts/Cohen2000EastAsiaCenter.pdf)) or a similar overview.

Please note that class participation is 20% of your final grade. Repeated absences will mean 0 (F) for one-fifth of your final grade. Class participation means, at the very least, attention to what happens in the classroom. Therefore, all electronics (primarily smartphones and laptops) are verboten during class sessions.

### Requirements

Class participation (20%)  
Examination (40%)  
Final project and presentation (40%)

### Readings

All the reading assignments will be available on the Internet, except for [K-pop](#) (University of California Press, 2015), and [The Dream of East Asia](#) (Association for Asian Studies, 2018).

### Schedule

3 September: Introduction

10 September: The Rise of China

John Lie, [The Dream of East Asia](#), chap.1.

17 September: Nationalism

Benedict O’G Anderson, [Imagined Communities](#), rev. ed., 1991, chaps.1-3, 5-6.

[https://sisphd.wikispaces.com/file/view/Benedict Anderson Imagined Communities.pdf](https://sisphd.wikispaces.com/file/view/Benedict+Anderson+Imagined+Communities.pdf)

24 September: Geopolitics and Conflicts

Lie, The Dream of East Asia, chaps.2-3.

1 October: The Political Economy of Growth

Robert Wade, "Introduction to the 2003 Edition," Governing the Market, rev. ed., Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003 [1990].

<http://press.princeton.edu/chapters/i4724.pdf>

John Lie, Han Unbound, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998, chap. 3.

<https://berkeley.academia.edu/JohnLie>

8 October: Education

Randall Collins, "Credential Inflation and the Future of Universities," Italian Journal of Sociology of Education 2, 2011.

[http://www.ijse.eu/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/2011\\_2\\_12.pdf](http://www.ijse.eu/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/2011_2_12.pdf)

Ronald Dore, "The Diploma Disease Revisited," Sussex: Institute of Development Studies, 1980.

<https://www.ids.ac.uk/files/dmfile/dore11.2final.pdf>

15 October: The Family and Gender Relations

John Lie, "From Agrarian Patriarchy to Patriarchal Capitalism," in Valentine M. Moghadam, ed., Patriarchy and Economic Development, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996.

[https://www.academia.edu/2128924/From\\_Agrarian\\_Patriarchy\\_to\\_Patriarchal\\_Capitalism\\_Gendered\\_Capitalist\\_Industrialization\\_in\\_Korea](https://www.academia.edu/2128924/From_Agrarian_Patriarchy_to_Patriarchal_Capitalism_Gendered_Capitalist_Industrialization_in_Korea)

John Lie, "The State as Pimp," The Sociological Quarterly 38:251-263, 1997.

[https://www.academia.edu/2128913/THE\\_STATE\\_AS\\_PIMP\\_Prostitution\\_and\\_the\\_Patriarchal\\_State\\_in\\_Japan\\_in\\_the\\_1940s](https://www.academia.edu/2128913/THE_STATE_AS_PIMP_Prostitution_and_the_Patriarchal_State_in_Japan_in_the_1940s)

Yu Xie, "Gender and Family in Contemporary China," Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2013.

<http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/pubs/pdf/rr13-808.pdf>

22 October: Tradition?

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Invention of Tradition," in Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger, eds., The Invention of Tradition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983.

[http://faculty.washington.edu/ellingsn/Hobsbawm\\_Inventing\\_Traditions.pdf](http://faculty.washington.edu/ellingsn/Hobsbawm_Inventing_Traditions.pdf)

John Lie, "The Confucian Ethic in South Korea?" Kyongje yongu, 1996.

[https://www.academia.edu/17683421/The\\_Confucian\\_Ethic\\_in\\_South\\_Korea\\_A\\_Critique](https://www.academia.edu/17683421/The_Confucian_Ethic_in_South_Korea_A_Critique)

29 October: Popular Culture

John Lie, K-pop, University of California Press, 2015, Prelude, Interlude, chap.2.

5 November: Contemporary East Asia

Lie, The Dream, chap.4.

12 November: Conclusion

19 November: **EXAMINATION**

26 November: Thanksgiving Holiday

3 December: **PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

6 December: **PROJECT DUE**