

Sociology 179: Globalizing East Asia (Spring 2024)
Thursdays, 16:10-19:00, 124 Wheeler
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The course will survey contemporary political-economic and cultural transformations in Northeast Asia. The focus will be on transcending ethnocentric, nationalistic, and Orientalist accounts in order to arrive at a more satisfactory transnational and comparative understanding of the region.

Evaluation

Participation (20%)
Examination (40%)
Project (40%)

Participation seems subjective, but there are two objective components. First, the desideratum of showing up. Everyone will get one pass on unexcused absence, but four or more unexcused absences will result in F for the course. Second, beyond showing up, you should be there: that is, paying attention. Therefore, although it may seem retrogressive to ban personal electronics (i.e., laptop, smartphone etc.) in the classroom, *no electronics in the classroom*, please.

Examination will be in class. You will be posed a series of short essay questions.

Project is an independent research project, though you may work with up to two more people (and will be evaluated collectively). The mode of presentation is open: traditional research paper, video, podcast.

Please beware that I take an extremely dim view of plagiarism, whether the classic sort (copying another person's work) or its contemporary permutation (relying on generative AI). For general guidance, please see the *Berkeley Academic Guide*, available at: <https://guide.berkeley.edu/academic-policies/> . .

Schedule

18 January: Introduction

25 January: The Rise of China

John Lie, *The Dream of East Asia*, Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies, 2015, chap.1

1 February: The Political Economy of Growth

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

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

Gerard Roland, "China's Rise and Its Implications for International Relations and Northeast Asia," Asia and the Global Economy, 2022.

8 February: Nationalism

Benedict O'G Anderson, Imagined Communities, rev. ed., 1991, chaps.1-3.

15 February: Rumors of War

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

22 February: The Family and Gender Relations

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

John Lie, "The Transformation of Sexual Work in 20th-Century Korea," Gender & Society, 1995.

29 February: Education

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

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

7 March: Foodways

John Lie, Japan, the Sustainable Society, University of California Press, 2021, chap.4

14 March: From Movies to Anime

Susan J. Napier, Anime from Akira to Princess Mononoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2001, chaps. 1-2.

21 March: Interregnum

28 March: Spring Recess

4 April: K-pop

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

11 April: Contemporary Northeast Asia

Lie, The Dream of East Asia, chap.4

18 April: Examination

25 April: Presentations

26 April: PROJECT DUE