

# **2015 706 MOD SOUTHEAST ASIA COLONIAL NA DEM**

## **2004-2005**

**Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Nationalism and Democratisation.**  
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Historians have only perceived the past in different ways: the point is to use it.*

(Wang Gungwu, 1979)

The course tries to cover the modern history of Southeast Asia as a region and of the particular countries and some of the sub-national units in it. It deals with political, social and economic aspects. The time period is roughly from the mid 19th century AD to about 1970 but this is extended to a discussion of present day globalisation. However, it is necessary to explain something of the foregoing basis of that history. It stresses features that are common and those which are not. Dealing with pre-colonialism, colonialism, resistance to it and the gaining of independence and its effects the course attempts to show continuities and discontinuities. It hints at the influence that history has for the present day and for the future. And as Orwell said, 'Those who control the present control the past.' Emphasis is placed on the impact of colonialism and resistance to it and questions the extent to which this is now operating in an age of modern globalisation. In this context it is hoped that students will learn 'to use' history.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To appreciate something of the past of Southeast Asia.
2. To appreciate how this has led to the present
3. To assess the importance of this for the present

### **READING LISTS**

It is not anticipated that students will have read every book on the reading lists but they are expected to have read some.

Note that a reading list dealing with more specific issues follows the general one. Further suggestions will be made in the course of the lectures about useful items including matters on the internet. Students should also pick up and read articles and book reviews in relevant journals such as *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* and *Modern Asian Studies* and have a look at relevant entries in publications like the *Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences* and the *International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*.

## ***General Reading List***

- Fisher, C. A. 1969 *Southeast Asia: a Social, Economic and Political Geography* London: Methuen.
- Gunder Frank, A. *Re-Orient* (look up parts on Southeast Asia)
- Gunder Frank, A. *Re-Orient the Nineteenth Century* (see on the Internet)
- Golay, F. 1967 'Economic Nationalism in Southeast Asia' in *Underdevelopment and Nationalism in Southeast Asia* Ithaca: Cornell U Press.
- Gordon, A 1994 (Review) 'The Cambridge History of South East Asia Volume 2 (1992).' *Journal of Peasant Studies*. Vol. 22 No 1.
- Hall, D. G. E. 2000 *A History of Southeast Asia* Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- Pluvier, J. 1977 *Southeast Asia from Colonialism to Independence* New York:Oxford U. Press
- Reid, A. 1988 *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce* Vols. 1 & 2. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- Solheim, W. 1985 'Southeast Asia: What's in a Name?' *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* Vol. 16.1
- Steinberg, D. (ed.) 1987 *In Search of Southeast Asia: a Modern History* Honolulu: U. of Hawaii.

## ***Organisation***

Class activities will be organised along lecture and seminar lines. Students are expected to have read the recommended texts for each session and to participate in class discussion and in any other activities.

## ***Assessment***

Assessment of students will be based on their performance in three activities of the course.

One a Term Paper, from a topic listed in the Class Outline. This should be chosen after consultation and discussion with the Course Co-ordinator (or where appropriate with the lecturer involved). It should be between 15-20 pages (typed double space in Times New Roman, font size 12) The Term Paper accounts for 60% of the final grade and is, of course, the most important item in the assessment of a student.

Secondly, a small mid-term examination will be held on 22 December dealing with topics in the preceding lectures. This will be worth 25% of the final grade.

Thirdly, marks will be awarded to students for their participation in class discussion and/or other class activities. This accounts for 15% of the final grade.

## **Grade Criteria**

A =	85-100 %
A- =	80-84
B+ =	75-79
B =	74-70
C =	60-69
D =	50-59

## CLASS OUTLINE & SCHEDULE

References in Reading are to the General Reading List or to the Specific Reading List below. Particular recommendations on each topic will be made by the lecturer a week a week in advance.

<i>Date</i>	<b>Topic</b>
Wednesday 3 November 2004 13.00-16.00	1. What is 'Southeast Asia'? General and Local Views
10 Nov	2. The Three Kingdoms: Burma, Bangkok & Vietnam
17 Nov	3. Island Southeast Asia in the 'Long' 18 <sup>th</sup> Century
24 Nov	4. Europe's Industrialisation & Imperialism and Southeast Asia.
1 December	5. Earlier Globalisations 1 the Tin and Rice Trades
8 Dec	6. Earlier Globalisations 2 the Sugar and Rubber Trades
15 Dec	7. Colonial Systems and Types 1 Dutch & French
22 Dec	<b>Small Exam</b> 8. Colonial Systems and Types 2 British
29 Dec	9. Nationalist Movements & Independence 1 Vietnam, Indonesia,
5 January 2005	10 Nationalist Movements & Independence 2 Burma & Thailand
12 Jan	11 Nationalist Movements & Independence 3 Philippines & Malaya
19 Jan	12 Communism & Capitalism & the Cold War in Southeast Asia
<b>26 Jan</b>	<b>[NO CLASS]</b>
2 February	13. State Formation, Military Regimes, Democracy 1
9 February	14. State Formation, Military Regimes, Democracy 2
16 February	15 Today's Globalisation
23 Feb	Presentation of Papers 1
2 March	Presentation of Papers 2

## **READINGS on SPECIFIC TOPICS**

### **Indonesia**

- Caldwell & Utrecht. 1979 *Indonesia: an Alternative History* Sydney: Alternative Publishing
- Dick, Houben, Lindblad and Thee. 2002 *The Emergence of a National Economy 1800-2000* Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin. (See also review by Gordon in *JCA* 2004.4)
- Ferguson, J. 1910/1983 "Ceylon, the Malay States and Java Compared as Plantation and Residential Colonies." In Kratoska, P. [Ed.] *Honorable Intentions: talks on the British Empire in Southeast Asia given to the Colonial Club 1874-1928*. Singapore:OUP. 1983
- Furnivall, J. S. 1944 *Netherlands India. A study of a plural economy* New York: Macmillan.
- Ricklefs, M. C. 2001 *A History of Modern Indonesia* Basingstoke: Palgrave
- Vickers, A. 1996 *Bali: A Paradise Created* Hong Kong: Periplus Editions.
- Wertheim, W. 1969 *Indonesian Society in Transition* The Hague: Van Hoeve.

### **Malaysia**

- Andaya, & Andaya. *A History of Malaya*
- Drabble, J. 2000 *An Economic History of Malaysia 1800-1990* Basingstoke: Macmillan.
- Ferguson, J. 1910/1983 "Ceylon, the Malay States and Java Compared as Plantation and Residential Colonies." In Kratoska, P. [Ed.] *Honorable Intentions: talks on the British Empire in Southeast Asia given to the Colonial Club 1874-1928*. Singapore:OUP. 1983
- Gomez, E. T. & Jomo, K. S. 1999 *Malaysia's Political Economy* Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press.
- Searle, P. 1999 *The Riddle of Malaysian Capitalism* Sydney: Allen & Unwin.
- Sundaram, Jomo K. 1988 *A Question of Class in Malaya-1980* New York: Monthly Review Press/Manila: Journal of Contemporary Asia Press.

### **Philippines**

- Constantino, Renato. 1986 *A Past Revisited* Manila: Constantino Private Press.
- Fast, J. and Richardson. *Roots of Dependency* Manila: Foundation of Nationalist Studies.
- Schirmer, D. B. & Shalom, S. R. (eds.) 1987 *The Philippines Reader* Boston: South End Press.

## **Vietnam**

Beresford, M. 1988 *Vietnam: Politics, Economics & Society* London: Pinter.

Gordon, A. 1981 "North Vietnam's Collectivisation Campaigns." *Journal of Contemporary Asia* Vol. 11 No.

Ho Chi Minh 1985 *Testament: Collective Leadership and Factionalism* Singapore: ISEAS.

Le Duan 1971 *The Vietnamese Revolution* New York: International Publishers.

Robequain, C. 1944 *The Economic Development of French Indo-China* London: Oxford U. Press.

Truong Chinh 1953 *Primer for Revolt* New York: Praeger.

## **Regional Issues in**

### ***Colonialism***

Chandra, B. 1980 'Colonialism, Stages of Colonialism and the Colonial State.' *Journal of Contemporary Asia* Vol. 10 No. 3.

### ***Globalisation***

Gordon, A. 2003 'Rubber 1876-1941: Contradictions in the 'Globalisation' of a Prime Economic and Strategic Commodity.' In Jomo, K. S. & Khoo, K-J (eds.) *Globalisation and its Discontents, revisited*. London: SEPHIS & ZED Press.

Khoo, Khay-Jin. 2003 'Introduction.' In Jomo, K. S. & Khoo, K-J (eds.) *Globalisation and its Discontents, revisited*. London: SEPHIS & ZED Press.

Petras, J. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*

### ***Rice***

Grist, D. H. 1953 *Rice* London

Wickizer and Bennet 1941 *The Rice Economy of Monsoon Asia* Stamford.

### ***Rubber***

Allen, G. C. & Donnithorne, A. G. 1962 *Western Enterprise in Indonesia and Malaysia* London: Allen & Unwin.

Barlow, C. . 1978 *The Natural Rubber Industry* Kuala Lumpur: Oxford U. Press.

Bauer, P. T. 1948 *The Rubber Industry* Cambridge: Harvard University Press. [ESCAP Library]

Gordon, A. 2001 'Contract Labour in Rubber Plantations: the impact of Smallholders in Colonial Southeast Asia.' *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. XXXVI No. 10.

Gordon, A. 2003 'Rubber 1876-1941: Contradictions in the 'Globalisation' of a Prime Economic and Strategic Commodity.' In Jomo, K. S. & Khoo, K-J (eds.) *Globalisation and its Discontents, revisited*. London: SEPHIS & ZED Press.

Gordon, A. 2004 'From Contract to 'Freer' Labour in the Rubber Plantations of Malaya and Sumatra.' *Journal of Contemporary Asia* Vol. 34 No. 4.

Lee, G. 1973 'Commodity Production and Reproduction amongst the Malayan Peasantry.' *Journal of Contemporary Asia* Vol. 3 No. 4.

Sandhu, K. S. 1969 *Indians in Malaya* Cambridge: Cambridge U Press.

Thoburn, J. 1977 *Primary Commodity Exports and Economic Development* London: John Wiley.

### ***Sugar***

Allen, G. C. & Donnithorne, A. G. 1962 *Western Enterprise in Indonesia and Malaysia* London: Allen & Unwin.

Bulbeck, D., Reid, Tan & Wu. 1992(?) *Southeast Asian Exports Since the 14th Century* Leiden: KITLV Press.

Gordon, A. 1982: 'Indonesia, Plantations and the Post- Colonial Mode of Production' *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol 12.2

Gordon, A. 1999 "The Agrarian Question and Colonial Capitalism: Coercion and the Java Colonial Sugar Plantation System, 1870-1941." *Journal of Peasant Studies* Vol. 27 No 1.

2001 Gordon, A. 2001 'Towards a Model of Asian Plantation Systems.' *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 31,3.

Jackson R. N 1968 *Planters and Speculators: Chinese and European Agricultural Enterprise in Malaya, 1786-1921* Kuala Lumpur & Singapore: U. of Malaya.

Knight, G. R. 1996 "Did 'Dependency' really get it wrong: the Indonesian Sugar Industry 1880-1942." In J. T. Lindblad (ed.) *The Historical Foundations of a National Economy in Indonesia* Amsterdam: North Holland.

Wertheim, W. F. 1993 "Conditions on Sugar Estates in Colonial Java: Comparisons with Deli." *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 24.2

### ***Tin***

Puey Ungphakorn. 1949 'The economics of tin control.' PhD Thesis. London: London U. [Thammasat U. Library]

Sundaram, Jomo, K. (in Malaysia above)

Thoburn, J. 1977 *Primary Commodity Exports and Economic Development* London: John Wiley.

Thoburn, J. 1981 *Multinationals, mining, and development : a study of the tin industry* Westmead : Gower Pub. 1981.

Wong, Lin-Ken, 1965 *The Malayan Tin Industry to 1914* Tucson: U. of Arizona.

Yip, Yat-Hoong. 1969 *The Development of the Tin Mining Industry of Malaya* Kuala Lumpur: U. of Malaya.