CÖSM10 Asian Studies: Asian Studies, 6 credits
Autumn semester 2019
Second cycle

Course schedule 2 – 25 September 2019

Course information

The course offers an introduction to critical, interdisciplinary Asian Studies, its historical origin, research history, and some cross-cutting issues in contemporary research. Included are also introductions to the different region specific studies of China, Japan/Korea, and South-East Asia. Course assignments and seminars will allow you to train your academic writing skills. Instruction will take place through lectures and seminars. The seminars are mandatory, and absence must be compensated by completing additional course assignments. You will be writing one course paper and one exam paper, participate in seminar discussions and make a peer review. The readings must be course related. The language of instruction and examination is English.

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Registration to the program

Location: student/staff kitchen, ground floor

Nina Brand
Carina Enestarre, Mia Nilsson

2 September, between 10.00-12.00

For your registration please bring photo identification (passport or EU ID card).

You also will be given a tour of the library and receive information on how to apply for a library account.

Coffee, tea and snacks will be served and you can meet other first and second year students, and staff.
Welcome to the Centre and introduction to the program

Marina Svensson and Sidsel Hansson 2 September 13.15-15.00

Introduction to the Centre, information on the program, the study procedures, the courses, and the course work followed by a Q & A session.

Handout of instructions for the seminars and the seminar paper. The instructions also will be posted in the Luvit course folder.

Plan your studies

Ann Kull 3 September 10.15-12.00

This lecture provides tips about study techniques and time management. How to structure your studies in accordance with the Before-During-After class model: prepare before, be active during, repeat and reflect after. We bring up different reading techniques and time management. How to structure your time: throughout a course, weekly, daily and hourly. Finally, we have an introduction to the Pomodoro technique.

Introduction to the Asia library – its’ resources & services

Carina Enestarre 3 September 13.15-14.00 (group A)
Mia Nilsson 14.15-15.00 (group B)

This introduction provides information on how to access Lund University’s e-resources: How to use LUBcat (the library catalogue), LUBsearch (the discovery system), and the library guides. There will also be short information about the principles of academic integrity. For the group lists A and B see the Luvit course folder.

South-East Asian Studies

Astrid Norén-Nilsson 4 September 10.15-12.00

The study of South-East Asia has produced a significant body of literature, which has contributed to our understanding of different societies and their transformations in the region and has contributed to the development of academic disciplines. This introduction serves to provide an overview of South-East Asian Studies by discussing the difficulties in defining South-East Asia as an area (geographically, culturally and politically). It will also discuss the diversity of approaches and perspectives in South-East Asian studies reflected in different disciplines and what possible consequences this have for the study of the region. In addition the lecture addresses contemporary main research themes and methodologies that social scientists are exploring in South-East Asia. The learning outcomes are that students should:

• Become aware of the difficulties of defining South-East Asia.
• Obtain a general understanding of the diversity of South-East Asian studies.
• Obtain knowledge about significant themes in South-East Asian studies.
**Required readings**


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**Asian histories**

**Room 005**

**Roger Greatrex**

5 September 10.15-12.00

The seventeenth to nineteenth centuries were decisive in the shaping of contemporary societies as well as the nation states of the twentieth century and the present world order. Knowledge of the historical processes that shaped modern social systems (culminating in capitalism or neo-liberalism) is an indispensable tool for social scientists’ enquiry into contemporary issues. In this introductory lecture on Asian history knowledge about the region is approached by discussing its geography and introducing various aspects of trade, commerce, colonialism, political development, and nationalism, thus providing an overview to the history of individual regions. The aim of this lecture is to raise awareness regarding the questions of the geographical, ethnic and linguistic going academic debates about imagined communities, the invention of tradition, the political interrelatedness between the great empires, kingdoms and mountain people the lecture will offer alternative possibilities to understanding contemporary Asian societies.

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**Required readings**


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**Finding and organising literature**

**Room 005**

**Nicholas Loubere**

5 September 13.15-15.00
Reviewing and keeping up to date with the academic literature is a necessary part of writing course papers and a Master’s thesis, but also represents an organisational challenge. This lecture will demonstrate how open source software packages – including Zotero, Feedreader and QDA Miner – can be used to systematically navigate and organise large and rapidly developing bodies of literature.

**Critical thinking, speaking and writing**  
Room 005

**Ann Kull**  
9 September 10.15-12.00

This lecture focuses on how to argue like an academic, or how to build a solid argument. Here we bring up the bases for how to think, speak and write critically. We also discuss ethics in different situations: classroom discussion, references and plagiarism in writing.

**Seminar 1 – Why Asian Studies?**  
Room 005

**Sidsel Hansson**  
9 September 13.15-15.00

In this seminar we will discuss Asian Studies as part of the broader multidisciplinary field of Area Studies, with attention to the ongoing debates on its relevance, challenges, and new directions in research. For instructions see the Luvit course folder.

**Required readings**


**Research ethics and academic freedom**  
Room 005

**Marina Svensson**  
10 September 10.15-12.00

This lecture will address basic issues related to the role of the university and the meaning and importance of academic freedom. The lecture also discusses how we can create a tolerant and open teaching environment, and the responsibilities of both teachers and students. In addition principles related to integrity and research ethics will be discussed.

**Required readings**

Information retrieval, source criticism and referencing

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A lecture on how to find information, how to evaluate it and how to cite. If possible bring your own electronic device. For A and B group lists see the Luvit course folder.

Japan studies

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What is Japanese Studies? This lecture will consider this question. We may not reach a definitive answer, but by tracing the history and development of Japanese Studies within the context of Japan’s rise from postwar ashes to economic giant, and more recent struggles with the 3/11 disaster, a super-aging society, and a rising China, we can at least come to an understanding of why it’s an important question!

Required readings


Deadline seminar paper

13 September 16.00

Email your paper to Sidsel.Hansson@ace.lu.se & Sidsel.Hansson.lu@analys.urkund.se

China Studies

Room 005

Marina Svensson

16 September 13.15-15.00

This lecture aims to give a brief overview of the development of the field of China studies. It will discuss developments from more classical Sinology to contemporary China studies, as well as the political, institutional, and academic reasons behind these developments. The lecture will discuss the contributions from different disciplines, and their respective development over time. In focus will also be an assessment of the current state of the field of China studies and different research trends.

Required Reading


Postcolonial perspectives on Asia

Room 005

Sidsel Hansson

17 September 13.15-15.00

This lecture explores postcolonial perspectives for understanding contemporary culture, politics and economics in Asian societies. The lecture questions issues surrounding Orientalism and East-West power relations, and critically examines the production of knowledge on and about Asia. In particular it provides an introduction to postcolonial theory, which has the critique of Orientalism as its point of departure.

Required readings

Visualizing Asia – Documentary films

Marina Svensson 18 September 13.00-16.00

The lecture (45 minutes) will discuss the following topics:
• What can film/visual productions bring to Asian studies?
• Visual forms of knowledge
• Documentary film (genre and forms)
• Anthropological/ethnographic films (film as a research tool)
• Films for social change (human rights films, activism and film)

Then we will watch the film From Border to Border (108 minutes) and discuss it.
Film synopsis: The film takes place in Calcutta’s Chinatown, and addresses the history of the Chinese community in India. The film covers the arrival of Chinese in the 1800s, the effects of the 1962 Sino-Indian border conflict, cultural and economic struggles to survive and integrate in Indian society, and recent developments. The film gives voice to different generations who tell their own stories and discuss experiences of migration, ethnicity, religion, and inter-cultural relations.

Seminar 2 – Peer review

Sidsel Hansson 19 September 13.15-15.00

In this seminar we will peer review your seminar papers. For instructions on the preparations for the peer review see the earlier handout and the Luvit course folder.

Handout home exam instructions. The exam instructions also will be posted in Luvit.

Deadline home exam paper 25 September 16.00

Email your paper to Sidsel.Hansson@ace.lu.se & Sidsel.Hansson.lu@analys.urkund.se

Grades and course evaluations

Sidsel Hansson 15 October 11.15-12.00

Course grades and comments to the exam papers and the seminar papers and presentations will be emailed to the students. This is a general feedback session, where the students also are welcome to write and hand in their course evaluations. For the course evaluation sheet see the Luvit course folder.
The re-exam will be posted in the Luvit course folder and sent out by email.