**History 1800: Trade and Empire in Maritime Asia, 1500-1900**

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**Course description:** This course explores the history of Maritime Asia from Indian Ocean to East China Sea. Rather than exploring collective “national histories” of this region, this course explores the parallels and interconnections between local societies of maritime Asia since the year 1500. In so doing, this course shows how local societies of this maritime world interacted with one another as well as with the forces of global trade and European colonialism, giving rise to distinctive historical world. Specific topics to be covered in this course include, but not limited to, 1) early modern maritime exploration, 2) religious transformation, 3) colonialism, 4) transnational migration, and 5) nationalism.

**Learning Objectives:** This is a lower division course for majors. Through this course, students will not only familiarize themselves with basic facts about early modern history of the region, but will also learn to critically analyze the interconnections and parallels among local societies from global and transnational setting. To achieve this goal, this course will employ a combination of course readings, lectures, discussions, writing assignments, movies, and written exams.

**Required Reading:**
These books are on sale at the CU Bookstore in the UMC. The other readings on the syllabus, marked with an asterisk (*) are also required. Unless otherwise stated, they will all be available as PDF files that you can download from the class webpage on D2L.

**Grade:**
- Mid-term Exam 1 (February 21) 20%  
- Mid-term Exam 2 (April 4) 20%  
- Final Exam (TBA) 20%  
- Final Paper (April 20) 30%  
- Attendance and Participation 10%

**Final Paper:** Students are expected to submit (an analytical paper) on Amitav Ghosh’s *Sea of Poppies*. Students are encouraged to be creative in their analysis and avoid a simple summary. The paper should be **no less than five and no more**
than six pages, double spaced. This paper is due on April 20. Late papers will be deducted one letter grade per day that they are late.

**Attendance and participation**: Attendance is mandatory and will be checked every time the class meets. **Attendance is worth 80 percent** of the Attendance and participation points. Any student who misses up to 2 class meeting will receive full 80 points. Students who miss 3-4 class meetings will receive 60 points. Students who miss 5-6 class meetings will receive 40 points. Missing more than 6 class meetings will result in automatic failure of the course, regardless of performance in other graded areas. **In-class participation is worth 20 percent** of the Attendance and participation points.

**Accommodation for Disabilities**
If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by email at dsinfo@colorado.edu. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries guidelines under the Quick Links at the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

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**Course Schedule**

**I. Maritime Asia, 700 - 1500**

**Week 1: Introduction**
January 17: Introduction
January 19: What is Global History?
Reading: Edward Alpers, *The Indian Ocean in World History*, pp. 1-39

**Week 2: Islamic Sea, ca. 700-1400**
January 24: Greater Indian Ocean: foundation of its coherence and interconnections
January 26: Muslim traders in Indian Ocean, 700-1400

**Week 3: Mongols and Chinese**
January 31: Discussion: *Ibn Battuta’s travel*
February 2: Mongol interlude
Reading: Edward Alpers, *The Indian Ocean in World History*, pp. 40-68
*Travels of Ibn Battuta, A.D. 1325-1354 (English Translation)*, Cambridge [Eng.]: Published for the Hakluyt Society at the University Press, 1958-2000, pp.8-17; 888-910*

**Week 4: Chinese and Maritime Asia**
February 7: Chinese overseas exploration, 1400 – 1450
February 9: Ming Tribute trade and Indian Ocean

**II. Age of Commerce in Maritime Asia, 1500-1750**

**Week 5: Europeans in Indian Ocean**
February 14: European “Discovery” of Asia I
February 16: European “Discovery” of Asia II

**Week 6: Sultanate of Melaka**
February 21: Mid-term I
February 23: Sultanate of Melaka
Reading: Edward Alpers, *The Indian Ocean in World History*, pp. 69-97

**Week 7: Religious transformation: Southeast Asia**
February 28: Christianity and Islam in Southeast Asia I
March 2: Christianity and Islam in Southeast Asia II; Discussion: ”Malacca” and “Protocol at the Malaccan Court”

**Week 8: Religious transformation: China**
March 7: Christianity in China
March 9: Islam in China
Reading: Jonathan Spence, *The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci*, pp.162-200 *

**Week 9: State formation in Indian Ocean**
March 14: New states in Southeast Asia
March 16: Tokugawa State in Japan
Reading: Anthony Reid, *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce*, pp.202-266*

**Week 10: Dutch and Environmental Change in Indian Ocean**
March 21: Colonial empires: British, Dutch, and French
March 23: Dutch and Environment
Reading: John F. Richards, *The Unending Frontier: An Environmental History of the Early Modern World*, pp.274-306*

**III. Empire and Nationalism in Maritime Asia, 1750-1900**

**Week 11: British Empire**
March 28: Spring Break
March 30: Spring Break

**Week 12: British Empire**
April 4: Mid-term 2
April 6: British Empire in Indian Ocean: Overview
Reading: Edward Alpers, *The Indian Ocean in World History*, pp. 98-127

**Week 13: British Empire and Opium**
April 11: British Opium Trade
April 13: Opium War, 1839-1843
Reading: Carl A. Trocki, *Opium, Empire and the Global Political Economy: A Study of the Asian Opium Trade, 1750-1950* *

**Week 14: Indian migration**
April 18: Asian Migration in the World, 1800-1950: Overview
April 20: Indian Migration in the World; Discussion: *Sea of Poppies*
Reading: Amitav Ghosh, *Sea of Poppies*

**Paper due in class on April 20, in class**

**Week 15: Chinese Migrations**
April 25: Chinese migration in the World I
April 27: Chinese migration in the World II

**Week 16: Nationalism in Indian Ocean**
May 2: Nationalism in Southeast Asia
May 4: Nationalism in China
Reading: Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*, pp.47-65*

**Final Exam: TBA**