ARTS1211

Australia's Asian Context

Term Three // 2020
Course Overview

Staff Contact Details

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School Contact Information

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Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

'Australia's Asian Context' introduces you to transdisciplinary ways of examining modern Australia's relationship with the Asian region. It examines the conflicting perceptions, images and responses that Australians have towards their region and the various events that have impacted upon them. Materials examined include historical documents, literature, art, blogs, cartoons, documentaries, movies as well as academic books and articles. Topics covered include: Asia and the formation of Australian identities, the rise of Asia and Australia’s shifting strategic relationships, the impact of Asian migration and multiculturalism, Asian-Australians' experiences, educating about and for the Asian Century, military engagement in Asia, tourism to Asia, economic ties with Asia, and cultural integration with our region.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate a broad, cross-cultural knowledge of Asia
2. Identify key themes, debates and concepts in Asian Studies
3. Construct arguments using interdisciplinary sources and methods in written and/or verbal form
4. Explain the diversity of Australian responses to Asian societies as they have developed through time

Teaching Strategies

The course is taught through weekly lectures and tutorials. In lectures, students learn the core arguments and debates about specific issues in Australia’s engagement in the Asian region. In tutorials, students engage with these debates informed by post-lecture materials drawn from a variety of different media and genres.
Assessment

Assessment Tasks

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Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Short response to readings and lectures

Start date: 12/10/2020 04:05 PM

Length: 1000 words approx

Details:

Students complete a 1000-word response to questions based on course readings and lectures via Turnitin.

Feedback: Individual Comments.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students do not see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 2: Research Essay

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 1800-2000 words

Details:

Students write a research essay of 1800-2000 words including the bibliography.

Feedback: rubric and individual comments.

This is the final item for attendance purposes.

Additional details:
Choose one standard referencing and bibliographic style and apply it consistently throughout the essay.

**Turnitin setting:** This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

**Assessment 3: Online multi-choice test**

**Start date:** 13/11/2020 01:00 PM

**Length:** 50 minutes

**Details:**

There will be one online multichoice test to unseen questions drawn from the course readings and lectures.

Feedback: Individual Score

**Turnitin setting:** This is not a Turnitin assignment
Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

Course Schedule

View class timetable

Timetable

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<td>Week 1: 14 September -</td>
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## Pre-lecture viewing
- Watch the 'What's Coming Up this week?' video on Moodle (20 mins) and the 'Tutorial Reading Guide' Video (20 mins)
- Complete the short multichoice quiz on Moodle (not assessable--for your interest only)

## Readings/Viewings:
- Pankaj Mishra, *From the Ruins of Empire*, pp. 1-11, Prologue.

## Key Questions:
- What does Said mean by ‘Orientalism’?
- How does it operate?
- To whose benefit does it operate?
- How did people resist/absorb Orientalism?
- Are Australians still ‘anxious about Asia’?

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## Asia in Australia

### Content:
- Multiculturalism and Assimilation
- Political Opportunities and Race
- Demographic shifts and linguistic diversity
- Managing Ethnic Diversity in Asia

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- Complete the short multichoice quiz on Moodle (not assessable--for your interest only)

### Readings/Viewings:
- Tim Soutphommasane, *Don’t Go Back to...*
Where You Came From, Chapter 1, pp. 1-44.

Key Questions:
- What does the changing nature of Asian presence in Australia tell us about broader social and economic shifts?
- What are the consequences of Asian immigration to Australia?
- Are migrants supposed to be ‘grateful’ and uncritical?
- How does Australian multiculturalism work?

Week 3: 28 September - 2 October

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**Content:**
- Formation and construction of ‘Chinatown’ as a ‘taste of Asia’
- Ideological messages of ‘Chinatown’ through history, literature and film
- From Asian Ghetto to Family Tourist Location
- ‘Foreign Towns’ in Asia

**Readings/Viewings:**
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<td>• Watch Natalie Tran on Asians in Media: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TakJZtGARTS1211">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TakJZtGARTS1211</a> Term 3, 2020 published at 31-07-2020 // © University of New South Wales, 2020</td>
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Pre-lecture Viewing

- Watch the 'What's Coming Up this week?' video (20 mins) and the 'Tutorial Reading Guide' Video (20 mins) on Moodle
- Complete the short multiple-choice quiz on Moodle (not assessable--for your interest only)

Key Questions:

- What broader concepts does the term 'Chinatown' connote?
- What does the architecture of Chinatowns tell us about the meanings Asia holds for Australia?
- What is different about Cabramatta and Dixon St?
- 'But where are you really from?'
And watch any of her Community Channel videos on Youtube
• Watch any episode of Ronny Chieng: International Student

Key Questions:
• How does race-based comedy work?
• Is there an escape from performing ‘minority difference’?
• Performing Australian-ness in Asia

Week 5: 12 October - 16 October
Lecture
Educating Asia and Education about Asia

NB - There is a Short Answer test in the designated Lecture Time this week. It will be released on Moodle. You can listen to the lecture recordings on ‘Education’ anytime during the remainder of the week.

Content:
• Colombo Plans—teaching then learning about Asia
• Curriculum Reform and Asia Literacy equipping Australian’s for their Asian present and future

Pre-lecture Viewing
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### Invaders and Peacemakers

#### Content:
- Australia’s involvement in military action in Asia
- Faithful defender of British and US geopolitical interests
- Aussie Digger Myths and War Propaganda
- Middle Power peacemaker status

#### Pre-lecture Viewing
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- Complete the short multiple-choice quiz on Moodle (not assessable--for your interest only)

#### Readings/Viewings:
- Listen to the song by Redgum, ‘I was only Nineteen’ (1983) Available

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**Key Questions:**

- What role does education play in connecting Australia and Asia?
- Is there an Asian Literacy crisis?
- What is the impact and value of learning an Asian language?
online [http://redgumlyrics.weebly.com/i-was-only-nineteen-a-walk-in-the-light-green5.html](http://redgumlyrics.weebly.com/i-was-only-nineteen-a-walk-in-the-light-green5.html)

**Key Questions:**
- How does military involvement change our perception of Asia?
- What are our post-war responsibilities?
- Australia and the Anglosphere. Are we in it?

**Week 8: 2 November - 6 November**

**Lecture**

**Australia’s Exotic Playground: Tourism to Asia**

**Content:**
- Adventurer reporters
- Evolution of Australian’s travel to Asia from Hippies to Surfies to Sex Tourists to Medical Tourism
- Australia as Destination
- Bali Bombing bringing terrorism ‘home’

**Pre-lecture Viewing**
- Watch the ‘What’s Coming Up this week?’ video (20 mins) and the ‘Tutorial Reading Guide’ Video (20 mins) on Moodle
- Complete the short multichoice quiz on Moodle (not assessable--for your interest only)

**Readings/Viewings:**
- Agnieszka Sobocinska, ‘Tourists” in *Visiting the Neighbours*, pp. 169-188.
- Watch Kerry Negara’s *A Loving Friend*: 
### Key Questions:

- What are the different motivations for different generations of Australia tourists to Asia?
- What does an Asian holiday mean to Australians?
- Do colonial or racist attitudes continue in tourist behaviour?
- What are the social challenges in medical tourism?

## Week 9: 9 November - 13 November

#### Economic Foundations of Interdependence

*NB: There will be a multiple choice test held this week.*

**Content**

- Shifting types of trade ties
- Economic interdependency
- Risks and Opportunities
- Cultures of economic thinking as impediments to change

**Pre-lecture Viewing**

- Watch the 'What's Coming Up this week?' video (20 mins) and the 'Tutorial Reading Guide' Video (20 mins) on Moodle

**Readings/Viewings:**

- Ramesh Thakur, 'Is Australia Serious about Asia,' *Global Brief*, March 5 2013. Available at: http://globalbrief.ca/blog/2013/03/05/is-australia-serious-about-asia/
- Nissim Kadosh Otmazgin, ‘Geopolitics and Soft Power: Japan’s Cultural Policy and Cultural Diplomacy in Asia,’ *Asia Pacific*


**Key Questions:**

- Does economic power equate to cultural and political influence?
- What are the links between politics, culture and economics?
- What is cultural power and how does it work?

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**Week 10: 16 November - 20 November**

**Lecture**

**Rising Asia and the implications for Australia**

**Content:**

- What does the future hold for Asia in Australia and Australia in Asia?
- What is the impact of historical legacy of the creation of the future?

**Pre-lecture Viewing**

- Watch the 'What's Coming Up this week?' video (20 mins) and the 'Tutorial Reading Guide' Video (20 mins) on Moodle

**Readings//Viewings:**

- Louise Edwards, "Australia needs more than luck to build stronger bonds with Asia", *Asian Currents*. https://asaablog.tumblr.com/post/111048122396/australia-needs-more-than-luck-to-build-stronger
- Watch Kishore Mahbubani, 'Rise of Asia and Decline of the West' on Youtube. University fo California TV, 57 mins.

**Key Questions:**
• Does Asia's rise mean the west's decline?
• What is the role of whiteness in "Westerness"?
• Is Australia an Asian Country?
Resources

Prescribed Resources

There is no set textbook for this course. All required reading is available on Leganto or on Moodle links.

Recommended Resources


Burke, Anthony. In Fear of Security: Australia’s Invasion Anxiety, Pluto Press, Sydney


Fraser, Malcolm Dangerous Allies, MUP, Melbourne 2013.

Frei, H.P. Japan’s Southward Advance and Australia from the Sixteenth Century to World War 2, MUP, Melbourne, 1991.


Jayasuriya, Laksiri, David Walker and Jan Gothard (eds.). Legacies of White Australia: Race, Culture and Nation, UWAP, Western Australia, 2003.


Milner, Andrew and Mary Quilty (eds). Australia in Asia: Communities of Thought, OUP, Melbourne, 1996.
Sobocinska, Agnieszka/ Visiting the Neighbours: Australians in Asia, New South, Sydney, 2014.

Websites: Asia Education Foundation; The Diplomat; The Conversation, Asian Currents, The Interpreter, APPS Policy Forum

**Course Evaluation and Development**

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Copying: using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another’s ideas or words without credit.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another’s ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: working with others but passing off the work as a person’s individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person’s academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person’s work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

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