

# Understand Historical Changes: East Asian History

## HIST 1550-R01 (Fordham University, Spring 2010)

*Tues. & Fri., 10:00-11:30, Room: Keating 218*

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### WELCOME

East Asia is vital to our global economy and rapidly changing American society. We need to understand this region more than ever to be the best possible global citizens in the 21st century. History is our starting point, for modern challenges and choices are inseparable from historical memory—the past lives in our present. This course introduces China, Japan, and Korea from ancient times to the present. Bitter enemies, best friends, imitators and innovators—the countries of East Asia have played all of these roles. We will explore how they have been connected to each other and to the world system for the past thousand years. Ethical and religious values, social hierarchy, conquests, border conflicts, imperialism, nationalism, and the search for identity will be our organizing themes as we explore the historical changes of these great civilizations.

### REQUIRED TEXTS

1. *East Asia: Identities and Change in the Modern World, 1700 to Present* by R. Keith Schoppa (Prentice Hall, 2007) [hereafter: Schoppa]
2. *Lost Names: Scenes from a Korean Boyhood* by Richard E. Kim (University of California Press, 1998) [hereafter: Lost Names]

### EXPECTATIONS & GRADING

Your final grade will be based on the following 100 total points:

Class Participation	Attendance (0.5 point * 24 lectures)	12 points	17 points	100 points total
	Performance	5 points		
Book Response	Book Response Essay on <u>Lost Names</u>	15 points	15 points	
Quizzes	Quiz I	10 points	40 points	
	Quiz II	10 points		
	Quiz III	10 points		
	Quiz IV	10 points		
Final Exam	In-Class Written Exam	28 points	28 points	

#### *Class Attendance*

To get full attendance points, you need to attend at least 24 lectures out of the total 27 class meetings. You should also complete all assigned readings before each class meeting (dates indicated on syllabus). Readings may be lighter in some weeks and heavier in others, so please plan ahead.

### *Book Response Essay*

Your response essay should be at least 1200 words long but not exceed 1500 words (that's about 5 pages, double-spaced). The essay is your critical analysis and reaction, not a summary of the book. Try to put the book in context with the main themes of our class. Essay questions will be posted on Blackboard in advance.

### *In-Class Quizzes*

There are four quizzes in total. Each quiz contains 8 identifications (basic terms, personalities, and events) and one short question, which will test your knowledge of the Schoppa textbook, the readings, and the lectures. Come to class prepared.

### *Final Exam*

The final exam consists of two essay questions. A list of four potential questions will be posted on Blackboard in advance, and two questions will be picked randomly (by dice roll) on the day of the exam. You are welcome to form study groups to split up preparation for the four possible questions.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Please be familiar with the Academic Integrity Policy and adhere to its guidelines. Here is a link to the Policy: <http://www.fordham.edu/Audience/handbooks.shtml#6>. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense. As you write your papers, you will surely find good facts, ideas, and phrases from books, articles, and the Internet. When you use these, you must put them in quotation marks and clearly cite your source. For tips, check out guides like Gordon Harvey's *Writing with Sources: A Guide for Students* (Hackett, 2008).

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### **WEEK 1 A (January 19): Concepts of East Asia**

No reading assignment.

### **WEEK 1 B (January 22): Early Chinese Empires, Qin and Han, 221 B.C.-220 A.D.**

Reading: Schoppa, 1-23

### **WEEK 2 A (January 26): Buddhism and the Tang Splendor, 220-907 A.D.**

Reading: PSU Online Textbook, HIS174, China, Chapter Eight, "The Middle Dynasties."

<http://www.east-asian-history.net/textbooks/PM-China/ch8.htm>

### **WEEK 2 B (January 29): Japan, from Himiko to Heian, ca. 248-1180 A.D.**

Reading: PSU Online Textbook, HIS174, Japan, Chapter Three, "The Heian Period Aristocrats."

<http://www.east-asian-history.net/textbooks/172/ch3.htm>

### **WEEK 3 A (February 02): Korea, from the Three Kingdoms to Koryŏ, 918–1392**

Reading: Reading posted on Blackboard: "Famous Koreans – Six Portraits"

### **WEEK 3 B (February 05): The Invincible Mongols, 1206-1368**

Reading: Online reading: History World, "History of the Mongols."

<http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?historyid=aa76>

(Note: there are 4 pages to this. Click the bottom arrows or the links on the lefthand side to advance.)

### **WEEK 4 A (February 09): Mongols over East Asia (Song and Yuan)**

Review all previous readings.

**WEEK 4 B (February 12): Imperial Ming China, 1368-1644**

Reading: PSU Online Textbook, HIS174, China, "Chapter Ten: Late Imperial China."

<http://www.east-asian-history.net/textbooks/PM-China/ch10.htm>

\*\*\*\*\* Quiz 1 in class\*\*\*\*\*

**WEEK 5 A (February 16): President's Day Holiday – No Class**

Please catch up on readings if you need to do so.

**WEEK 5 B (February 19): Chosŏn Korea and Hangul**

Reading: Schoppa, 176-184

**WEEK 6 A (February 23): The Samurai and Edo Japan, 1568-1800s**

Reading: Schoppa, 101-122

**WEEK 6 B (February 26): Qing China: The Multi-Ethnic Empire, 1644-1840**

Reading: Schoppa, 24-49

**WEEK 7 A (March 02): Modern China Begins, 1839-1887**

Reading: Schoppa, 50-77

**WEEK 7 B (March 05): Japan's Meiji Restoration, 1868-1910**

Reading: Schoppa, 123-148

\*\*\*\*\* Quiz 2 in class\*\*\*\*\*

**WEEK 8 A (March 09): The Making of Modern Japan, 1868-1910**

Reading: Schoppa, 149-175

**WEEK 8 B (March 12): Imperial China's Last Years, 1900-1911**

Reading: Schoppa, 202-209;

**WEEK 9 A (March 16): Spring Break – No Class**

Please catch up on readings if you need to do so.

**WEEK 9 B (March 19): Spring Break – No Class**

Please catch up on readings if you need to do so.

**WEEK 10 A (March 23): Korea Annexed, 1895-1919**

Reading: Schoppa, 185-201; Lost Names, 3-57

**WEEK 10 B (March 26): The New Chinese Republic: Yuan, Sun and Chiang, 1911-1927**

Reading: Schoppa, 209-229; Lost Names, 58-115

**WEEK 11 A (March 30): Japan's Road to War, 1919-1931**

Reading: Schoppa, 230-256; Lost Names, 116-159

**WEEK 11 B (April 02): Easter Recess – No Class**

Reading: Schoppa, 230-256; Lost Names, 160-198 (End)

**WEEK 12 A (April 06): East Asia in WWII, 1941-1945**

Reading: Schoppa, 283-310;

\*\*\*\*\* **Book Response Essay Due in class**\*\*\*\*\*

**WEEK 12 B (April 09): The Chinese Civil War and Communist Takeover, 1945-1949**

Reading: Schoppa, 311-322

\*\*\*\*\* **Quiz 3 in class**\*\*\*\*\*

**WEEK 13 A (April 13): Occupied Japan, 1945-1952**

Reading: Schoppa, 339-364

**WEEK 13 B (April 16): The Korean War, 1950-1953**

Reading: Schoppa, 365-377

**WEEK 14 A (April 20): Communist China, the “Continuous Revolution”**

Reading: Schoppa, 322-338

**WEEK 14 B (April 23): Korea Divided: 1953-1980s**

Reading: Schoppa, 377-391

**WEEK 15 A (April 27): Japan’s Economic Miracle and China’s Opening Up**

Reading: Schoppa, 419-424, 447-470

**WEEK 15 B (April 30): Tiananmen Square, 1989**

Reading: Schoppa, 424-446

\*\*\*\*\* **Quiz 4 in class**\*\*\*\*\*

**WEEK 16 A (May 04): Korea at Century’s End**

Reading: Schoppa, 471-519

**WEEK 16 B (May 07): Reading Period – No Class**

**Week 17 A (May 11): 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Final Exam**