



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT
COURSE OUTLINE

Course title: Survey of Asian History c. 1850 to 1945

Course code: HiHm 2045

Credit hrs: 3

Name of Instructor: Dagnachew Tolessa (MA)

Prerequisite: None

Program: Undergraduate degree

Course Description:

This course is prepared for the historical survey of Asian history from 1850 to 1945 (HiHm 2045). It covers the period from the consolidation of European colonial rule in some part of the region to the end of the Second World War in 1945. Taking into consideration the size and the diverse character of the region, the attention of the course is limited to the three sub-continent namely: The South, SE and East (Far-East) Asian regions. Each region has a number of sovereign states with heterogeneous character in all aspects. The course is divided into five chapters as follows.

Course Content:

Chapter one: General Background of the Region to 1850

- 1.1. Geographical Settings
- 1.2. Climate of the Region
- 1.3. Ethnic Compositions, Religion and Economy of South, SE and East Asia

Chapter Two: Survey of South, SE and East Asia To 1850

- 2.1. South-East Asian Countries to 1850
- 2.2. South Asian Region Up to 1850

2.3. East Asian Sub-Continent to 1850

Chapter Three: History of South, SE and East Asian From 1850 to 1914

3.1. The British in India

3.2. China and Japan

Chapter Four: South, SE and East Asian in the Interwar Period, 1919-1939

4.1. Japan in the Interwar Period

4.2. The Chinese Civil War Between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party

4.3. Indian Struggle for Independence

Chapter Five: South, SE and East Asian Region During World War II

5.1. The Japanese Imperialism in Asia

5.2. The Pearl Harbor Incident

5.3. The Far-East after World War II

Methodological strategies: Lecturing, Class discussion, Assignments and presentations.

Assessment: Class participation, assignments and presentations total (20%); mid exam (30%) and final exam (50%).

References

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