**Topics in Area Studies**

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**I. Course Description**

This course is designed as a preparatory course for students in international area studies to develop their thesis writing skills. Students are expected to prepare a thesis topic and present it in class. The course is divided into two parts. The first part of the course will introduce history, issues, debates and methodologies essential to area studies. In the second part, students will read important ethnographic researches in China area studies and give a presentation on each part of his or her thesis. Students will be evaluated based on weekly presentations (30%), attendance and participation (20%), and a final term paper (50%).

**II. Course Schedule**

**Week 1 Course Overview**

**Week 2 Area Studies: Emergence and Development**

Bruce Cumings. 1997. “Boundary Displacement: Area Studies and International Studies during and after the Cold War.” *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, 29(1): 6-26.

Wallerstein, Immanuel et al. 1996. *Open the Social Sciences: Report of the Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1997. “The Unintended Consequences of Cold War Area Studies.” In Noam Chomsky (ed.), *The Cold War and the University: Toward an Intellectual History of the Postwar Years*. New York: The New Press.

정종호. 2020. “포스트 냉전기 지역학의 전개: 중국지역연구를 중심으로,” 『국제지역연구』, 29권 3호, 2020 가을, pp. 1-28.

**Week 3 Area Studies: Methodology**

Crane, Julia and M. Angrosino, 1992. *Field Projects in Anthropology: A Student Handbook*, Waveland Press. pp. 13-22, 53-74.

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. “Thick Description,” *Interpretation of Culture.* pp. 3-32.

Clifford, James. 1986. "Introduction: Partial Truths," in *Writing Culture*. University of California Press. pp. 1-26.

Eirc A. Hanushek and John E. Jackson, *Statistical Methods for Social Scientists. Academic Press.* 1977. Ch. 1 Empirical Analyses in the Social Sciences. pp. 1-23.

**Week 4 Origins of Social Theory I: Marx**

Karl Marx, *The German ideology* (Karl Marx with Friedrich Engels, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 1998)

**Week 5 Origins of Social Theory II: Weber**

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (London; New York: Routledge, 2001)

**Week 6 Origins of Social Theory III: Durkheim**

Emile Durkheim, *The Rules of Sociological Method* (Free Press)

Anthony Giddens, *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of Marx, Durkheim and Max Weber* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1971)

**Week 7 Structure and Agency**

Bourdieu, Pierre, “Structures and Habitus,” chapter 2 of his *Outline of a Theory of Practice*, 1977, Cambridge University Press.

Sewell, William, “A Theory of Structure: Duality, Agency, and Transformation,” *American Journal of Sociology,* Vol. 98, No. 1, 1992.

Sherry Ortner, “Theory in Anthropology since the Sixties,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (1984).

**Week 8 Outline Presentation**

**Week 9 Culture and Economy**

Harrison, Lawrence and Samuel Huntington (eds.). 2000. *Culture Matters: How Values Shape Human Progress*. New York: Basic Books.

**Week 10 Weapons of the Weak**

James Scott, *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance* (Yale University Press, 1985)

**Week 11 End of History and Clash of Civilizations**

Fukuyama, Francis. 1992. *The End of History and the Last Man*. New York: Avon Books.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1996. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

**Week 12 State and Society**

Peter B. Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge University Press, 1985)

**Week 13 Unpacking China, Japan, and Korea**

Ruth Benedict, *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword: Patterns of Japanese Culture* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1989), Chapters 1-3.

Fei Xiaotong,《鄕土中國》

Fei Xiaotong, *From the Soil: The Foundations of Chinese Society* (U. of California Press, 1992)

**Week 14 Final Presentation I**

**Week 15 Final Presentation II**