

SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE 1800

History 457

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Southeast Asia is a region that today consists of eleven nations: Brunei, Cambodia (Kampuchea), East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, each with its own history, cultural and ethnic diversity, and political and socio-economic conditions. Nevertheless, it is a region--between China and India--that has over the centuries come to possess many cultural and historical similarities and continuities that make it unique. Most of the nations that comprise Southeast Asia are of modern origin, having emerged in their current forms in the 20th century and under the influence of Western colonialism. In this course we will explore the history of this region from its prehistoric roots to the early decades of the 19th century. During this long period of time, the formation of states and the locations of major ethnic groups will change, in some cases dramatically. We will approach the history of this diverse region by focusing on three broad periods: 1) prehistory and early historical developments (to c.800 CE); 2) the classical states and societies (c.800 to c.1400 CE) (with an emphasis on Angkor); and 3) the early modern states and societies (c.1400 to c.1830). Within these broad and overlapping time frames, the course will explore several topics and themes, among them: ethnic migrations and interactions; Indic and Chinese political and cultural influences; the origins and forms of indigenous states (kingdoms and empires); the spread of major religions and the impact of religious conversions and institutions; and patterns of social organization and gender relations. Southeast Asia was a region that responded to economic, social, political, religious, and cosmological ideas and constructs beyond the region itself; its people were not passive recipients but were active participants in developing the states, societies, and religious systems that came to play a major part in their lives. For most of its history, Southeast Asians themselves selected and adapted - indigenized and vernacularized - external elements and combined them with their own cultural, social organizational, and political realities, creating over the centuries a dynamic region of the world. By the end of the 18th and the start of the 19th centuries (where this course ends), most of the Southeast Asia was being overwhelmed by European colonial regimes, which resulted in a brief but transformative new period in the region's history (the colonial period). This course will concentrate on the long period of Southeast Asian history that preceded the major colonial conquests.

Most of the required readings for this course will be electronic and available through My UW (under Library Reserves and Learn@UW); hard copies of the books and articles required for the course will also be on reserve at the College Library. There are two textbooks required for the course:

The Civilization of Angkor, by Charles Higham.
Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia, edited by N. Tarling.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999: **Volume One, Part Two.**

These textbooks are available at the **Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative** (426 W. Gilman).

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

There are three kinds of readings for the course:

- 1) the textbooks (indicated below by "textbook")
- 2) electronic readings or e-reserves (indicated below by "**")
- 3) online sources, such as JSTOR (mainly for V. Lieberman)

September 3-10 (9/6: Labor Day) (3 lectures)

INTRODUCTION

**A. Reid. "Introduction: The Lands Below the Winds" *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993: Volume 1: 1-10.

**D. Emerson. "What's in the Name 'Southeast Asia'?" *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 15, 1984: 1-21.

PART I. PREHISTORY AND EARLY HISTORY: SOUTHEAST TO c.800 CE

September 13-17 (3 lectures)

PRE-HISTORY: Agriculture, Trade, and More Complex Societies to 200 CE

Textbook: C. Higham. *The Civilization of Angkor*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001: 1-22.

**C. Lockard. "The Ancient Roots of Southeast Asia to c.200 BCE" in *Southeast Asia in World History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 5-19.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 183-192.

**C. Bellwood. "Southeast Asia Before History" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 90-112.

September 20-24 (3 lectures)

EMERGING POLITIES: Local Societies and Indic Influences to c.1000 CE

Textbook: C. Higham. *The Civilization of Angkor*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001: 1-12, 23-52.

**C. Lockard. "Southeast Asians in the Classical World, c.200 BCE-800 CE" in *Southeast Asia in World History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 20-33.

September 27-29 (2 lectures)

EMERGING POLITIES: The Vietnamese and "Han" Expansion to c.1000

**K. Taylor. "Lac Lords" in *The Birth of Vietnam*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1983: 1-44;

**S. O'Harrow. "From Co-loa to the Trung Sisters' Revolt: Vietnam as the Chinese Found It" *Asian Perspectives* 22(2) 1979: 140-163.

**D.R. SarDesai. "Vietnam" *Southeast Asia Past and Present*. 6th Edition. Boulder: Westview Press, 2010: 33-35.

II. CLASSICAL STATES AND SOCIETIES: c.800 to c.1400

October 1-8 (4 lectures)

CLASSICAL STATES AND SOCIETIES: c.800 to c.1400

General

**C. Lockard. "The Kingdoms of the Golden Age c.800-1400" in *Southeast Asia in World History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 34-51.

Angkor: Khmer

Textbook: C. Higham. *The Civilization of Angkor*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001: 53-142.

Select two groups for comparison with Angkor (one mainland, one maritime):

Champa: Cham

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 153-157.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 252-260.

Pagan: Burman, Mon, and Pyu

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 164-168.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 240-245.

Dai Viet: Vietnamese

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 137-153.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 260-269.

Sukhothai/Ayutthaya: Thai

**D. Wyatt. "Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth-Century Siam" *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 32, 1 (2/2001): 3-66.

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 168-173.

Srivijaya: Malay

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 173-176.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling, Volume 1: 196-202.

Java and Majapahit: Javanese

**K. Taylor. "The Early Kingdoms" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 176-181.

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 202-226.

October 11 (1 lecture)

POLITICAL DISINTEGRATION: Factors in the Decline of Classical States

**K. Hall. "Economic History of Early Southeast Asia" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia: From Early Times to c.1800*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1: 245-252; 226-229.

FIRST TAKE-HOME EXAM: Distributed October 11, returned October 13.

PART III. EARLY MODERN STATES AND SOCIETIES: c.1400 to c.1830

October 13-18 (3 lectures)

EARLY MODERN STATES AND SOCIETIES: An Overview, c.1400-c.1830

Textbook: B. Andaya. "Political Developments Between the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Centuries" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1, Part 2: 58-115.

Textbook: A. Reid. "Economic and Social Change, c.1400-1800" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, ed by N. Tarling: Volume 1, Part 2: 116-163.

Textbook: L. Andaya. "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptation in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, ed by N. Tarling, Volume 1, Part 2: 1-57.

October 20-29 (5 lectures)

EARLY MODERN STATES AND SOCIETIES: Constructing a Framework for c.1400-c.1830

**Online: V. Lieberman. "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History" *Modern Asian Studies* 27(3) July 1993: 475-572. (available on JSTOR: MadCat: Basic Search: Modern Asian Studies online: JSTOR: 1993: July 1993, no. 3: article)

** Also available in hardcopy file at College Reserves

November 1-5 (3 lectures)

ISLAS FILIPINAS: An Early Modern Southeast Asia State and Society

**K. Hutterer. *A Balance of Trade: The Social Nature of Late Pre-Hispanic Philippines* (published lecture, DeKalb: Northern Illinois University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 1985: 1-12.

**W.H. Scott. "Why Did Tupas Betray Dagami?" in *Looking for the Prehispanic Filipino*. 1992: 159-170.

**J.L. Phelan. "Political Hispanization" and "In Retrospect" in his *The Hispanization of the Philippines: Spanish Aims and Filipino Responses, 1565-1700*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1959: 121-135, 153-161.

SECOND TAKE-HOME EXAM: Distributed November 5 returned November 8.

November 8-12 (3 lectures)

THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN "STATE" BEFORE c.1830

**H. Kulke. "The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History" in *Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th Century*, ed. by D.G. Marr and A. Milner. Singapore, 1-17, notes: 18-22.

**O.W. Wolters. "Some Features of the Cultural Matrix" and "Again a Cultural Matrix" in *History, Culture and Region in Southeast Asia Perspectives*. Ithaca: Cornell Southeast Asia Program, 1999: 15-26, 107-125.

November 15-19 (3 lectures)

KINGSHIP, POWER, AND LEGITIMACY

**B. Anderson. "The Idea of Power in Javanese Culture" in *Culture and Politics in Indonesia*, ed. by Claire Holt. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1972: 1-69.

**T. Day. "Ties that (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-Modern Southeast Asia" *Journal of Asian Studies* 55(2), 1996: 384-405, notes: 405-409.

November 22-December 1 (11/26: Thanksgiving; 4 lectures)

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Textbook: B. Andaya. and Y. Ishii. "Religious Developments in Southeast, c.1500-1800" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, ed by N. Tarling, Volume 1, Part 2: 164-227.

**A. Reid. "A Religious Revolution" in *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993: Volume 2: 132-201.

**Robert C. Lester. "Historical Development" in *Theravada Buddhism in Southeast Asia*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1973: 66-80.

December 3-10 (4 lectures)

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, "SLAVERY," AND CHANGING GENDER RELATIONS

**A. Reid. "Social Organization" *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993: Volume 1: 120-172.

**B. Andaya. "Women and Religious Change" and "Conclusion: Repositioning Women in Southeast Asian History" in *The Flaming Womb: Repositioning Women in Early Modern Southeast Asia*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2006: 70-103; 226-232; notes: 252-262; 295-296.

THIRD TAKE-HOME EXAM: Distributed December 10, returned December 15.

December 13-15 (2 lectures)

FROM "GNATS" TO "VULTURES": The Challenge of the West

Textbook: K. Kathirithamby-Wells. "The Age of Transition: The Mid-Eighteenth to the Early Nineteenth Centuries" in *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, ed by N. Tarling, Volume 1, Part 2: 228-275.

**A. Reid. "'Heaven's Will and Man's Fault': The Rise of the West as a Southeast Asian Dilemma" in *Charting the Shape of Early Modern Southeast Asia*, ed. by Anthony Reid. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 1999: 246-271.