

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History
Fall 2014
HISTORY 457: HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA BEFORE 1800
Thongchai Winichakul
Tue & Thur 11:00-12:15 Rm. 1217 the George Mosse Humanities Bldg.

Located between the Chinese and Indic civilizations, Southeast Asia has been a region of striking diversity where for more than two thousand years the complex indigenous cultures encountered with and were enriched by the world's major influences – from major religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Confucianism to Western influences. Yet what makes the region distinctive is also the subtle commonality of local polities, societies and cultures. The complex traditions which have shaped the history of the region are very much alive today despite colonization and Westernization over the past hundred years.

This class explores both the important phases of changes and major issues before colonial period of the region. Among the issues covered in this class are the early settlements, state formation and development, influences from the Indic, Chinese, and Western civilizations, the region as part of world trade system since the 13th c., the emergence of the states that were the foundation of Southeast Asian nations today, and the coming of the European powers.

Office Hours Tue 1:30-3:30 pm at 5123 Humanities, 263-8931/ twinicha@wisc.edu

Assignments

1. Two map exercises 5% each (tentative dates Sept 11 and Oct 9; instruction in class)
2. Three take-home exams (No sit-in final exam). 10%-20%-30% (Exam questions to be given in class on Sept 30, Oct 28, Dec 9)
3. Glossary of 30 terms relevant to this class (more explanation in class) Due Dec 2 -- 30%
[Further instructions for the Honor credits, and for graduate students will be given in class.]

Required Textbooks (available in the Reserves and for purchase)

- M.C. Ricklefs, Bruce Lockhart, Albert Lau and Portia Reyes, *A New History of Southeast Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010
- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, volume two: Expansion and Crisis*. Yale University Press.
- Higham, Charles. *The Civilization of Angkor*. University of California Press, 2001

Recommended Textbook

- Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, volume one*, Yale University Press
- Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony: The World Systems A.D. 1250-1350*, Oxford University Press

Readings: All the *Required Readings* (**) are either in the required textbooks or in the eReserves. The *Recommended* materials (*) are suggested in case students cannot find the required ones, and in case students are interested to read more on the topics. Most of them are also in the e-Reserves (see the last page of this syllabus).

TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

This schedule may change if necessary. Changes will be announced in advance in class.

Week 1 (Sept 2)	The course: objectives, contents, assignments, readings, and other class business
(Sept 4)	Land and peoples, diversity and similarity
Week 2 (Sept 9, 11)	Prehistory and archaeology: geography, settlements and early polity
Week 3 (Sept 16, 18)	Early states, 2 nd to 8 th or 9 th c.: Indianization vs Localization
Week 4 (Sept 23, 25)	“Classical states”, 9 th to 14 th c
Week 5 (Sept 30, Oct 2)	What was a “state” in pre 1800 Southeast Asia? The <i>mandala</i> kingdom and empire; kingship and moral power
Week 6 (Oct 7, 9)	The 13 th - 14 th c. transition
Week 7 (Oct 14, 16)	Early modern 15 th -18 th c. Archipelago: trade and fragmentation
Week 8 (Oct 21, 23)	Early modern 15 th -18 th c Archipelago (cont.) and Mainland
Week 9 (Oct 28, 30)	Early modern 15 th -18 th c. Mainland: consolidation of empires
Week 10 (Nov 4, 6)	Religions 14th-17th c.: Theravada Buddhism and Islamization
Week 11 (Nov 11, 13)	Slavery, bondage, social stratification
Week 12 (Nov 18, 20)	Women, Chinese
Week 13 (Nov 25)	Other foreigners, Outside influences
Week 14 (Dec 2, 4)	Transitions at the dawn of the colonial period
Week 15 (Dec 9, 11)	Questions on evidence and historiography, and Closing

READING MATERIALS FOR EACH TOPICS

(** = Required; * = Recommended and /or substitute for the required ones)

Southeast Asia: Land and peoples, diversity and similarity

* Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 1450-1860, vol. 1, 1-119

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 1

Prehistory: migrations, early settlements and polity

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 2 and 3

** George Coedes, The Making of Southeast Asia, chapter 2: Prehistory, pp. 10-33

* Peter Bellwood, “Southeast Asia Before History” in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 2, pp. 55-136

The early states 2nd - 9th c.: Indianization vs. Localization

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 3 and 4

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 2

The “classical states”, 9th - 14th c.

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 3

** Higham. The Civilization of Angkor. Chapter 5-7

What was a “state”? The “mandala”; Kingship and power

**Kulke, Hermann. "The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History," in Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th, 1-22

** Day, Tony. "Ties That (Un)bind: Families and States in Pre-modern Southeast Asia" Journal of Asian Studies, 55, 2 (1996): 384-409

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

The mid 13th – mid 14th centuries transitions

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 5

* Victor Lieberman, "Charter State Collapse in Southeast Asia, ca. 1250–1400, as a Problem in Regional and World History," American Historical Review, 2011, pp. 936-963

* Janet Abu-Lughod, Before European Hegemony: The World Systems A.D. 1250-1350, Part III, esp. chapter 9

Early modern 15th -18th c. Archipelago: trade and fragmentation

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al, A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 7 p. 134, 149-164

** Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 2. 1-61, 204-266.

Early modern 15th -18th c. Mainland: consolidation of empires

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al, A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 7 p. 134-149

** Lieberman, Victor. Strange Parallel: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, vol.2, pp. 11-48

* Lieberman, Victor, "Local Integration and Eurasian Analogies: Structuring Southeast Asian History," Modern Asian Studies 27, 3 (1993): 475-572 (accessible on-line via journal database)

Religions and moral legitimacy

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 4

** Reid. Age of Commerce, vol. 2. 132-201.

Slavery, bondage, social stratifications

** Reid, Anthony. ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1-43

** Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.2. 114-131.

* Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.1. 120-28, 137-172.

The Chinese and other foreigners; Outside influences

** M.C. Ricklefs et.al., A New History of Southeast Asia, chapter 6

** Leonard Andaya, "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptations in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800", in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 6, pp. 345-401.

Women

**Anthony Reid, "Female Roles in Pre-Colonial Southeast Asia," Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 22, No. 3, (1988), pp. 629-645

* Barbara Andaya ed., Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia, see articles by Barbara Andaya and Junko Koizumi, pp. 231-268, notes pp. 318-338

Transition at the dawn of the colonial period

** Reid. Age of Commerce, vol.2. chap. 5 (267-325).

MATERIALS IN THE E-RESERVES FOR THIS CLASS

- George Coedes, The Making of Southeast Asia, chapter 2: Prehistory, pp. 10-33
- Kulke, Hermann. "The Early and Imperial Kingdoms in Southeast Asian History," in Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th century. ed. A.C. Milner. 1986. pp.1-22.
- Day, Tony. "Ties That (Un)Bind: Families and States in Pre-modern Southeast Asia" Journal of Asian Studies, 55, 2 (1996): 384-409
- Wyatt, David. "Relics, Oaths and Politics in Thirteenth Century Siam," Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, 32, 1 (2001): 3-66.
- Lieberman, Victor, "Charter State Collapse in Southeast Asia, ca. 1250–1400, as a Problem in Regional and World History," American Historical Review, 2011, pp. 936-963
- Lieberman, Victor, Strange Parallel: Southeast Asia in Global Context, c. 800-1830, vol.2, pp. 11-48
- Leonard Andaya, "Interactions with the Outside World and Adaptations in Southeast Asian Society, 1500-1800", in Cambridge History of Southeast Asia : From Early Times c. 1500, vol.1, ed. Nicholas Tarling, chapter 6, pp. 345-401.
- Reid, Anthony ed. Slavery, Bondage and Dependency in Southeast Asia. 1983. pp.1-43.
- Anthony Reid ed., Sojourners and Settlers: Histories of Southeast Asia and the Chinese, 1996
The articles by Anthony Reid, G. William Skinner, and Mary Somers Heidhues.
- Anthony Reid, "Female Roles in Pre-Colonial Southeast Asia," Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 22, No. 3, (1988), pp. 629-645
- Barbara Andaya ed., Other Pasts: women, gender and history in early modern Southeast Asia, see articles by Barbara Andaya and Junko Koizumi, pp. 231-268, notes pp. 318-338