

Memo: Re. Thongchai Course Precs
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To: Diane Franzen
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Seminar: History 573: "Orientalism in Southeast Asian History"
Professor: Thongchai Winichaku
Time: Thursday afternoon
Enrollment: 15 undergraduates, 5 graduate students
Undergraduate Prerequisite: Senior status and a 3.0 average

The seminar will examine Western images of the peoples and cultures of Southeast Asia as found in travellers' accounts, films, academic studies, maps, and museum presentations. Focusing on the period from the late 19th century through the end of the Vietnam War, the seminar will analyze the role of these images in shaping a sense of "the other" in Western civilization. Moreover, the course will probe Southeast Asian historiography and literature for parallel images of "the other," whether Westerners or neighboring Southeast Asian peoples.