

East Asian History Reading List:
History MA Comprehensive Oral Examination

For the subfield of East Asian History, students will be expected to synthesize the arguments and evidence of **at least fifteen of the following books and articles**. Students interested in this subfield should contact Professor Lee for guidance. Books are listed following time periods in order.

Modern China

Cohen, Paul A. *Discovering History in China: American Historical Writing on the Recent Chinese Past*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1984.

Kuhn, Philip. *Origins of the Modern Chinese State*. Stanford: Stanford University, 2003.

Wong, R. Bin. *China Transformed: Historical Change and the Limits of European Experience*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999.

Rawski, Evelyn. *Early Modern China and Northeast Asia: Cross-Border Perspectives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Hevia, James L. *English Lessons: The Pedagogy of Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century China*. Durham; London: Duke University Press, 2003.

Perry, Elizabeth. *Rebels and Revolutionaries in North China, 1845-1945*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1980.

Rogaski, Ruth. *Hygienic Modernity: Meanings of health and disease in treaty-port China*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Brook, Timothy. *Collaboration: Japanese Agents and Local Elites in Wartime China*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005.

Mullaney, Thomas. *Coming to Terms with the Nation: Ethnic Classification in Modern China*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010.

MacFarquhar, Roderick and Michael Schoenhals. *Mao's Last Revolution*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2006.

Wang, Hui. *The End of the Revolution: China and the Limits of Modernity*. London: Verso, 2009.

Modern Korea

Palais, James B. *Politics and Policy in Traditional Korea*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1975.

Schmid, Andre. *Korea Between Empires, 1895-1919*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Moon, Yumi. *Populist Collaborators: The Ilchinhoe and the Japanese Colonization of Korea, 1896–1910*. Cornell University Press, 2013.

Uchida, Jun. *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876–1945*. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Asia Center, 2011.

Eckert, Carter J. *Offspring of Empire: The Koch'ang Kims and the Colonial Origins of Korean Capitalism, 1876-1945*. Seattle; London: University of Washington Press, 1991.

Shin, Gi-Wook, and Michael Robinson, eds. *Colonial Modernity in Korea*. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Asia Center, 1999.

Cumings, Bruce. *The Origins of the Korean War: Liberation and the Emergence of Separate Regimes, 1945-1947*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1981.

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Kim, Charles R. *Youth for Nation: Culture and Protest in Cold War South Korea*. Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press, 2017.

Kim, Byung-Kook and Ezra F. Vogel, eds. *The Park Chung Hee Era: The Transformation of South Korea*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011.

Lee, Namhee. *The Making of Minjung: Democracy and the Politics of Representation in South Korea*. Cornell University Press, 2007.

Modern Japan

Jansen, Marius B. *Sakamoto Ryōma and the Meiji Restoration*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995.

Takashi, Fujitani. *Splendid Monarchy: Power and Pageantry in Modern Japan*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1996.

Tanaka, Stefan. *Japan's Orient: Rendering Pasts into History*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1993.

- Duus, Peter. *The Abacus and the Sword: The Japanese Penetration of Korea*. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1995.
- Gordon, Andrew. *Labor and Imperial Democracy in Prewar Japan*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991.
- Harootunian, Harry. *Overcome by Modernity: History, Culture, and Community in Interwar Japan*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 2000.
- Young, Louise. *Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism*. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1996.
- Dower, John. *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 1999.
- Silverberg, Miriam. *Erotic Grotesque Nonsense: The Mass Culture of Japanese Modern Times*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.
- Ruoff, Kenneth. *The People's Emperor: Democracy and the Japanese Monarchy, 1945-1995*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001.