

**Asian Studies 410 (Fall 2016)**  
**International Relations in Premodern East Asia:**  
**One Asia Community seen from the Flows of People and Materials**  
Thursday 11:00-12:30 Buchanan D217

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**Description**

International relations in premodern East Asia were multidimensional, intersecting, and multilayered. This course seeks to understand diplomacy, trade, war, flows of people and ideas and beliefs, transnational institutions, and ethnic perceptions that constituted the fabric of border-crossing interactions between China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam and other ethnic/political entities in the region with a focus on the fourteenth to mid-nineteenth centuries. This course is designed to the trajectory of “One Asia Community” by looking at the flows of people and materials. In particular, in dealing with aspects of the idea of “One Asia Community” in premodern times, students will be encouraged to challenge the conventional framework of understanding which has been represented, for example, by the paradigm of the investiture-tributary system rooted in the Western theory of political realism and to come up with a global perspective of one’s own. With an aim to provide students with diverse views and perspectives, this course will feature guest lectures, class discussion, and learner-centred research.

**Course Syllabus**

**Week 1: Course overview**

September 8: Course overview

**Week 2: Key concepts and theories**

September 15: by Nam-lin Hur on theories and practices

**Week 3: Dai Viet/Southeast Asia and China**

September 22: The 1<sup>st</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Michele Thompson (Southern Connecticut State University)  
Lecture title: Chinese Relations with Dai Viet (Vietnam)

**Week 4: Tang/Song China and East Asia**

September 29: The 2<sup>nd</sup> guest lecture  
Professor David Curtis Wright (University of Calgary)  
Lecture title:

**Week 5: Yuan/Ming China and East Asia**

October 6: No class; it will be substituted with class discussion on October 4

**Week 6: Europeans, Pirates, and Trade in Asia in the 16<sup>th</sup>-century**

October 13: The 3<sup>rd</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Peter Shapinsky (University of Illinois)  
Lecture title: Piracy and trade in sixteenth-century (East) Asia

**Week 7: The Flows of Beauty in Premodern East Asia**

October 20: The 4<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Dr. Shinae Kang (Seoul National University)  
Lecture title: Paintings in Chosŏn and Chinese influence

**Week 8: The Triangle of War, Diplomacy and Trade**

October 27: The 5<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Ben Schmidt (University of Washington)  
Lecture title: European advance into Asia, war, diplomacy, and trade

**Week 9: East Asia in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century**

November 3: The 6<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Bradley Camp Davis (Eastern Connecticut State University)  
Lecture title: Vietnam, China, and trade networks in the 17<sup>th</sup> century

**Week 10: East Asia in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

November 10: The 7<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Yuanchong Wang (University of Delaware)  
Lecture title: Qing China's foreign policy and East Asia

**Week 11: East Asia in Transition to Modern Times**

November 17: The 8<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Joshua Van Lieu (LaGrange College)  
Lecture title: Chosŏn Korea and Japanese/Chinese imperialism

**Week 12: Betwixt Imperialism and Colonialism**

November 24: The 9<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Mr. Sato Yoji (One Asia Foundation)

**Week 13: Conclusion**

December 1: The 10<sup>th</sup> guest lecture  
Professor Joshua A. Fogel (York University)  
Lecture title: One Asia community and international relations in Asia