

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	CC2H27/ CC2H27P
Subject Title	Imperialism and its Discontents: East Asia 帝國主義及其在東亞引起的不滿
Credit Value	3
Level	2
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	This course explores imperialism as a globalizing set of political, social and cultural relations from the late nineteenth century to the present day with a focus on China and its East Asian neighbours. It demonstrates that imperialism was and remains a complex phenomenon, expressing itself through not only military violence and economic domination but also knowledge, law, and everyday encounters. A variety of primary sources will be exploited to examine the economic, cultural and institutional dimensions of imperial expansion into and within East Asia, to assess strategies adopted by China and societies like Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan to interrogate Euro-American hegemony, and to consider the relevancy of empire as a concept in the twenty-first century.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) understand how the modern world has been shaped by empire-building and anti-imperialist activism; (b) appreciate the multi-faceted and entangled manifestations of imperialism and anti-imperialist resistance; (c) assess the effectiveness of archival, fictional and visual sources in the construction of arguments and narratives; (d) reflect critically on Hong Kong and China's experiences under imperialist governance; (e) fulfill reading and writing requirements as well as the China-Study Requirement.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: What is/was imperialism? 2. Empire-building (1): Imperialism as civilizing project 3. Empire-building (2): Imperialism and law 4. Experiences of Empires (1): Colonial encounters 5. Experiences of Empires (2): China under imperialism 6. Experiences of Empires (3): Popular reactions to empire in Japan 7. Resistance (1): Nationalist agitations 8. Resistance (2): Socialism and internationalism 9. Resistance (3): The dilemmas of pan-Asianism

	<p>10. The End of Empires? (1): Demise of European empires in Asia</p> <p>11. The End of Empires? (2): South Korea and Taiwan under US dominance</p> <p>12. The End of Empires? (3): The persistence of empire in Hong Kong</p> <p>13. Conclusion: Will China become an empire?</p>																																														
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Lectures are organized thematically to cover a broad temporal scope. This arrangement is optimal for attaining ILOs (a) and (b). In view of ILO (d), materials on China and Hong Kong will feature prominently throughout the course. Tutorials invite students to examine closely primary documents – textual and visual – in order to reach ILO (c).																																														
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