

Iberia in Asia: Early Modern Encounters and Exchanges
Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

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Course Description: The Latin America experience has dominated our understanding of early modern colonial relations. While valid, this understanding is only partial as it does not take into account the different approaches Europeans employed, and the equally varied ways non-Europeans responded to these approaches. Outside the Latin American experience, unique regional conditions heavily influenced European colonial policies. This course focuses on those conditions and their impact on European-Asian relations in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It requires no prerequisite, but will nonetheless build on the themes discussed in survey courses on the early modern world, and on colonial Latin America. Through engagement with primary documents and relevant secondary texts, we will not only broaden our definitions of European annexations, colonialism, and empire-building, but also deepen our understanding of colonial narratives in an expanded early modern world.

The course proceeds thematically. It is aimed at advanced undergraduate students who are interested in colonialism, cultural history, religious history, globalization and the early modern period. As part of the requirement of the course, students are expected to complete one book review (on any of the texts used in class throughout the semester) and one research paper based on a topic discussed in class. All assigned readings, except those from the required texts, will be made available on Blackboard or e-reserves.

Course requirements and Grading: The table below provides the components and corresponding percentages of student grades:

Book Review	(3-4 pages)	15%
Mid-Term Exams		20%
Attendance and Class Participation		20%
Research Paper	(10-12 pages)	20%
Final Exam		25%

Required Texts:

Rafael, Vicente L. *Contracting Colonialism: Translation and Christian Conversion In Tagalog Society Under Early Spanish Rule*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988.

Subrahmanyam, Sanjay. *The Portuguese Empire In Asia, 1500-1700: A Political and Economic History*. 2nd ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2012.

Županov, Ines G. *Missionary Tropics: The Catholic Frontier In India, 16th-17th Centuries*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2005.

Course Outline

Week 1

- January 25 : Introduction
Discussion of syllabus, assigned readings, required papers, grading methodology, and course expectations. General introductory lecture to the course.
- January 27 : Medieval Roots of Early Modern Expansions

Portugal
Reading: “Portuguese State and Society, 1200-1500” in Subrahmanyam, Sanjay. *The Portuguese Empire In Asia, 1500-1700: A Political and Economic History*. 2nd ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2012. pp. 33-57.
- January 29 : Spain
Reading: Phelan, John Leddy, *The Millennial Kingdom of the Franciscans In the New World*. 2d ed. rev. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1970. pp. 5-27.

Week 2

- February 1 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from The Valladolid Debate
- February 3 : The Politics of Annexation (Portugal)

Considerations of Empire
Reading: “Two Patterns and their Logic: Creating an Empire, 1498-1540” in Subrahmanyam, Sanjay. *The Portuguese Empire In Asia, 1500-1700: A Political and Economic History*. 2nd ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2012. pp. 59-85.
- February 5 : Planting Iberia in India
Reading: “A Reliquary Town—São Tomé de Meliapor: The Political and the Sacred in Portuguese India” in Županov, Ines G. *Missionary Tropics: The Catholic Frontier In India, 16th-17th Centuries*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2005. pp. 87-112.

Week 3

- February 8 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *On the Customs of the Indian Nation* by Roberto de Nobili

February 10 : The Politics of Annexation (Spain)

Establishing a Foothold

Reading: Headley, John M. "Spain's Asian Presence, 1565-1590: Structures and Aspirations," *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, Vol. 75, No. 4 (Nov. 1995). pp. 623-646.

February 12 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Tratados* by Alonso Sanchez

Week 4

February 15 : A Colony of a Colony

Reading: Bjork, Katharine. "The Link That Kept the Philippines Spanish: Mexican Merchant Interests and the Manila Trade, 1571-1815." *Journal of World History* 9, no. 1 (1998): 25-50.

February 17 : Religion and Empire-building I

On Borrowed Land

Reading: "Macao" in Hsia, R. Po-chia, *A Jesuit In the Forbidden City: Matteo Ricci 1552-1610*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. pp. 51-77.

February 19 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from Matteo Ricci's letter from Macau

Week 5

February 22 : Subjugation through a Sacrament

Reading: "Conversion and the Demands of Confession" in Rafael, Vicente, L. *Contracting Colonialism: Translation and Christian Conversion In Tagalog Society Under Early Spanish Rule*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988. pp. 84-109.

February 24 : Religion and Empire-building II

A Failed Attempt

Reading: "Nagasaki: The Early Years of an Early Modern Japanese City" in Brockey, Liam Matthew. *Portuguese Colonial Cities In the Early Modern World*. Farnham, England: Ashgate Pub. Company, 2008. pp. 63-104.

February 26 : The Role of Women

Reading: "The Convent in Manila" in Owens, Sarah E., *Nuns Navigating the Spanish Empire*. Albuquerque, New Mexico: University of New

Mexico Press, 2017. pp. 93-116.

Week 6

- March 1 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from Letters from José de Santa Maria, Hernando de los Rios Coronel and the Audience de Manila to found the Monasterio de Santa Clara in Manila.
- March 3 : Film, Part 1. Viewing of *Silence* (2016) by Martin Scorsese: a film about the religious mission to Japan in the early modern period. Jesuit scholar Liam Matthew Brockey served as consultant on the film.
- March 5 : Film, Part 2/Discussion
Book Review due in class

Week 7

- March 8 : Mid Term Exam
- March 10 : Discussion / Evaluation of Mid Term Exam
- March 12 : The Economics of Colonization I

The Galleon Trade
Reading: Tremml, Birgit M. "The Global and the Local: Problematic Dynamics of the Triangular Trade in Early Modern Manila." *Journal of World History* 23, no. 3 (September 2012): 555–86.

Week 8

- March 15 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Memorial* from Juan Grau y Monfalcón
- March 17 : A Local Elite
Reading: "Geopolitics and Economic Change" in Subrahmanyam, Sanjay. *The Portuguese Empire In Asia, 1500-1700: A Political and Economic History*. 2nd ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2012. pp. 11-31.
- March 19 : The Economics of Colonization II

Challenging the Center
Reading: Hoberman, Louisa Schell. "Merchants in Seventeenth-Century Mexico City: A Preliminary Portrait." *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 57, no. 3 (1977): 479-503.

Week 9

- March 22 : No Class
- March 24 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Memorial* from Juan Grau y Monfalcón
- March 26 : A Transpacific Network of Labor
Reading: “The Diversity and Reach of the Manila Slave Market” in Seijas, Tatiana. *Asian Slaves In Colonial Mexico: From Chinos to Indians*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2014. pp. 32-71.

Week 10

- March 29 : Educating the Public

Formal Education in the Colony
Reading: Crossley, John N. “Dominican and Jesuit Formal Education in the First Years of Spanish Manila (c. 1571-1621).” *The Journal of Religious History* 42, no. 2 (June 2018): 181–99.
- March 31 : A Native Takes Matters in his Own Hands
Reading: “Tomas Pinpin and the Shock of Castilian” in *Contracting Colonialism: Translation and Christian Conversion In Tagalog Society Under Early Spanish Rule*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988. pp. 55-83.
- April 2 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Librong Pagaaralan* by Tomas Pinpin

Week 11

- April 5 : Language and Colonization

Colonizing through Language
Reading: Rafael, Vicente L. “The Politics of Translation” in *Contracting Colonialism: Translation and Christian Conversion In Tagalog Society Under Early Spanish Rule*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988. pp. 23-54.
- April 7 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Doctrina Christiana*
- April 9 : Lost in Translation
Reading: “Twisting a Pagan Tongue: Portuguese and Tamil in Jesuit Translations” in Županov, Ines G. *Missionary Tropics: The Catholic*

Frontier In India, 16th-17th Centuries. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2005. pp. 232-258.

Week 12

April 12 : Medicine and Colonization

The Religious, the Laity and Healthcare

Reading: Mesquida, Juan O. "Negotiating Charity, Politics and Religion in the Colonial Philippines: The Brotherhood of the Misericordia of Manila (1594-1780s)," *Faith's Boundaries: Laity and Clergy in Early Modern Confraternities*, Edited by Nicholas Terpstra, Adriano Prosperi and Stefania Pastore. Turnhout: Brepols, 2013. pp.187-203

April 14 : No Class

April 16 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from Letters of Franciscan Missionaries in Spanish Philippines

Week 13

April 19 : Medical Missions I

Reading: "A Medical Mission in Goa" in Županov, Ines G. *Missionary Tropics: The Catholic Frontier In India, 16th-17th Centuries*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2005. pp. 195-231.

April 21 : Medical Missions II

Reading: "Healthcare in the Franciscan Far East Missions (17-18th Centuries)" by Claudia Von Collani in *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum*

April 23 : Asian Responses to Iberian Presence

Uneasy Alliances

Reading: Mawson, Stephanie. "Philippine Indios in the Service of Empire: Indigenous Soldiers and Contingent Loyalty, 1600-1700" *Ethnohistory* 63, no. 2 (April 2016): pp. 380–413.

Week 14

April 26 : Primary document reading: Excerpt from *Sucesos de las Islas Filipinas* by Antonio de Morga

April 28 : An Open Society

Reading: "Portuguese Asian Society II" in Subrahmanyam, Sanjay. *The Portuguese Empire In Asia, 1500-1700: A Political and Economic*

History. 2nd ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, 2012. pp. 261-283.

April 30 : No Class

Final Exam: TBA