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### History of Japan-United States Relations

In many ways a course on the United States and Japan misrepresents history; it presupposes that the two countries have been principals in relations between East Asia and the West during the latter half of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The two countries were often secondary players in the movement of Western imperialism into the eastern part of Asia. They were a part of a more general problematic, the idea of a "West" characterized by progress and rationality and the idea of an Orient, seen as backward, uncivilized, and spiritual.

Though the course is generally organized chronologically, historical material will not be presented as self-evident and objective. Instead, an assumption in this class is that history is constructed. Narratives are constructed by contemporaries and historians to tell their own story with varying implications to the understanding of a culture. An important theme of this class will be to inquire into the meaning of those historical narratives in our understanding of the relations between Japan and the United States. Consequently, a standard narrative will not be given.

Lectures will be designed to complement the readings. Students will be expected to have completed the assigned reading before class sessions and participate in class discussions. You will not be responsible for memorizing every detail of the readings and lectures, but for summarizing the major points and drawing connections.

Evaluations will be measured through your ability to write persuasive arguments based on lectures and readings; in other words, to reconstruct your own historical narrative.

#### Course Requirements:

attendance at lectures  
midterm exam (15% of grade), April 26  
short paper, (25% of grade), due May 10  
final take home paper (60% of grade), due June 7  
NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

You must also submit an electronic version of your paper to turnitin.com (on WebCT) on the same day.

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of

plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms of use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Students must complete all course requirements in order to receive a passing grade. All students are expected to adhere to standards of academic integrity as set forth by this institution. Cheating or plagiarism will automatically result in a course grade of F.

### Readings

All readings will be on reserve or e-reserve at the Geisel Library. Required books are available at the University Bookstore.

## **Introduction**

### **Beginnings: Biddle or Perry**

Williams, "Narrative of a Voyage of the Ship Morrison"  
Treaty of Kanagawa  
Secretary of the Navy report, 1853 and 1854

### **International System: Synchronization**

#### Clash of systems

Miyoshi *As We Saw Them*  
D. Graham Burnett, "Mapping Time"  
Palmer, "Revised Plan for Opening Japan"  
Adas, "Introduction: A Train for the Shogun,"

#### International Law: Unequal Treaty System

Miyoshi *As We Saw Them*  
Murase, "The Most-Favored-Nation Treatment"  
Howland, "The Foreign and the Sovereign"

#### Imperialisms

Peattie, "The Nanyo"  
Mahan, "Hawaii and our Future Sea-Power"  
Hay, "First Open Door Note"

#### Migration

Moriyama, "The Government Sponsored Emigration Period"  
Daniels, "The Issei Generation"  
Low, "The Japanese Nation in Evolution"

## **Wilsonian internationalism**

### Multilateralism

Tomoko Akami, *Internationalizing the Pacific*, 19-29, 87-123.

Kimitada, "Japanese Opinions on Woodrow Wilson"

### Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere and the Pacific War

Jon Davidann, "A Certain Presentiment of Fatal Danger"

"Imperial Conference, November 5, 1941"

## **Cold War Internationalism**

### Occupation of Japan

Cumings, "Japan's Position in the World System"

Shibusawa, *America's Geisha Ally*

### The American Lake

John Dower, "Graphic Japanese, Graphic American"

Shibusawa, *America's Geisha Ally*

### Trade frictions

Shibusawa, *America's Geisha Ally*

Ishihara Shintaro, *The Japan that can say No*

Samuel Huntington, "America's Changing Strategic Interests"

## Readings

### Books

Masao Miyoshi, *As We Saw Them: the First Japanese Embassy to the United States* (Paul Dry Books 2005). (first published in 1979)

Naoko Shibusawa, *America's Geisha Ally: Reimagining the Japanese Enemy* (Harvard UP, 2006).

### Articles and Chapters:

Michael Adas, "Introduction: A Train for the Shogun" (1-31), in *Dominance by Design: Technological Imperatives and America's Civilizing Mission* (Belknap 2006).

Tomoko Akami, *Internationalizing the Pacific*, (19-29), (87-123) (Routledge 2002).

D. Graham Burnett, "Mapping Time," *Daedalus*, 132.2(Spring 2003): 5-19.

Bruce Cumings, "Japan's Position in the World System," in Andrew Gordon, ed. *Postwar Japan as History* (University of California Press, 1993), pp. 34-63.

Roger Daniels, "The Issei Generation" (1-15), in *The Politics of Prejudice*, (Atheneum 1973).

Jon Davidann, "A Certain Presentiment of Fatal Danger': The Sino-Japanese War and US-Japanese Relations, 1937-1939," in his *Cultural Diplomacy in US-Japanese Relations, 1919-1941* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 179-203.

John Dower, "Graphic Japanese, Graphic Americans: Coded Images in U.S.-Japanese Relations," in Akira Iriye and Robert Wampler, *Partnership: The United States and Japan 1951-2001* (Kodansha, 2001), 301-33.

John Hay, "First Open Door Note," [www.vlib.us/amdocs/texts/opendoor.html](http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/texts/opendoor.html)

Douglas Howland, "The Foreign and the Sovereign: Extraterritoriality in East Asia," in Howland and White, *The State of Sovereignty* (Indiana University Press, 2009), 35-55.

Samuel P. Huntington, "America's Changing Strategic Interests," *Survival*, 33.1(Jan/Feb 1991):3-17

"Imperial Conference, November 5, 1941," in Akira Iriye, ed. *Pearl Harbor and the Coming of the Pacific War* (Bedford/St Martins, 1999), pp. 14-40.

Ishihara Shintaro, *The Japan that can say No*, trans. by Frank Baldwin, (Simon & Schuster 1991), 17-41

Miwa Kimitada, "Japanese Opinions on Woodrow Wilson in War and Peace," *Monumenta Nipponica*, 22:3/4(1967):368-89.

Morris Low, "The Japanese Nation in Evolution: W. E. Griffis, Hybridity and the Whiteness of the Japanese Race," *History and Anthropology*, 11: 2(1999): 203-234

Alfred Thayer Mahan, "Hawaii and our Future Sea-Power," *Forum* (March 1893)

Alan Takeo Moriyama, "The Government Sponsored Emigration Period" (11-32), in

*Imingaisha: Japanese Emigration Companies and Hawaii* (UHawaii Press 1985).

Shinya Murase, "The Most-Favored-Nation Treatment in Japan's Treaty Practice during the Period 1854-1905," *American Journal of International Law*, Vol 70(April 1976):273-97.

Aaron Haight Palmer, "Revised Plan for Opening Japan," from *Documents and Facts Illustrating the Origin of the Mission to Japan*.

Mark Peattie, "The Nanyo: Japan in the South Pacific" (172-210), in *The Japanese Colonial Empire* (Princeton 1984).

Secretary of the Navy report, 1853 and 1854,  
[http://www.history.navy.mil/bios/perry\\_mc\\_secnave.html#1853](http://www.history.navy.mil/bios/perry_mc_secnave.html#1853).

Treaty of Kanagawa, <http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/teach/pearl/kanagawa/friends5.htm>.

S. Wells Williams, "Narrative of a voyage of the ship Morrison", 353-80, in *Chinese Repository*, vol VI December 1837.