

His 6934 Global Theories and Asian Studies
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This seminar introduces key theoretical frameworks that animate debates in the broadly defined field of Asian studies. It emphasizes the development of theoretical literacy together with the close reading and analysis of scholarly texts. Each class is set up to match a theoretical reading with an Asia-focused historical monograph or articles on the same theme. By surveying recent literature, we will learn the creative ways in which historians have overcome empirical and methodological challenges with the help of social and cultural theories, which has become crucial in an increasingly global and transnational context of “area studies.” In addition, through assignments such as book reviews and annotated syllabi, this course also helps you conceptualize Asia as a research and teaching field.