Module Code | AA-3305
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Module Title | Asian Anthropology and Asian Anthropologists
Type of Module: | Bachelor of Arts: Degree Core (Option)/Breadth/Minor Core

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<th>Modular Credits: 4</th>
<th>Student Workload: 8-10 hours per week</th>
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<td>Contact hours for timetabling: 2 hours per week</td>
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Prerequisite: None
Antirequisite: None

Aims/Objectives/Rationale:

This course seeks to examine critically, and in historical perspective, the indigenisation of socio-cultural anthropology and sociology in selected Asian countries. These subjects, as academic pursuits, have their origins in the Western intellectual tradition. But Asian scholars, of at least half a dozen different nationalities, have made major contributions to socio-cultural anthropology and sociology, particularly in the areas of field research, teaching, establishing local resources for anthropological and sociological publications, and in seeking to apply the discipline to national administrative and developmental needs. Increasingly, moreover, Asian anthropologists are searching also for new theoretical insights, emanating from the indigenous intellectual environment, to bolster, and in some instances to replace, those derived from the West.

Course Content:

- Western anthropologists/sociologists in Asia and Asian students of anthropology and sociology in the West
- the Indian experience: a colonial encounter and its transformation
- the Chinese experience: an intellectual opening to Japan and the West
- the Japanese experience: the application of Western intellectual traditions to Japanese society and culture
- blossoming Southeast Asian traditions: Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam in comparative perspective

Assessment

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<th>Examination: (2 hours)</th>
<th>Course Work: 2 short essays (@ 20% each) 1 presentation report (10%)</th>
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Textbook(s) References:


* Staff: