

Module Code	: AH-2305		
Module Title	: 'History and Memory Wars' in Asia Pacific		
Programme	: Bachelor of Arts		
Type of Module	: Option major/Breadth		
Modular Credits	: 4	Student Workload:	8 – 10 hours per week
		Contact Hours:	2 hours per week
Prerequisite	: None		
Anti-requisite	: None		
Aims :	<p>This module introduces students to the phenomenon of 'history and memory wars' in Asia Pacific. This phenomenon is manifest in the intense contestations for historical interpretations that involved not just historians but a wider segment of the public. It seeks to clarify the macro- and micro-contexts and the factors that give rise to history and memory wars, as well as their impact on international relations, domestic politics, inter-ethnic conflicts, civil relations and self-constitution. It also aims to explore and analyse the various modes by which this phenomenon manifests and develops.</p>		
Module Contents :	<p>This module will, first, clarify the nature of memory and its interface with history, as well as the various contexts that proved conducive for developing history and memory wars. It will subsequently look into exemplary cases such as the Holocaust to exemplify the intensity, modes and the public manifestations of this phenomenon. It will then look into the cases that emerged in Asia Pacific such as the controversies surrounding the Japanese invasion of China, Korea, Taiwan and Southeast Asia which are reflected in the long-standing textbook censorship issues; the treatment of the aboriginals in Australia; the anti-communist killings in 1965-66 in Indonesia, the 1969 'race riots' in Kuala Lumpur, the killings of student demonstrators in Thailand in 1973/1976.</p>		
Assessment :	Examination :	50%	Coursework :
	2 hours		50%
			Presentation & Participation in 20%
			Discussion
			Essay 20 %
			Tutorial performance 10 %
References	<p>Bell, D. (Ed.). (2006). <i>'Memory, Trauma and World Politics</i>. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Cubitt, G. (2007). <i>History and Memory</i>. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press.</p> <p>Gong, G. (Ed.).(2002). <i>Memory and History in East and Southeast Asia</i>, edited by. Washington, D.C.: The CSIS Press.</p> <p>Linenthal, E. & Engelhardt, T. (Eds.). (1996). <i>History Wars: The Enola Gay and Other Battles for American Past</i>. New York: Henry Holt and Company</p> <p>Tanabe Shigeharu and Charles Keyes. (Eds). (1995). <i>Cultural Crisis and Social Memory : Modernity and Identity in Thailand and Laos</i>, edited by. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.</p>		