Global Seminar 2019 Hong Kong Proposal
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Course Description 2

HIUS 125/ETHN 163J: Asian American Social Movements

This course is an introduction to the history of Asian American activism from the late nineteenth century to the present, with particular focus on the politics of solidarity across ethnic, racial, and national boundaries. How have political affinities with African Americans, Latinx, indigenous and colonized peoples at home and abroad empowered Asian Americans in their pursuits for justice? How have these cross-racial and transnational movements reinforced and challenged conceptions of justice rooted in U.S. liberal ideals? We will examine topics including immigration reform; labor organizing; antiwar, anticolonial, and anti-apartheid struggles; hate crimes and racial profiling.

Grading Rubric
Short Paper 1 – 25%
Short Paper 2 – 25%
Short Paper 3 – 25%
Short Paper 4 – 25%

Outline of weekly topics and excursions
Week One:
Monday: Introduction
Tuesday: Excursion to Hong Kong Museum of History & Maritime Museum
Wednesday: Asian Migrant Labor in the Age of Empire
Thursday: Excursion to Tai O Fishing Village

Week Two:
Monday: Civil Rights Pioneers
Tuesday: Excursion to Sun Yat Sen Trail and Museum and Rednaxela Terrace
Wednesday: Labor Organizing and Anticolonial Resistance
Thursday: Excursion to Macau

Week Three:
Monday: Cold War Civil Rights
Tuesday: Excursion to Hong Kong Heritage Museum & Para Site Art Gallery
Wednesday: Cold War Repressions
Thursday: The IMF, World Bank, and the United Nations; Excursion to Jewish Community Center

Week Four:
Monday: Excursion to Chunking Mansions Tour
Tuesday: Toward Third World Liberation
Wednesday: Walking Tour of Shen Zhen (possible factory tour)
Thursday: Struggle Against Urban Renewal
Sunday: Central Station on Sunday & Open Doors Domestic Workers “Tour”

Week Five:
Monday: Race, Gender, and Class in the New Global Economy
Tuesday: Excursion to & Asia Art Archive (Sheung Wan) and Videotage (Art Gallery in Kowloon)
Wednesday: #Asians4BlackLives
Thursday: Excursion to Tiananmen Museum

Selected Readings: