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EAS 384



Religion and Conflict in East Asia:

Philosophical and Sociological Perspectives

How was religion mobilized during political conflicts in modern East Asia? How did these conflicts shape religious ideas, practices, and organizations? This course considers these questions by examining religious traditions such as Shintō, Confucian*ism*, Christianity, Buddhism, and shamanism in the contexts of modernity, colonialism, and war in East Asia. As Japan emerged as a colonial empire near the end of the 19th century, the category of religion became critical to constructing a modern nation at home and governing colonial subjects abroad. At the same time, people and institutions in Korea, China, and the metropole responded in varied and complex ways to the imperial project, especially during World War II. All readings are in English. Majors and non-majors welcome!

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11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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