HIST 96.01 Seminar: Colonialism and Culture in Asia and Africa

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This course explores the ideology and culture of colonialism in Asia and Africa at the height of European and American imperialism (1870-1930) as well as the influence of colonial cultural forms on the cultures of the colonized. In the course we will examine:

1) the main ideas of western imperialists during this period; 2) the ways in which imperialists represented Asians and Africans in reports, literature and images; and 3) the manifestations of "colonial culture" in fiction, gender relations, medicine, sports, photography, architecture, museums and art. Finally, we will look at some of the ideological and cultural Asians and Africans developed in response to, or resistance to, the ideas, stereotypes, representations and institutions of their colonizers. The course will be comparative, and will examine cases drawn from different regions of colonial Asia and Africa as it addresses the various topics in the course.

There is no specific prerequisite for the course, but students are advised to prepare for the seminar by taking a course that covers Asia or Africa during the colonial period or a course that addresses European or U.S. Imperialism.

Distributive and/or World Culture

Dist:SOC; WCult:NW

Offered

16S: 3A 18W: 3A

Department-Specific Course Categories

Major Dist: AALAC.