

COURSE DETAIL

THE UNIVERSE UNRAVELING: NARRATIVES OF WAR IN INDOCHINA

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

National University of Singapore

Program(s)

National University of Singapore

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

South & SE Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

124

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE UNIVERSE UNRAVELING: NARRATIVES OF WAR IN INDOCHINA

UCEAP Transcript Title

WAR IN INDOCHINA

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course takes us from the origins of the Indochinese conflicts in the colonial period, through the open wars of the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s, to their legacies in today's diasporic communities. In addition to a core text, a variety of first-person accounts written by anyone from revolutionary leaders to foot soldiers to children to doctors to Buddhist monks are read. The objective is to see the wars from multiple perspectives and to investigate how first-person narratives may complement, complicate, or even contest orthodox accounts. Readings: Each week there will be two types of readings, each serving a different purpose. The “background” reading provides general context for the period, while the “narrative” readings give us a more personal view on the issue or period. Most background readings are taken from Christopher Goscha's fantastic new history of Vietnam, and I encourage you all to buy a copy. All readings for the module are uploaded in PDF format to IVLE. Assessment: Participation, journal, annotated bibliography, objective account, personal account.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SE3228

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