COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS AND NATIONALISM IN EAST AND SE ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

Country
Taiwan

Host Institution
National Taiwan University

Program(s)
National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Asian Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
119

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
POLITICS AND NATIONALISM IN EAST AND SE ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

UCEAP Transcript Title
CULTURAL HERITAGE

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course explores archaeological cultural heritage in East and Southeast Asia and how material remains of past human behavior in this broad region play an active role in shaping human perceptions of self and others in the present day. Archaeological cultural heritage as an academic field and as a profession is rapidly evolving in East and Southeast Asia, with governmental policy making, political motivations such as nation-building and nationalistic agendas, globalization, economic expansion and development, and many other factors shaping choices for how and why archaeological sites, objects, architecture, and landscapes are preserved, protected, and presented. This course focuses on these political roles of archaeological cultural heritage and examines them in conceptual and theoretical terms using a necessarily anthropological, interdisciplinary approach with models and methods from archaeology, critical museology, material cultural theory, postcolonial theory, and memory studies, among others. Case studies from around East and Southeast Asia, including Taiwan, mainland China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, and Malaysia serve to provide insight into the relationship between archaeological heritage and nationalism to explore such related issues as the domination of Eurocentrism in heritage practice and theory (and see new alternatives arising); heritage's role in identity and ideology; contested ownership; commodification and value; memorialization and "dark heritage" (e.g., post-conflict or post-trauma sites); indigenous and minority rights and stakeholding; the impact of looting and the illicit antiquities trade; and heritage tourism.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ANTH5109

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Anthropology

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