

COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF SURVEILLANCE IN MODERN ASIA

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

Singapore University of Technology and Design

Program(s)

Singapore University of Technology and Design

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

130

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF SURVEILLANCE IN MODERN ASIA

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST OF SURV ASIA

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines how states have attempted to apply and develop surveillance technologies with ever greater accuracy, scale, and speed (as well as when and how they did not). Geographically, this course covers from South Asia to East Asia. It focuses on how colonial, national, and postcolonial governments have tried to control their subjects and foreigners within their territory, as well as how people have responded to these state initiatives. After introducing relevant theoretical frameworks, the course investigates specific technologies such as fingerprints, photographs, anthropometrics, and CCTV, examining their historical development and impact on individual lives in modern Asian societies. Students examine people's responses to surveillance technologies in modern Asia, ranging from adherence to protest and appraise the use of surveillance in today's Asian societies based on its historical trajectories.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

2.170HT

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.sutd.edu.sg/course/02-170ht-history-of-surveillance-in-modern-asia/>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Course Last Reviewed

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