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 Campus

Host Institution Faculty

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Host Institution Department
Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

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