

The United States as a Pacific Power

Tuesdays, 1-3
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Description:

The United States is often thought of as an Atlantic-facing power because of its close linguistic, cultural, economic and historical ties to Europe. But the United States is also a major regional power in the Asia Pacific. This course will consider the often overlooked "transpacific" links connecting the US and East Asia in the 20th century. It will provide an overview of the causes and effects of increasing American involvement in the region and follow the changing relationships between the United States and China, the Koreas, Japan, and the Philippines.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide an overview of US-East Asian relations in the 20th century. Participants will come away with a broader understanding of American foreign relations, and be able to critically discuss major events and themes in recent US-Pacific relations.

Course Outline:

- 1) Missionaries, Open Door Trade and Ruling the Philippines
- 2) From the Far Eastern Crisis to Pearl Harbor
- 3) After Victory, Occupations in Japan and Korea
- 4) The "Loss" of China and the Korean War
- 5) East Asia Policy and the Vietnam War
- 6) Challenges and "Tigers," Development and Trade