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ASIA_V 561 - Problems of Modernization in Eastern and Southern Asia Ross King

This course interrogates the profound effects of colonialism on language development and linguistic modernity in East Asia from the 18th through 20th centuries. The course begins with an overview of classic works on language and colonialism in South Asia because of the historical precedents set in India for their theoretical perspectives, but focuses thereafter on imperial (Meiji and Taisho) Japan, its internal colonialism (Ainu, Ryukyuan), and then its external colonialism (Taiwan, Korea, and the South Seas), with an emphasis on language policies, linguistic thought, language ideology, questions of assimilation and identity, and post-colonial consequences for language in this region today.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Errington, Joseph. 2001. "Colonial linguistics." Annual review of anthropology 30: 19-39.

Heinrich, Patrick (2012) The Making of Monolingual Japan: language ideology and Japanese modernity. King & Pieper (eds.) (forthcoming) Language and Colonialism in Korea: A Sourcebook.

Assignments

Preparation of all readings and active participation in class 10

Mid-term examination 30

Two article summaries in class of assigned readings | 30

Final project (translation or research paper)|30