



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Fishing in troubled waters: Intelligence and Espionage in the Japanese Empire - 46158

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

An in-depth examination of the history of prewar Japanese intelligence and espionage, along with discussion of key points and exploration of selected concepts in intelligence theory and history. We will also carry out a simulation of intelligence analysis in the context of the Japanese attack and US intelligence failure in Pearl Harbor.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Understanding prewar Japanese intelligence, developing skills for in-depth discussion of key questions in intelligence history and theory.

In the addition, at the end of the course the students should be able to actively participate in discussions on intelligence, read sources in a critical way and write a high-quality research paper.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Week 1: Introducing the World of Shadows: Key Concepts in Intelligence and Espionage (Lecture)

Week 2: The Hall of Heavenly Delights: Arao Sei and Early Japanese Espionage in China (Lecture)

Week 3: Intelligence, Pan-Asianism and Imperialism (Discussion)

Week 4: Espionage and Covert Action in the Russo-Japanese War (Lecture)

Week 5: The Network of Akashi Motojiro: Spies, Revolutionaries and Covert Action

as a Tool of Warfare (Discussion)

Week 6: The Military-Adventurous Complex and the Manchurian Independence Movements (Lecture)

Week 7: Military and Political State Involution (Discussion)

Week 8: Fishing in Troubled Water: Japan and China's Warlords (Lecture)

Week 9: Politicization of Intelligence in Warlord China (Discussion)

Week 10: Intelligence and the Way to Pearl Harbor (Lecture)

Week 11: Strategic Surprise, Signals and Noise (Discussion)

Week 12: Conclusions

Week 13: Final Presentations

Required Reading:

See above in Hebrew

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 20 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 50 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 20 %

Real-time intelligence simulation

Additional information: