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| Course Code & Title | LISS205 Marxist Margins: Empire, Race, and Periphery | | | | |
| Convenor(s) | Dr Majed Akhter | | | | |
| Institution | King's College London | Department | | LISS DTP | |
| Academic Year | 2021-22 | Term | | Summer | |
| Number of sessions | 6 | Research Platform | Social Theory & Epistemology (STE) | Length of Session(s) | 2 hours |
| Day, Date | | Start : End | | Room Location | |
| Wednesday 1 June 2022 Tuesday 7 June 2022 Tuesday 14 June 2022 Tuesday 21 June 2022 Tuesday 28 June 2022 Tuesday 5 July 2022 | | 1330 : 1530 | | Online via MS Teams or Zoom – link to be circulated following enrolment | |
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Course Description:

This class has two objectives:

- 1) To seek limits/openings in the Marxist tradition through the categories of empire, race and periphery
- 2) To give special attention to the potential and limits Marxist concepts and methodology for political and historical analysis in the imperial Asian context

These objectives will be met through close readings, weekly response papers, seminar discussions, and a final review essay. This review essay will draw on 3 or more of the weekly response papers.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction: Why Marx

Required readings:

Castree, N. (2021). Marxism and the logics of dis/integration. *Human Geography*, 19427786211048212.

Wright, M. W. (2014). The gender, place and culture Jan monk distinguished annual lecture: Gentrification, assassination and forgetting in Mexico: A feminist Marxist tale. *Gender, Place & Culture*, 21(1), 1-16.

Desai, R. (2020). Marx's critical political economy, 'Marxist economics' and actually occurring revolutions against capitalism. *Third World Quarterly*, 41(8), 1353-1370.

Assignment: Write a "response paper" to the readings.



2. Reading Marx: Selections from Marx on political and historical analysis.

Required readings:

Ch1 and Ch7 from *18th Brumaire* (1851)

Part 8 from *Capital Vol 1: So-called primitive accumulation* (1867)

Zasulich-Marx correspondence. (1881). [Letter from Zasulich & all drafts of Marx's response](#);

Assignment: Write a “response paper” to the readings.

3. Marxist Methods: Marxist elaborations

Gramsci, A. (1978). Some aspects of the southern question. *Selections from political writings (1921–1926)*, 441-462.

Poulantzas, N. (1974). Internationalisation of capitalist relations and the Nation-State. *Economy and Society*, 3(2), 145-179.

Hart, G. (2018). Relational comparison revisited: Marxist postcolonial geographies in practice. *Progress in Human Geography*, 42(3), 371-394.

Assignment: Write a “response paper” to the readings.

4. Marxist translations: On the reformulation of Marxist theory outside Europe

Required readings: Harootunian, H. (2015). *Marx after Marx: History and time in the expansion of capitalism*. Columbia University Press.

Assignment: Write a “response paper” to the readings.

5. Racialized labour: Political economy of Korean migrant labour in imperial Japan.

Required readings: Kawashima, K. C. (2009). *The proletarian gamble: Korean workers in interwar Japan*. Duke University Press.

Assignment: Write a “response paper” to the readings.

6. Imperial periphery: Understanding the politics of peripheries in imperial capitalism.

Required readings: Matsumura, W. (2015). *The Limits of Okinawa: Japanese capitalism, living labor, and theorizations of community*. Duke University Press.

Assignment: Write a “response paper” to the readings.

Eligibility:

The course is open to all PhD students interested in Marx and critical social theory. You must be a PhD student registered at King’s College London, Queen Mary or Imperial College. You must be willing and able to read dense theoretical work and discuss it in a courteous manner with people from diverse personal and disciplinary backgrounds. Ensure you have registered with LISS DTP if you have not done so already. Questions? E-mail liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk



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Pre-course preparation:

No pre-course work

Number of students:

Minimum number required to run: 5

Maximum number of places available: 20



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