

Sexuality and Society in East Asia

Section 1

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【Course Outline / Description】

This is a seminar for students interested in exploring the social processes that underpin the current understandings of sex and sexuality in East Asia. The seminar will emphasize the social order of sexuality in East Asian societies grounded in the normatively or normally sexed/gendered displays of appropriate feminine or masculine sexual and/or erotic conduct. In line with the symbolic interactionist tradition, the seminar will help students to review how sexual conduct has been socially constructed in East Asia through three different but interconnected levels of scripting: the cultural, the interpersonal and the intrapsychic. During the seminar the so-called understandings of sexuality in the ‘East’ and the ‘West’ will be discussed to highlight similarities and differences within both regions. Discussing these understandings will serve to comprehend the consequences of globalization and modernization on the sexual cultures and behaviors in East Asian societies. Overall, the seminar will assist in (re)discovering how ‘old’ and ‘new’ East Asian sexual cultures and vocabularies have emerged, and how these cultures and vocabularies have translated into ‘new’ dilemmas in the daily sexual lives of men and women, as well as ‘new’ priorities in sexual politics in the region.

Section 2

【Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes】

Participants in the seminar will:

- review the origin of social constructionism in sexuality studies in East Asia
- understand the significance of symbolic interactionism in the study of sexuality in East Asia
- comprehend the connection between intimacy and modernity to make sense of local and global change in East Asian societies
- analyze the how intimacy and sexuality become apparent in the everyday life of East Asians
- explore how work, economics and sexuality are connected in current East Asian societies
- understand how global flows and local change are expressed in the sexual cultures of East Asian societies

Section 3

【Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials】

Lesson 1	Introduction	Syllabus description and discussion
Lesson 2	Sexuality and intimacy in East Asia a personal view	Essay writing
Lesson 3	Crossing borders and sexuality (1)	

Pendleton, M. (2015) Transnational sexual politics in East Asia. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia, pp. 21-34. New York and London: Routledge.

Martin, F. (2015) Transnational queer Sinophone cultures. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 35-48. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 4 Crossing borders and sexuality (1a) Submission of mindmap 1 and 2

Lesson 5 Crossing borders and sexuality (2) Nakamatsu, T. (2015) Marriage migration in East Asia. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 49-59. New York and London: Routledge.

Mackie, V. and Tanji, M. (2015) Militarised sexualities in East Asia. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 60-73. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 6 Crossing borders and sexuality (2a) Submission of mindmap 4 and 5

Lesson 7 Martial relationships (1)

Kam, L. The demand for a 'normal' life: Marriage and its discontents in contemporary China. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 77-86. New York and London: Routledge.

Choi, H. (2015) Constructions of marriage and sexuality in modern Korea. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 87-100. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 8 Martial relationships (1a) Submission of mindmap 4 and 5

Lesson 9 Martial relationships (2)

Earl, C. (2015) Life as lived and life as talked about: Family, love and marriage in twenty-first-century Vietnam. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 101-111. New York and London: Routledge.

Kim, S. (2015) Marriage, family, and sexuality in North Korea. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 112-123. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 10 Martial relationships (2a) Submission of mindmap 6 and 7

Lesson 11 Intimate relationships in practice (1)

Cho, J. The Sexual Politics of Difference in Post-IMF Korea: Challenges of the Lesbian Rights and Sex Workers' Movements. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) *East Asian Sexualities*, pp. 141-160. London: Zed Books.

Kamano, S. and Khor, D. (2013) 'How Did You Two Meet?' Lesbian Partnerships in Present-day Japan. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) *East Asian Sexualities*, pp. 161-178. London: Zed Books.

Lesson 12 Intimate relationships in practice (1a) Submission of mindmap 8 and 9

Lesson 13 Intimate relationships in practice (2)

Li, Y (2013) Chinese Women's Stories of Love, Marriage and Sexuality. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 178-194. London: Zed Books.

Chan, A. (2013) Talking about 'Good Sex': Hong Kong Women's Sexuality in the Twenty-first Century. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 195-216. London: Zed Books.

Lesson 14 Intimate relationships in practice (2a) Submission of mindmap 10 and 11

Lesson 15 Quiz 1 Quiz answering

Lesson 16 Quiz 1 Review Quiz reviewing

Lesson 17 Work and sex (1)

Lan Pei-chia (2013) Global Cinderellas: Sexuality, Power and Situational Practices across Borders. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 33-51. London: Zed Books.

Kazue, M. (2013) The Making of Sekuhara: Sexual Harassment in Japanese Culture. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 52-68. London: Zed Books.

Lesson 18 Work and sex (1b) Submission of mindmap 12 and 13

Lesson 19 Work and sex (2)

Lee, S. (2013) The Office Party: Corporate Sexual Culture and Sexual Harassment in the South Korean Workplace. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 69-84. London: Zed Books.

Liu, J. (2013) Sexualized Labour? 'White-collar Beauties' in Provincial China. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 85-103. London: Zed Books.

Lesson 20 Work and sex (2a) Submission of mindmap 14 and 15

Lesson 21 Work and sex (3)

Chen M. (2013) Sex and Work in Sex Work: Negotiating Sex and Work among Taiwanese Sex Workers. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 104-122. London: Zed Books.

Ding, Y. and Ho, S, (2013) Beyond Sex Work: An Analysis of Xiaojies' Understandings of Work in the Pearl River Delta Area, China. In S. Jackson, J. Liu and J. Woo (eds.) East Asian Sexualities, pp. 123-138. London: Zed Books.

Lesson 22 Work and sex (3a) Submission of mindmap 16 and 17

Lesson 23 Sexual health (1)

Kawaguchi, K. (2015) Responses to HIV-AIDS in East Asia. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 331-342. New York and London: Routledge.

Gammeltoft, T. and Hu'o'ng, N. (2015) The politics of sexual health in Vietnam. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 344-355. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 24 Sexual health (1a) Submission of mindmap 18 and 19

Lesson 25 Sexual health (2)

Hood, J (2015) Untangling HIV in China: Social, political, economic, and global-local factors. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 356-369. New York and London: Routledge.

Moore, K. (2015) Sexuality and aging in East Asia. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 372-382. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 26 Sexual health (2a) Submission of mindmap 20 and 21

Lesson 27 Pornography and sex (1)

McLelland, M (2015) Sex, censorship and media regulation in Japan: A historical overview. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 402-411. New York and London: Routledge.

Wong, H. and Hoi, Y. (2015) Japanese adult videos in Taiwan and Hong Kong. In M. McLelland and V. Mackie (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality Studies in East Asia*, pp. 412-425. New York and London: Routledge.

Lesson 28 Pornography and sex (1a) Submission of mindmap 22 and 23

Lesson 29 Quiz 2 Quiz answering

Lesson 30 Quiz 2 Review Quiz reviewing

【Textbooks/Reading Materials】

Compulsory readings are available to download at the Blackboard

Section 4

Final Exam 10%

Quizzes or Midterm Exam 10%

Mindmaps 40%

Class Participation 40%

Students are required to write short essays for the final exam and quizzes, which will last for about 50 minutes
Students are expected to have read the assigned readings prior to seminar and should participate actively in seminar discussions. Based on the required readings, a mind-map MUST be produced. A total of 23 mindmaps MUST be handed in as indicated above.