

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE
OTHER WORLD REGIONS: ASIA AND EURASIA

Terms and concepts to know:

The Orient	Opium War
Confucian Cultural Circle	Sun Yat-sen
Axial Age	Indian nationalist movement
Confucianism	Sovietization
Hinduism	Indira Gandhi
Caste system	Indian National Congress

Study and discussion questions:

1. How would you characterize the relationship between the West and Other World Asia?
2. How has the Cold War affected political, economic, and cultural developments in Asia? How did Russia influence the social, political, and economic developments of Central Asia before, during, and after the Cold War?
3. What primarily drives the hidden world of US/Philippines slave trafficking? What in your opinion is the best way to combat it (supply/demand side)?
4. Enfu and Xiaoqin describe the eight principles that animate contemporary Chinese political economy? Choose the two that you think are contributing most to China's economic success and how do they differ from the US's political economy?
5. Is North Korea as "unstable" as Robert Kelly describes and is his advice for dealing with this regime seem workable or helpful to US security?
6. Varagur suggests that "[t]he world's largest Muslim-majority country [Indonesia] was long considered a tolerant place. But thanks to Saudi money and influence, it has taken a sharply conservative turn." What are the implications of this for Asia as a whole?
7. What are the key characteristics of the Axial Age religions and philosophies?
8. How would you characterize the legacy of colonialism in political development in Asia? Why do we say that 'Asia' is a European concept?

Readings:

Weatherby et.al. – Chapter 7

Video:

China: Power and Prosperity.