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Modern Japanese History

This course will survey the dramatic story of transformation from feudal to modern Japan. It has two principal aims: 1) to provide a general narrative of events from 1600 to the present. 2) to introduce students to the most powerful tool of historical analysis: an awareness of the importance of interpretation. You will be asked not only to identify important people and events. You will be called upon, more particularly, to identify and contemplate different perspectives on the past and present.

Texts

Please purchase at the Pennsylvania Book Center, 130 South 34th Street (215-222-7600):

Andrew Gordon, *A Modern History of Japan*, 2nd ed. (2009)

*Kokichi Katsu, *Musui's Story* (1843)

*Ōgai Mori, *The Wild Geese* (1911-3)

*Junichirō Tanizaki, *Naomi* (1924)

*Kazuko Kuramoto, *Manchurian Legacy* (1999)

*Novala Takemoto, *Kamikaze Girls* (2002)

A good portion of our readings are in article form, accessible on the course website. Those who prefer a hard copy of these readings may obtain them in a course bulkpack, available for purchase at the Campus Copy Center, 3907 Walnut St. Articles are marked below by a number in brackets [], which signifies the order in which they appear in the bulkpack.

An asterisk (*) marks a first-hand account, written either at the time in question or later by a participant in the event. These provide a glimpse of how contemporaries viewed their world.

Requirements

	Total pts	% grade
1) Class participation:	30	14%
a) 1 contribution to mod Jpse hist wiki or news blog (15 pts)		
b) 1 report on public talk (15 pts)		
2) One in class mid-term	60	29%
3) One take-home final	80	38%
4) One thought essay (Choose 1 of 5 books to analyze)	40	19%

Assignments

Week I

1/10 Lecture #1 Introduction

Week II

1/15 Lect. #2 Japan under the samurai: Tokugawa (1600-1868) checks & balances

1) Gordon, pp. xi-21

2) **Musui's Story*, pp. 1-42

1/17 Lect. #3 Tokugawa dynamism

1) Gordon, pp. 22-34

2) **Musui's Story*, pp. 43-98

3) Bulkpack: *Ihara Saikaku, "Eternal Shops of Edo" (17th cent), pp. 115-117 [1]

Week III

1/22 Lect. #4 Challenges to the Tokugawa order: internal

- 1) Gordon, pp. 35-46
- 2) **Musui's Story*, pp. 98-146
- 3) BP: *Aizawa Seishishai, *New Proposals* (1825), pp. 592-600 [2]
*Yoshida Shōin, various (1850's) pp. 109-15 [3]

1/24 Lect. #5 Challenges to the Tokugawa order: external

- 1) Gordon, pp. 47-59
- 2) **Musui's Story*, pp. 147-57
- 3) BP: *Sakuma Shōzan, "Eastern ethics and Western science" (1860's) pp. 96-109 [4]
*Fukuzawa Yukichi, "Autobiography" (1890), pp. 145-50 [5]

Week IV

1/29 Lect. #6 Revolution in the name of "Renovation:" the Meiji "Restoration" (1868)

- 1) Gordon, pp. 61-69
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 5-37 (chps. 1-7)
- 3) BP: *Shibusawa Eiichi, "Autobiography," pp. 127-41 [6]

1/31 Lect. #7 Introducing "Civilization"

[Paper #1]

- 1) Gordon, pp. 70-75
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 38-57 (chps. 8-11)
- 3) BP: *Nishi Amane, "Writing Japanese with the Western Alphabet" (1873), pp. 3-16 [7]
*Katō Hiroyuki, "Abuses of Equal Rights for Men & Women" (Mch. 1875), pp. 376-7 [8]

Week V

2/5 Lect. #8 "Civilization's" discontents

- 1) Gordon, pp. 76-90
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 57-75 (chps. 12-15)
- 3) BP: *Itagaki Taisuke, "Prospectus of the Liberal Party" (1882), pp. 225-35 [9]

2/7 Lect. #9 Smokestacks and laborers: 19th century economic development

- 1) Gordon, pp. 91-103
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 75-92 (chps. 16-19)
- 3) BP: *Ōkubo Toshimichi, "Proposal for Increasing Production" (1874), pp. 13-17 [10]
*Ōkubo Toshimichi, "Proposal for Encouraging Exports" (1875), pp. 18-23 [11]

Week VI

2/12 Lect. #10 Constitution, war, and a new national consciousness for Imperial Japan

- 1) Gordon, pp. 103-18
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 92-107 (chps. 20-21)
- 3) BP: *Itō Hirobumi, "On the constitution of 1889" (1889), pp. 666-71 [12]
*Ōkubo Toshimichi, "Views on constitutional government" (1873), p. 666 [13]
*"The Imperial Rescript on Education" (1890), p. 128 [14]
*Saigo Takamori, "Letters on the Korean question" (1873), pp. 655-7 [15]
*Fukuzawa Yukichi, "On de-Asianization" (1885), pp. 129-33 [16]

2/14 Lect. #11 The Russo-Japanese War (1904-5) and the "Spirit of Meiji"

- 1) Gordon, pp. 118-25
- 2) **The Wild Geese*, pp. 107-19 (chps. 22-24)
- 3) BP: *Ōkuma Shigenobu, *Fifty Years of New Japan* (1907-8), pp. 698-9 [17]
*Okakura Kakuzō, *The Awakening of Japan* (1905), pp. 3-6 [18]

Week VII

2/19 Lect. #12 The Taishō era begins

- 1) Gordon, pp. 125-37
- 2) **Naomi*, pp. 1-47 (chps. 1-6)
- 3) BP: *Kōtoku Shūsui, "Against the Wartime Tax" (1904), pp. 371-3 [19]
*Ōsugi Sakae, "Life in Prison" (1919), pp. 127-37 [20]

2/21 Lect. #13 Opportunity of War: Japan and World War I

[Paper #2]

- 1) Gordon, pp. 172-4
- 2) **Naomi*, pp. 48-103 (chps. 7-11)
- 3) BP: *M. Togo, "Japan and Ships" (Mch. 1918) [21]
*Yamagata, "Racial Conflict and Japan's Foreign Policy" (1914), pp. 206-9 [22]

Week VIII

2/26 **Midterm**

2/28 Lect. #14 Taishō "Renovation"

- 1) Gordon, pp. 139-54
- 2) **Naomi*, pp. 104-153 (chps. 12-16)
- 3) BP: *Yoshino Sakuzō, "On the Meaning of Const. Govt..." (1916), pp. 217-39 [23]
*John Dewey, "Japan and America" (1919), pp. 150-5 [24]

3/2-10 **Spring Break**

Week IX

3/12 Lect. #15 Roaring 20s: The rise of a "New Japan"

- 1) Gordon, pp. 154-72
- 2) **Naomi*, pp. 154-93 (chps. 17-22)
- 3) BP: *Tsuneo Matsudaira, "Principles of Jpse Foreign Policy" (July 1925), pp. 406-11 [25]
*Nitobe Inazō, "Opening Address at Kyōto" (1929), pp. 685-88 [26]

3/14 Lect. #16 The conservative reaction to the "New Japan"

- 1) Gordon, pp. 174-80
- 2) **Naomi*, pp. 194-237 (chps. 23-28)
- 3) BP: *Asahi Heigo, "Call for a new 'restoration'" (1921), pp. 767-9 [27]
*Ōkawa Shumei, *The Way of Japan and the Japanese* (1926), pp. 795-6 [28]

Week X

3/19 Lect. #17 Assaulting the foundations of the "New Japan:" Manchukuo and the military/bureaucratic usurpation of power in the 1930s

- 1) Gordon, pp. 181-91
- 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. ix-16
- 3) BP: *Amur Society, "An Anniversary Statement" (1930) [29]

3/21 Lect. #18 Film

[Paper #3]

- 1) Gordon, pp. 191-5
- 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 17-29
- 3) BP: *Minobe Tatsukichi, "Defense of the 'Organ' Theory" (1935), pp. 239-46 [30]

Week XI

3/26 Lect. #19 Toward a "new order in East Asia:" the war with China

- 1) Gordon, pp. 195-204
- 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 31-42
- 3) BP: *"Fundamentals of our national polity" (1937), pp. 278-8 [31]
*Tanisuga Shizuo, "Gas soldier," pp. 44-6 [32]

- 3/28 Lect. #20 Leaping from veranda of Kiyomizu temple: challenging the U.S.
 1) Gordon, pp. 204-7
 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 43-74
 3) BP: *"Draft of Basic Plan for GEA Co-Prosp Sphere" (1942), pp. 294-8 [33]

Week XII

- 4/2 Lect. #21 The "Greater East Asia" War
 1) Gordon, pp. 207-9
 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 75-97
 3) BP: *Kase Toshikazu, "A failure of diplomacy," pp. 90-5 [34]
 *Roger Pineau, "Last letters home" (1944-5), pp. 196-208 [35]
- 4/4 Lect. #22 On the home front
 1) Gordon, pp. 209-23
 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 99-110
 3) BP: *Kumagaya Tokuichi, "War means jobs for machinists," pp. 47-50 [36]
 *Tokutomi Iichirō, "Commentary on the Imp Dec of War" (1941), pp. 291-4 [37]
 *Nogi Harumichi, "I wanted to build Greater East Asia," pp. 50-5 [38]

Week XIII

- 4/9 Lect. #23 Revolution in the name of democracy: the "Allied" occupation of Japan
 1) Gordon, pp. 224-36
 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 111-47
 3) BP: *Sasaki Naokata, "The Face of the Enemy," pp. 468-9 [39]
- 4/11 Lect #24 Reversing course: America supports conservative rule
 1) Gordon, pp. 237-41
 2) **Manchurian Legacy*, pp. 149-76
 **Kamikaze Girls*, pp. 5-47
 3) BP: *Fuji Shizue, "They didn't tell me," pp. 427-31 [40]

Week XIV

- 4/16 Lect. #25 The economic "miracle"
 1) Gordon, pp. 243-67
 2) **Kamikaze Girls*, pp. 47-111
 3) BP: *Edwin O. Reischauer, "Inevitable Partners" (1964), pp. 27-28 [41]
- 4/18 Lect. #26 Conflict and Growth in U.S.-Japan Relations **[Paper #4]**
 1) Gordon, pp. 268-307
 2) **Kamikaze Girls*, pp. 111-55
 3) BP: *Hilary Conroy, "Young Japan's Anti-Americanism" (1955), pp. 247-56 [42]

Week XV

- 4/23 Lect. #27 The Meaning of Modern Japan
 1) Gordon, pp. 308-34
 2) **Kamikaze Girls*, pp. 155-211
 3) BP: *Iwao Sumiko, "Myths and Realities" (1993), pp. 1-30 [43]
 *PM Yoshihiko Noda, "A Year after the Earthquake" (Mch. 10, 2012), pp. 1-2 [44]

4/25 Paper #5Week XVII

5/2 5 p.m. Final Exam Due