

Seminar: **The Last Empires in Asia before the Modern Age: Boundary-Crossing Outlook**

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This class deals with the history of the last empires in Asia during the early modern period - Tokugawa and Meiji; Ming and Qing; and the Moghul Empire - from a comparative outlook. We will discuss questions regarding the definition of empires, their identity before the nation state, tensions arising from penetration of foreign elements or conquest of foreign lands and peoples, ways of governance and government institutions, as well as the complex transition into the modern period.