ANTH 3430 / ANTH 5480 Cultures of Chinese Overseas

Spring 2013

Lecture: Tuesday 4:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. (MMW LT2)

Tutorial: Wednesday 10:30 a.m. -11:15 a.m. (MMW 704)
    Thursday 9:30 a.m. -10:15 a.m. (NAH 11)

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Course Description
In this course you will learn about Chinese communities worldwide. There is much that we can learn from the diverse experiences of migration and settlement of Chinese in different parts of the world. While this is an anthropological course, our readings will be interdisciplinary. The topics that we will discuss include:

1. Introduction: Labels and the Study of Chinese Overseas
2. Migration and Diaspora
3. Localization, Ethnicity and Identity
4. Cultural Reproduction and Identity
5. Politics and Ethnic Relations
6. Economic Life
7. Religious Life
8. Social Organization, Communal Life and Transnational Networks
9. Global Capital, Family and Transnationalism
10. Migration, Remigration and Homelands

Medium of Instruction
Lecture: English
Tutorial: English

Learning Outcome
- To become familiar with Chinese migration and life in different parts of the world
- To gain appreciation for cultural diversity among Chinese in different parts of the world
- To understand the nature of transnational networks among Chinese overseas and with China
- To be aware of not essentializing identities and to respect diverse and multiple ethnic identification
- To gain a basic knowledge of ethnic Chinese studies

Course Requirements
1. Participation (20%)
2. Mid-term take-home exam (30%) (26 February)
3. Final take-home exam (30%) (23 April)
4. Final project paper of around 10 pages, double-spaced (20%) (Date due: 7 May)
ANTH 3430 Cultures of Chinese Overseas (Reading List)
- *: compulsory reading for both Undergraduate and MA students
- MA*: compulsory only for MA students

15 January Introduction: Labels and the Study of Chinese Overseas

*Wang, Gungwu


22 January Migration and Diaspora

*Tan, Chee-Beng

*Wong, Bernard P.

Cohen, Robin

Kuhn, Philip
Ch. 1, “Maritime Expansion and Chinese Migration”
Ch. 8, “The New Migration”

Wang, Gungwu
Ch.3,“Sojourning: The Chinese Experience”

Clifford, James

McKeown, Adam
29 January Localization: Ethnicity and Identity

*Ang, Ieng

*Bao, Jiemin

*Barth, Fredrik

(MA*) Skinner, G. William
“Change and Persistence in Chinese Culture Overseas: A Comparison of Thailand and Java.” *Journal of the South Seas Society* 16(1&2) [1960]: 86-100.


Jenkins, Richard

Louie, Andrea

Oxfeld, Ellen


5 February Cultural Reproduction and Identity

*Crowder, Linda Sun

*Hall, Stuart

Hill, Ann Maxwell

Inda, J. X. and Rosaldo, R.

Tan, Chee-Beng

Tong, Benson

12 February Lunar New Year Holiday

19 February Chinese Education (To be updated)

26 February Politics and Ethnic Relations

*Li, Peter and Eva Xiaoling Li

*Tong, Benson

Coppel, Charles A.

Eriksen, T.H.

Hu-DeHart, Evelyn
Ip, Manying

Tan, Chee-Beng

5 March Economic Life

*Ryan, Jan

*Wang, Gungwu

*Zhou, Min and Mingang Lin

Heidhues, Mary F. Somers

Ong, Aihwa

Pieke, Frank N., Pál Nyíri, Mette Thunø, and Antonella Ceccagno

Tan, Chee-Beng
Chinese Overseas, 2004, Ch. 7, “Culture and Economic Performance with Special Reference to the Chinese in Southeast Asia.”

12 March Religious Life

*Guest, Kenneth J.

*Tan, Chee-Beng

Suryadinata, Leo

Tan, Mely G.

Yang, C.K.

19 March Social Organization, Communal Life and Transnational Networks

*Liu, Hong*

(MA*) Li, Minghuan

*Crissman, Lawrence W., George Beattie, and James Selby*

*Freedman, Maurice*

*Kuah-Pearce, Khun Eng, and Evelyn Hu-Dehart, eds.*
*Voluntary Organizations in the Chinese Diaspora*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2006. *Ch. 4, “Chinese Voluntary Associations in Indonesia” by Mary Somers Heidhues*

26 March Global Capital, Family and Transnationalism

*Yang, Philip*
Schiller, Nina Glick, Linda Basch, and Cristina Blanc-Szanton

(MA*) Nonini, Donald, and Aihwa Ong

Li, Peter S.

Ong, Aihwa
Ch.5, “The Family Romance of Mandarin Capital”

Tan, Chee-Beng

Wong, Bernard

Yang, Mayfair Mei-hui

2 April No Class

9 April Audio-Visual: Migration and Gender

Ling, Huping

Sugiman, Momoye, ed.

16 April Migration, Remigration and Homelands

*Siu, Lok

*Wickberg, Edgar

Ip, Manying, ed.

Leung, Maggi, W. H.

Ong, Aihwa

23 April Conclusion: final take-home exam

Notes: There are two major encyclopedia works on Chinese Overseas, as follows:

(1) <華僑華人百科全書>, 周南京主編。北京：中國華僑出版社，1999, 2000, 2002 [共12卷, 已出版 10卷]


The following encyclopedia is a good source on Chinese Americans:

The following source may be useful, too.