

# Pacific and Asian Studies

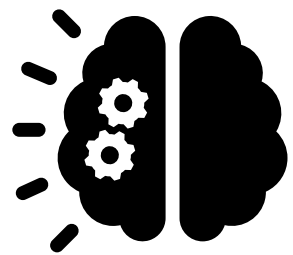
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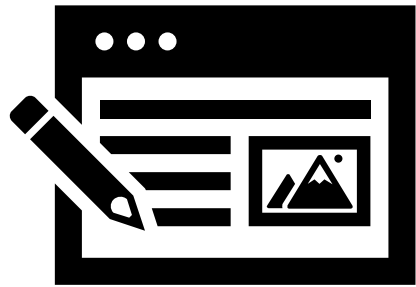
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Learning Objectives:  
To examine major wars and interstate conflicts in the 20th century Asia-Pacific, and the lingering politics of war memories and commemoration.



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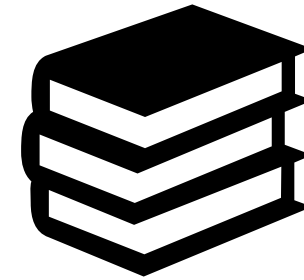
You are invited to learn and discuss major wars and interstate conflicts in the 20th century Asia-Pacific including the Russo-Japanese War (1904–1905), the Asia-Pacific War (1931–1945), the Korean War (1950–1953), and the Vietnam War (1955–1975). The course will guide you through the multifaceted aspects of these global wars to help you understand the complex interplay between war and peace, remembrance and forgetting, and the roles of nation-states and individuals in the politics of war memory.

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## Proposed Assignments:

- Regular class attendance and discussion participation (20%)
- Book review essay (15%)
- Research project (35%)
- Exams (30%)



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