

# PAAS 103/HSTR 103: GLOBAL WARS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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## Course description:

You are invited to learn and discuss major wars and interstate conflicts in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Proposed assignments:

- Regular class attendance and discussion participation (20%)
- Book review essay (15%)
- Research project (35%): outline (5%), essay (20%), and presentation (10%)
- Exams (30%): midterm & final, each exam 15%

## Proposed reading list:

- Ōe, Kenzaburō. *The Crazy Iris and Other Stories of the Atomic Aftermath*. New York: Grove Press, 1985.
- Dower, John W. *War Without Mercy: Race and Power in Pacific War*. New York: Pantheon Books, 2006.
- Gallicchio, Marc S. *The Unpredictability of the Past: Memories of the Asia-Pacific War in U.S./East Asian Relations*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007.