

# PAAS 400: Advanced Research Seminar

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## Course description:

Welcome to the Advanced Research Seminar! This course is designed to propel your research skills to new heights in the fascinating realm of Asian Studies. Join us as we explore various research methodologies and theoretical frameworks, delving into the complexities of conducting advanced research within this dynamic field. Engage in lively discussions, conduct self-guided research and write an original paper based on your findings. By the end of this seminar, you will have honed your critical thinking abilities, deepened your perspectives on Asian societies and cultures, and gained valuable research experience.

## Proposed assignments:

- Mini exercises (30%): two research exercises, each 15%
- Research project (50%): abstract & outline (10%), essay (25%), and presentation (15%)
- Peer review (10%)
- Final exam (10%)

## Proposed reading list:

- Said, Edward W. *Orientalism*. New York: Vintage Books, 2003.
- Van Maanen, John. *Tales of the Field: on Writing Ethnography*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011.
- Miyoshi, Masao., and Harry D. Harootunian. *Learning Places: The Afterlives of Area Studies*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2002.
- Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*. London: Zed Books, 2012.