

EAS 15J: Race and Nation in Modern Japan

Code: 23008

Time: MWF, 9:00-9:50 AM

Instructor: Pitt, J.

Location: IAB 129



This course is designed to help Japanese and other East Asian Studies majors develop the skills they will use in upper division courses in the department. We will examine literature and film spanning nearly 150 years of Japan's modern history. We will focus on how ideas concerning race and national identity structured Japan's experience of modernity, with special focus on the settler colonialism of Hokkaido and Japan's wartime imperial expansion. All readings will be in English. Through close engagement with these texts, we will focus on the following necessary skills for majors in the department: close reading, library and web-based research, analytical writing, and critical thinking.