

ENROLL IN FALL 2020

EAS 55: EA X-ROAD TAIWAN

Course code: 23010

Time: MWF, 1:00-1:50pm in HIB 110



COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to introduce students to the interplay of the global and the local that makes up contemporary Taiwanese culture. We will examine a tangled thicket of unique genealogies, which includes Austronesian, Chinese, Dutch, Japanese, and even American roots; consider a strangely harmonious jumble of languages and sounds including Mandarin, Hakka, Southern Min, and Native languages as well as crashing waves and rumbling mountains; and reflect on the location of Taiwan and its culture in global, national, and local contexts. In addition to Taiwan-specific concerns, topics covered include indigenization, local culture, and globalization. Course materials include short-stories, novels, academic papers/book chapters, and fiction/documentary films screened in class. All readings are in English, all films include English subtitles. The course grade is based on five short in-class quizzes, a midterm, a cumulative final, and a discussion section grade.

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