

Enroll for Winter 2019

E Asian 55
EA X-ROAD TAIWAN
(East Asian Cross Road: Taiwan)



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.

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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MWF 1:00-1:50 p.m. Classroom: HIB 110 Professor Bert Scruggs, bms@uci.edu