ASA 1 - Historical Experiences of Asian Americans

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T/R 12:10-1:30 PM
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This course provides a comparative and critical introduction to the diverse histories and experiences of Asian Americans in the United States and beyond. Students will gain a complex understanding of how differences and similarities in race/ethnicity, social-economic class, gender, sexuality, culture, geopolitics, and history intersect, and how they have influenced the life experiences, opportunities, immigration and citizenship status, and critical standpoints of such ethnic groups as the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipinos, Asian Indians and Southeast Asians (e.g. Laotian, Cambodian, Thai, Burmese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Hmong, lu-Mien) in the U.S. and transnationally. We want students to think critically about race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexuality, citizenship, and where "Asian Americans" fit and do not fit into broader constructions of U.S. history. Topics include colonial and transnational histories, immigration, constructions of critical racial/ethnic and cultural identities, community formations, labor and global economies, gender/sexuality, social movements, resistance and activism. Questions? Email Professor Ho at waho@ucdavis.edu