COURSE INTRODUCTION

Hand out course description

answer questions about course

collect student contracts
Anthropology and Japan

Video: Japan: Lost in Translation (from 60 minutes)

Definition of Anthropology: The scientific and humanistic study of, by, and for Humanity (or the people).

Humanistic and Scientific Concerns
humanistic concerns in the study of Japan: quotes from The Book of Tea, Kakuzo Okamura, Ch 1. (1906)

of the people, or of Humanity
Comparative perspective --- Time depth --- Holistic perspective --- Fieldwork perspective
Culture, a key concept of Anthropology

by the people
Ethnocentrism and Eurocentrism --- Viricentrism or androcentrism --- Elitism

for the people, or for Humanity
Must benefit people, or at least not harm them
Video: The Hidden Japan (Maryknoll)

Outcastism in Japan

burakumin -- eta -- hinin
Tokugawa period -- daimyo -- samurai
shi-no-ko-sho-eta/hinin system
one-seventh of a human being
eta-kaiho-rei the Emancipation Proclamation
discrimination in employment, education, marriage
Formation of the Suiheisha --- Buraku Kaiho Domei
dowa chiku & dowa kyoiku
Burkau Mondai Kenkyujo
Lenin and the Russian Revolution of 1917
The Rice Riots of 1918
Formation of the Japanese Communist Party
Formation of the Suiheisha --- Buraku Kaiho Domei
Buraku Mondai Kenkyujo
The Marxist Interpretation of Japanese Outcastism
Historical materialism & need for class analysis

Marxist view of social evolution:

socialism
↑
capitalism
↑
feudalism
↑
slavery
↑
primitive communism
No new lecture notes for Week 3.1, catching up on the Marxist interpretation of Japanese outcastism

Week 3.2: The Struggle at Sanrizuka (slide show)
Video: Faces of Culture Series, Culture and Personality
(section on Japan)

Approaches to Japan

early studies of Japan: Lafcadio Hearn, John Embree
E.H. Norman, Japan's Emergence as a Modern State
Ruth Benedict, The Chrysanthemum and the Sword
Chie Nakane, Japanese Society

Modernization Theory

The Japan-China Contrast
Video: Japan: The Tarnished Miracle (1998)

continue discussion from last time, but add: Abegglen, James. The Japanese Factory. Glencoe: (1968)
Video: Japan: Island Empire (first 15 min)

Discussion:

finish talking about the Japan-China Contrast

Japan: Race, Language, and Culture
Video: Japan: Island Empire (next 15 min)

Discussion: Japan: Race, Language, and Culture

Race:
  19th & 20th century views on race
  separation of “race” and culture
  the equivalence of races as a scientific principle

Language:
  early views and modern views
  linguistic relativity
  the Japanese language (video)

Culture
  popular and anthropological concepts
  different concepts within anthropology
  Tylor, Gertz, Harris, White

Natural History Approach to Japan
  Ecosystem - matter, energy, and information
  Japanese Geography & Culture
NO VIDEO: REVIEW FOR MIDTERM

Modernization and Economic Development
unilineal vs multilineal views

Culture
popular and anthropological concepts
different concepts within anthropology
Tylor, Gertz, Harris, White
the “universal pattern” and cultural relativism
labor and culture

Natural History Approach to Japan
Ecosystem - matter, energy, and information

MIDTERM ON THURSDAY
FIRST MIDTERM