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**HIU12044 Imperialism, Neo-colonialism and Decolonisation in Modern East Asian History**

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**Credits** 5 ECTS

**Semester** Hilary Term

**Assessment** A 1,000-1,500-word essay (40%), and an end-of-term in-person exam (60%).

**Description** Empires shaped the world we live in today, and the after-effects of imperialism continue to be felt around the globe, not least in relations between China and the countries that once sought to colonise it. This module introduces the major empires of East Asia, beginning with empires before western imperialism, then exploring the nineteenth-century Scramble for China between multiple European and American powers, and the popular cultural manifestations of imperialism, such as the Sinophobic character Fu Manchu. Next, we study twentieth-century Japanese imperialism, before interrogating the idea of a communist empire, and concluding with an examination of neo-colonialism. This module is essential for anyone wanting to learn about the forces of empire and its legacies.