SE ASIA UNDER JAPAN (1941–45): MOTIVES, MEMOIRS, AND MEDIA

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The brief Japanese occupation of Southeast Asia (1941-45) during WWII was a complex phenomenon involving the complicity of many Asian nationalist leaders. While it did contribute to the unraveling of European colonial rule, it was at a brutal human cost, the ethics and gore of which are still debated both in academia and in popular literature. Through academic texts, memoirs, fiction and propaganda film, this course will explore those tumultuous war years in Burma, Indochina, Malaya, Indonesia, and the Philippines, and re-appraise the legacy of the Japanese Imperial Army in Southeast Asia.