

COLT 499 Special Topics
**LITERARY THEORY &
POETIC PRACTICE
IN PREMODERN
EAST ASIA**

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TUES/THURS 10:30-11:50AM

This course invites all to explore the rich traditions of poetic expression and literary theory that evolved separately from what is commonly called "Western civilization." Our focus on Chinese- and Japanese-language discourse will enable historical insight into intellectual and aesthetic developments in East Asia as a region as well as afford us opportunities to conduct East Asia-based comparative investigations. All readings will be in English, but originals will be kept close at hand. If you would like to see the syllabus, please contact the

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