Urban Asia: Building the Modern City
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Explore the history of the urban experience in Asia from 1800 to the present. How does architecture and space shape our definition of “the modern” or “modern Asia”? What does it mean to live a modern urban life in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries? Over the course of the semester, we will consider the nature of urban life and culture; the relationship between the physical city and its inhabitants; the role of urban design and planning; and the conflicts and congruencies between the “modern global city” and so-called traditional Asian architecture. At semester’s end, students will be able to answer questions such as, “What is Modernism? What makes a city Modern? Asian? Global?”

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