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COSM24 Contemporary Japanese and Korean Societies

Literature List

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Introduction

The course COSM24 will require students to read 1,394 pages. The course seeks to offer a comprehensive reading list. Particular attention has been given to ensuring a balance of authors representing different perspectives regarding gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and disability. This approach is intended to provide students with a broader range of viewpoints and scholarship.

All literature can be accessed through Finn (Lund University's Library Search Service) unless stated otherwise.

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