

The Khmer Rouge

Text/Materials:

Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over: Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge Revolution*. New York: Public Affairs.

David Chandler. (1999). *Brother Number One: A Political Biography of Pol Pot* (Revised Edition). Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

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Loung Ung. (2000). *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*. New York: Perennial.

** Instructors may also find the following useful:

The Documentation Center of Cambodia and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. (2009). *Teacher's Guidebook, The Teaching of "A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)"*. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.

Description of Course:

This course provides an in-depth examination of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. The course explores the conditions in Cambodia that facilitated the rise of the Khmer Rouge, the fundamental ideology of the Khmer Rouge, and the economic, political, and social dynamics of Democratic Kampuchea and the atrocity crimes committed by the Khmer Rouge during the Democratic Kampuchea years. The course also examines the lasting effects of the Khmer Rouge on the Cambodian society and efforts to hold the Khmer Rouge accountable for the mass killings.

Course Objectives:

Objective 1: Students will explain the historical and social conditions that contributed to the rise of the Khmer Rouge.

Objective 2: Student will describe the ideological foundations of the Khmer Rouge.

Objective 3: Students will evaluate the social, political, and economic policies of the Khmer Rouge during the Democratic Kampuchea era.

Objective 4: Students will recognize and evaluate the atrocity crimes committed by the Khmer Rouge and the lasting effect of these crimes on the Cambodian people and society.

Objective 5: Students will evaluate the role of the Khmer Rouge in the post-Democratic Kampuchea era.

Objective 6: Students will recognize the status of the Khmer Rouge in contemporary Cambodian society.

Week 1: Introduction to Cambodia

- Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over*. Chapters 1-2. New York: Public Affairs.
- David Chandler. (2007). *A History of Cambodia*. Chapters 8-9. Boulder: Westview Press.
- Robert Dayley. (2016). *Southeast Asia in the International Era* (7th Edition). Chapter 5, “Cambodia.” Boulder: Westview Press.

Additional Resources:

- Websites:
 - Website: [Culture of Cambodia](#). Countries and Their Cultures.

Week 2: Independence

- Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over*. Chapters 3. New York: Public Affairs.
- Elizabeth Becker and Seth Mydans. (2012, October 14). Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian Leader Through Shifting Allegiances, Dies at 89. *New York Times*. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/15/world/asia/norodom-sihanouk-cambodian-leader-through-shifting-allegiances-dies-at-89.html?_r=0
- David Chandler. (2007). *A History of Cambodia*. Chapters 10-11. Boulder: Westview Press.

Week 3: The Bombing of Cambodia

- Taylor Owen and Ben Kiernan. (2006). Bombs Over Cambodia. The Walrus. Retrieved from http://gsp.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/Walrus_CambodiaBombing_OCT06.pdf
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- For a more detailed analysis of the bombing see:
 - Taylor Owen. (n.d.). Sideshow? A Spatio-Historical Analysis of the US Bombardment of Cambodia, 1965-1973. Retrieved from http://www.taylorowen.com/Articles/06_GIS_Bombing_Analysis.pdf
 - William Shawcross. (2002). *Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon, and the Destruction of Cambodia* (Revised Edition). New York: Cooper Square Press.
 - [Norwegian Peoples Aid](#)

Week 4: Rise of the Khmer Rouge and Democratic Kampuchea

- Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over*. Chapters 4. New York: Public Affairs.
- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapters 1-4. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Ben Kiernan. (2008). *The Pol Pot Regime* (3rd ed.). New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapter 1.
- Judy Ledgerwood. (n.d.). Democratic Kampuchea. Northern Illinois University. Retrieved from <http://www.seasite.niu.edu/khmer/ledgerwood/Part2.htm>
- Sydney H. Schanberg. (1975, May 8). Cambodia Reds are Uprooting Millions as They Impose a 'Peasant Revolution'. New York Times. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/07/08/business/media/document-Sydney-H-Schanberg-s-Coverage-of-Cambodia-s-Fall.html>

Week 5: Pol Pot

- David Chandler. (1999). *Brother Number One: A Political Biography of Pol Pot* (Revised Edition). Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Seth Mydans. (1998). Death of Pol Pot; Pol Pot, Brutal Dictator Who Forced Cambodians to Killing Fields, Dies at 73. *New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/1998/04/17/world/death-pol-pot-pol-pot-brutal-dictator-who-forced-cambodians-killing-fields-dies.html>

Additional Resources

- Supplemental Readings/Documents:
 - Philip Short. (2006). *Pol Pot: Anatomy of a Nightmare*. New York: Henry Holt.

Week 6: Khmer Rouge Ideology

- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapter 7. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Kate Frieson. (1988). The Political Nature of Democratic Kampuchea. *Pacific Affairs*, 61(3): 405-427.
- Karl Jackson. (1989). The Ideology of Total Revolution. In, Karl D. Jackson (Editor), *Cambodia: 1975-1978: Rendezvous with Death*, pp. 37-78. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Judy Ledgerwood. (n.d.). Democratic Kampuchea: Hierarchy/Egalitarianism and Pol Pot. Northern Illinois University. Retrieved from http://www.seasite.niu.edu/khmer/ledgerwood/Khmer_Rouge.htm

Week 7: Khmer Rouge Politics and Foreign Policy

- Ben Kiernan. (2008). *The Pol Pot Regime* (3rd ed.). New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 2-4, 8-9.
- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapters 4-5, 8. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.

Week 8: Khmer Rouge Economic Policy

- Zachary Abuza. (1993). The Khmer Rouge Quest for Economic Independence. *Asian Survey*, 33(10): 1010-1021.
- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapter 6. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Ben Kiernan. (2008). *The Pol Pot Regime* (3rd ed.). New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 5-6.

Week 9: Killing Fields

- Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over*. Chapters 6-7. New York: Public Affairs.
- Susan E. Cook. (2002). Documenting Genocide: Lessons from Cambodia for Rwanda. In, Judy Ledgerwood (Editor), *Cambodia Emerges from the Past: Eight Essays*, pp. 224-237. Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University.
- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapter 8. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Alexander Laban Hinton. (1998). Why Did You Kill?: The Cambodian Genocide and the Dark Side of Face and Honor. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 57(1): 93-122.
- Loung Ung. (2000). *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*. New York: Perennial.
- Pin Yathay. (2013). *Stay Alive, My Son*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Additional Resources:

➤ Websites:

- [Cambodian Genocide Program – Yale University](#)
- [The Documentation Center of Cambodia](#)
- [The Killing Fields Museum of Cambodia](#)
- [National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial](#)

➤ Videos/Films:

- Roland Joffé (Director). (1985). *The Killing Fields*. Enigma Productions.
- Amanda Pike (Director). (2002). [Cambodia: Pol Pot's Shadow](#). PBS Frontline World.

Week 10: S-21

- David Chandler. (1999). *Voices from S-21: Terror and History in Pol Pot's Secret Prison*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Khamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapter 9. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Rithy Panh (Director). (2003). [S-21: The Khmer Rouge Killing Machine](#). Arte France Cinéma

Additional Resources

➤ Supplemental Readings/Documents:

- Michelle Caswell. (2014). *Archiving the Unspeakable: Silence, Memory, and the Photographic Record in Cambodia*. Critical Human Rights. Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press.
- David Chandler. (2002). S21, the Wheel of History, and the Pathology of Terror in Democratic Kampuchea. In, Judy Ledgerwood (Editor), *Cambodia Emerges from the Past: Eight Essays*, pp. 16-37. Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University.
- Rachel Hughes. (2003). The Abject Artefacts of Memory: Photographs from Cambodia's Genocide. *Media, Culture & Society* 25(1): 23–44.
- Ledgerwood, Judy Ledgerwood. (1997). The Cambodian Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes: National Narrative. *Museum Anthropology* 21(1):82–98.
- Chum Mey with Documentation Center of Cambodia. (2012). *Survivor: The Triumph of an Ordinary Man in the Khmer Rouge Genocide*. Translated by Sim Sorya and Kimsroy Sokvisal. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam).
- Vann Nath. (1998). *A Cambodian Prison Portrait. One Year in the Khmer Rouge's S-21*. Bangkok, Thailand: White Lotus Co. Ltd.

- Eric Stover, Mychelle Balthazard and K. Alexa Koenig. (2011). Confronting Duch: Civil Party Participation in Case 001 at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. *International Review of the Red Cross*, 93(882): 503-546.

➤ Websites:

- [S21 Victims – Killing Fields Museum](#)

Week 11: Forced Marriages

- Lida Chan and Guillaume Suon (Directors). (2012). *Red Wedding*. Bophana Production. ([Trailer](#))
- Theresa De Langis, Judith Strasser, Thida Kim, Sopheap Taing. (2014). *Like Ghost Changes Body: A Study on the Impact of Forced Marriages Under the Khmer Rouge Regime*. Transcultural Psychosocial Organization. Available at: http://gbvkr.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Forced-Marriage-Study-Report_TPO_October-2014-2.pdf
- Laura Fearn. (2015). A Reluctant ‘Daughter of Angkar’ Testifies to Forced Marriage. *Cambodia Trial Monitor*. Retrieved from: <http://www.cambodiatribunal.org/2015/01/30/a-reluctant-daughter-of-angkar-testifies-to-forced-marriage/>

Additional Resources

➤ Websites:

- [Gender-Based Violence During the Khmer Rouge Regime](#)

Week 12: Collapse of Democratic Kampuchea

- MaCalister Brown and Joseph J. Zasloff. (1998). *Cambodia: Confounds the Peacemakers, 1979-1998*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. Chapters 1-2.
- Kamboly Dy. (2007). *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Chapter 11. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.
- Craig Etcheson. (1987). Civil War and the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea. *Third World Quarterly*, 9(1): 187-202.
- Evan Gottesman. (2003). *Cambodia: After the Khmer Rouge*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapter 3.
- Ben Kiernan. (2008). *The Pol Pot Regime* (3rd ed.). New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapter 11.
- Merle L. Pribbenow II. (2006). A Tale of Five Generals: Vietnam's Invasion of Cambodia. *The Journal of Military History*, 70(2): 459-486.

Week 13: Peace Agreement and the Khmer Rouge

- Elizabeth Becker. (1998). *When the War Was Over*. Chapter 13. New York: Public Affairs.
- Alex J. Bellamy and Paul D. Williams. (2011). *Understanding Peacekeeping* (2nd ed.). Malden, MA: Polity Press. Chapter 10, Assisting Transition. “UNTAC in Cambodia (1991-1993),” pp. 243-247.
- Estelle Bockers, Nadine Stammel and Christine Knaevelsrud. (2011). Reconciliation in Cambodia: Thirty Years After the Terror of the Khmer Rouge Regime. *Torture*, 21(2): 71-83.
- MaCalister Brown and Joseph J. Zasloff. (1998). *Cambodia: Confounds the Peacemakers, 1979-1998*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Center for Social Development. (2006). *The Khmer Rouge and National Reconciliation – Opinions from the Cambodians*. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Center for Social Development and KIOS, the Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights. Retrieved from http://www.csdcambodia.org/khmer_rouge_book/text_khmer_rouge_book_eng.pdf
- Jörn Dosch. (2012). The Role of Civil Society in Cambodia's Peace-building Process. *Asian Survey*, (52)6: 1067-1088.
- Gareth Evans. (2012). *Cambodia: The Peace Process - and After*. Presentation to the Cambodia Roundtable, Monash University. Retrieved from <http://www.gevans.org/speeches/speech498.html>
- Steve Heder. (1996). The Resumption of Armed Struggle by the Party of Democratic Kampuchea: Evidence from National Army of Democratic Kampuchea “Self-Demobilizers.”. In, Steve Heder and Judy Ledgerwood (Editors), *Propaganda, Politics and Violence in Cambodia: Democratic Transition Under United Nations Peace-Keeping*, pp. 73-113. New York: Routledge.
- Michelle Vachon. (2012). 20 Years After UNTAC. *The Cambodian Daily*. Retrieved from <https://www.cambodiadaily.com/special-reports/20-years-after-untac-6400/>

Additional Resources

- Supplemental Readings/Documents:
 - Evan Gottesman. (2003). *Cambodia: After the Khmer Rouge*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
 - Philip Shenon. (1991). Cause for Alarm?; The Peace Treaty Brings the Khmer Rouge Into Government, and That Frightens Many. *New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/1991/10/24/world/cause-for-alarm-peace-treaty-brings-khmer-rouge-into-government-that-frightens.html>
- Websites:
 - [United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia \(UNTAC\)](#)
 - [Cambodian Peace Agreements](#). United States Institute of Peace.

Week 14: Khmer Rouge Trials

- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). (n.d.). [*An Introduction to the Khmer Rouge Trials*](#) (4th ed.). Phnom Penh: Public Affairs Section, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.
- Steve Heder. (2002). Hun Sen and Genocide Trials in Cambodia: International Impacts, Impunity, and Justice. In, Judy Ledgerwood (Editor), *Cambodia Emerges from the Past: Eight Essays*, pp. 176-223. Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University.
- Sabastian Strangio. (2014). *Hun Sen's Cambodia*. Chapters 12. Thailand: Silkworm Books.
- Kheang Un and Judy Ledgerwood. (2010). [Is the Trial of 'Duch' a Catalyst for Change in Cambodia's Courts?](#) *Asia Pacific*, 95: 1-12.

Additional Resources:

➤ Websites:

- [Cambodia Tribunal Monitor](#)
- [Civil Parties Before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia](#)
- [Documentation Center of Cambodia](#)
- [Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia \(ECCC\)](#)
- [United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials](#)

➤ Videos/Films:

- Annie Goldson and Peter Gilbert (Directors). (2011). *Brother Number One*. BNO Productions.
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. (2013). [*A Brief Introduction to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia*](#). YouTube.

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- Stephen Heder with Brian D. Tittmore. (2001). *Seven Candidates for Prosecution: Accountability for the Crimes of the Khmer Rouge*. War Crimes Research Office, Washington College of Law, American University and Coalition for International Justice.
- Duncan McCargo. (2011). [Politics by Other Means? The Virtual Trials of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal](#). *International Affairs*, 8(3): 613-627.

Week 15: Present State of the Khmer Rouge

- David Eimer. (2013). Khmer Rouge Killers Live in Contented Retirement as Cambodia Struggles with the Legacy of Pol Pot. *The Telegraph*. Retrieved from: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/cambodia/10192536/Khmer-Rouge-killers-live-in-contented-retirement-as-Cambodia-struggles-with-the-legacy-of-Pol-Pot.html>
- Anya Palm. (2016). The Khmer Rouge's Last Stronghold in Cambodia. *The Diplomat*. Retrieved from <http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/pailin-the-khmer-rouges-last-stronghold/>