

SPECIAL TOPICS FOR AUGUST 2025 SEMESTER

Timetable is subject to changes. Students are required to check the timetable again one week before the commencement of lessons.

Last Update: 15 July 2025

^ Please refer to the "Aug 2025 Course Synopses" on the following page after the timetable.

Online Course Registration:  
Current Students  
07 July 2025 (9am) to 09 July 2025 (5pm)

Add/Drop Period:  
08 Aug 2025 (9am) to 22 Aug 2025 (5pm)

New Students  
08 July 2025 (9am) to 09 July 2025 (5pm)

Programme	Course Code	Course Title ^	Academic Unit	Lesson Group	Class Size	Start Date	Class Schedule	Venue	Course Coordinator & Teaching Staff	Online Course Registration Period Course is Offered To	Add/Drop Period Course is Offered To	Remarks
Special Topics	SA830	Writing and Communication Skills for PhD Students	3	Tutorial Group 1	15	14-Aug-25	Thursday, 18:30 - 21:30	NIE3-01-TR305	(Coordinator) Dr Anitha Devi Pillai, anitha.pillai@nie.edu.sg/ Assoc Prof Tang Siu Mei, Ramona, ramona.tang@nie.edu.sg	PhD students	PhD students	
Special Topics	SA830	Writing and Communication Skills for PhD Students	3	Tutorial Group 2	15	15-Aug-25	Friday, 17:30 - 20:30	NIE3-01-TR304	(Coordinator) Dr Anitha Devi Pillai, anitha.pillai@nie.edu.sg/	PhD students	PhD students	
Special Topics	SA864	War and Society	3	Tutorial Group 1	5	13-Aug-25	Wednesday, 16:00 - 19:00	NIE3-03-134	(Coordinator) Dr Suhaimi Bin Mohamed Afandi, suhaimi.afandi@nie.edu.sg/ Prof Kevin Peter Blackburn, kevin.blackburn@nie.edu.sg	HSSE students	HSSE students	
Special Topics	SA880	Topics in Social and Economic History	3	Tutorial Group 1	5	14-Aug-25	Thursday, 16:00 - 19:00	NIE3-03-134	(Coordinator) Dr Suhaimi Bin Mohamed Afandi, suhaimi.afandi@nie.edu.sg/ Prof Kevin Peter Blackburn, kevin.blackburn@nie.edu.sg	HSSE students	HSSE students	

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SA864	War and Society	This course covers how war and military events are tied up with the whole of society. The course covers the broad area of military history but focuses on the new perspectives that have been brought to military history since the Vietnam War, which has sometimes been called the new military history, or more often referred to as the study of war and society. The study of war has in the later part of the twentieth century moved beyond the learning of strategies and tactics from the history of battles and campaigns. The field now covers areas such as the history of violence, the cultural history of remembering conflict, the study of the psychological impact of trauma, war and battles relationship to sport and masculinity. Since the Vietnam War, new insights brought to military history have come from disciplines as diverse as anthropology, sociology, psychology, economics, gender studies, and cultural and social history. The course can provide insights for students working in these disciplines as well as the study of history. War is a major topic of study in a variety of disciplines and this course adds value to the study of specific case studies in these fields.	3
SA880	Topics in Social and Economic History	Social and economic history today cover a broad range of history from Peoples History or history from below to economic history, which looks at impersonal economic forces. The common themes of these two intertwined types of history are explored in this course. A variety of case studies are covered, with a focus on Asian history.	3