UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
CPO4514-0001: POLITICS OF EAST ASIA
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Comparative Politics 4514, Politics of East Asia, explores the historical background and developmental trend concerning East Asia. The course specifically analyzes the major trends in political, economic, and socio-cultural aspects in the East Asian region, and identifies the major factors that will influence the future development of the East Asian region. To achieve the goal, the course will investigate East Asian politics by analyzing, largely, four aspects: (1) democratization and its process in the region, by focusing on political structures, political parties, governments, and their performance; (2) economic development and its interacting role with domestic political arena as well as international societies, e.g., geopolitics in that region; (3) unique historical-cultural influence on developmental processes, specifically on the societies and social group formation; (4) behavior, particularly mass participation and the role of political leaders as well as military, and human right concern in that region.

REQUIREMENTS

(Tentative) Readings

Simone, Vera. *The Asian Pacific: Political and Economic Development in a Global Context.* New York: Longman, 2001.

And other readings in the library reserve (circulation desk) or ciaonet.org (access via library database website).

Examinations

Four examinations are required for this course. The midterm examinations are **20** percent each and the final examination is **25** percent of your total grade. The midterm examination will be held on September 24, October 17, and November 14 during the class. The final examination will follow the University schedule (http://www.registrar.sdes.ucf.edu/calendar/exam/). The details on the examinations will be discussed during the class. Without the instructor's prior permission to a specific student, there will be no make-up examinations.

Quiz/Assignment

Homework assignments for information gathering, data search, and/or quizzes will be given during classes. Five percent of the total grade is assigned for the assignments.

Attendance

Students in this course are required to be present in the class as well as to participate in the discussions. In each class, participants have to follow the readings to contribute group discussion as well as to submit the assignments. Attendance consists of **10** percent of your total grade. The 10 percent is divided by the number of total classes during the semester, thereby equally weighing each class. If a student has to be absent a class, it is the person's responsibility to provide an appropriate (official) document. Without official documents, the absence will be deducted from you grade.

FINAL GRADE

In sum, the grade that you will be received is determined by:

60%: midterm exams (20 % each)
25%: final exam
10%: attendance
5%: quiz/assignment

100-90 A; 89-80 B; 79-70 C; 69-60 D; lower than 60 F

POLICIES

- Follow the Golden Rule.
- Any disruptive and disrespectful behavior to me and to other participants will result in an F or administrative withdrawal. Be professional, courteous and sensitive to the rights of others.
- Raise your hand and ask to be recognized. Do not interrupt.
- Late submissions are discouraged. Assignments submitted after the due date will be penalized by a deduction of one letter grade, and the deduction is cumulated by each class day. No work will be accepted more than a week after the deadline.
- Plagiarism, the purposeful or *accidental* use of source material by other writers without giving appropriate credit, is a crime! If any indication of plagiarism is shown in a participant's assignment, the participant will receive an F for the assignment.
- No extra credit assignments will be permitted.
- Do not miss quizzes and exams. Without instructor's prior permission to a specific student and without official documents, there will be no make-up examinations.
- You will not be permitted to take the exam if you arrive more than fifteen minutes after the beginning of an exam or after the first student has finished.
- Do not miss documentaries. I do not lend documentaries to a student.
- Homework assignment or paper as a form of e-mail attachment is not accepted.
- Homework, if it is given, should be type-written and stapled.
- Do not be late for class. If you are late, it is your responsibility to inform me at the end of the class. Otherwise, it will be regarded as absence.
- If you need to leave earlier, inform me at the beginning of the class. Otherwise, it can be regarded as absence.
- Tape recording and videotaping are NOT allowed without instructor's permission in advance.
- Turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices (including headsets and i-pod). You are NOT allowed to answer your phone calls or to send text messages during the class meeting time.
- Laptop computer is NOT allowed.
- I often communicate via e-mail, e.g., changes of schedule, announcement, etc. Thus, pay attention to the e-mail messages from me. It is your responsibility to manage your e-mail account.
- An individual who is not enrolled in this course is not allowed to be in the classroom during the class time.
- The instructor reserves the right to adjust the syllabus in the course of the semester/session.

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Ferrell Commons Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor (Please notify me no later than the end of the first week of class concerning any academic accommodations you will need).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Week 1 (Aug. 20, 22). Introduction, Research Design
Reading:

- King, Gary, Robert R. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994. Ch. 1 "The *Science* in Social Science" (pp. 3-33).

Week 2 (Aug. 27, 29). Developmental Theory
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 1 " Comparing Asian Pacific Countries: Some Facts and Some Theories"
- Simone, Ch. 5 "Political Economy and Development"

Week 3 (Sep. 3, 5). Marxist/Neo-Marxist Approaches
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 2 "The Imposition of Colonialism"
- Simone, Ch. 4 "Asian Pacific Governments and Politics in Transition"

Week 4 (Sep. 10, 12). Colonial Experience
Reading:

- Simone, Ch. 2 "The Imposition of Colonialism"

Week 5 (Sep. 17, 19). Nationalism
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 3 "Nationalism and the Movement for Independence"

Week 6 (Sep. 26). Economic Development
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 5 "Political Economy and Development"

September 24: Exam 1

Week 7 (Oct. 1, 3). Political Development
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 4 "Asian Pacific Governments and Politics in Transitions"

Weeks 8 (Oct. 8, 10). Relationship with International Economy
Reading:

- Simone, Ch. 7 "The Global Context of Asian Pacific Development – The Cold War"
- Simone, Ch. 8 "Political Economy of the Asian Pacific Region"

Weeks 9-10 (Oct. 15, 22). Elections and Political Institutions
Readings:

- Marsh, Blondel, and Inoguchi, Ch. 2 "The Role of Parties and Party Systems in The Democratization Process"
  (instruction to download: http://library.ucf.edu/Databases/Subjects/polisci.php → click "CIAO" → click "books" on your left side → click "United Nations University" (6th from the bottom) → click "Democracy, Governance, and Economic Performance: East and Southeast Asia" at the bottom → select the chapter that you would like to read)

October 17: Exam II

Weeks 10-11 (Oct. 24, 29). Political Actors behind Economic Policies
Reading:

- Simone, Ch. 6 "Culture and Ideology"
- Marsh, Blondel, and Inoguchi, Ch. 4 "Parties, Bureaucracies, and the Search for an Equilibrium between Democracy and Economic Development"

Weeks 11-12 (Oct. 31, Nov. 5, 7). "Asian Value" and Human Rights: Overview
Reading:

- Villacorta, Ch. 7 "Human Rights and Culture: Implications for Human Security"
  (instruction to download: http://library.ucf.edu/Databases/Subjects/polisci.php → click "CIAO" → click "books" on your left side → click "United Nations University" (6th from the bottom) → click "Asia's Emerging Regional Order" at the top → select the chapter that you would like to read)
- Simone, Ch. 6 "Culture and Ideology"

Weeks 13-14 (Nov. 12, 19, 21). Future of East Asian Democracy
Readings:

- Simone, Ch. 9 "Summing Up and Looking Ahead"

November 14: Exam III

Week 15 (Nov. 26, Tuesday). Final Examination Review

December 5 (Thursday), 10:00am-12:50pm. Final Examination.