

Course Information	
Course Title	Asia-Pacific political Introduction Introduction to the Politics of the Asia- Pacific
Semester	106-1
Teaching object	Faculty of Social Sciences Department of Political Science
teacher	Wei Derong
Class number	PS4632
Course ID	302 53200
Shift	
credit	2.0
Full/half year	Half a year
Required/optional	Elective
class time	Wednesday 6, 7 (13:20~15:10)
class locations	Social Science 403
Remarks	This course is taught in English. The maximum number of people: 70 people . Limit of the number of people outside: 20
Ceiba Course Page	http://ceiba.ntu.edu.tw/1061PS4632
Course Introduction Video	
Core competence association	Core Competence and Course Planning Association Diagram

Course Outline

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Course overview	<p>In September 2016, Taiwan's government launched the "New Southbound Policy" initiative to enhance cooperation with eighteen countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Australasia with the aim of reducing its dependence on mainland China. In the context of the "New Southbound Policy," it is important for Taiwan to enhance its understanding of the region, particularly beyond mainland China and East Asian neighbours such as Japan and Korea. The first part of the course (covering 9 classes) will focus on the international politics of the region, exploring how the Asia-Pacific has evolved in the context of the struggle against colonialism, the Cold War, the post-Cold War period, and the rise of China. The second part of the course (covering 4 classes) will be based on student presentations on the domestic politics of the countries in the region. Topics will be agreed between the instructor and the students.</p>
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Course targets	<p>By the end of the course, students will have:</p> <p>(1) A broad understanding of the Asia-Pacific region and how it related to Taiwan;</p> <p>(2) An awareness and ability to discuss both the history and contemporary politics of the Asia-Pacific;</p> <p>(3) The ability to read academic texts in English;</p> <p>(4) Oral and written communication skills in the English language.</p>
Course requirements	<p>Students are expected to arrive for class on time and actively participate in class discussion. The use of mobile phones in class is not permitted.</p> <p>The final grade will be determined as follows:</p> <p>10% attendance and class participation</p> <p>20% class tests (up to 3 per semester, date to be notified one week in advance)</p> <p>30% group presentation</p> <p>40% final exam</p>
Office Hours	
bibliography	<p>Case, William. 2013. Politics in Southeast Asia: Democracy or Less. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Charlton, Sue Ellen M. 2009. Comparing Asian Politics: India, China, and Japan. 3rd edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press</p>
Designated reading	<p>Yahuda, Michael. 2011. The International Politics of the Asia Pacific. 3rd edition. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Reading by Week</p> <p>Week 1 (13 September): Introduction</p> <p>Week 2 (20 September): Defining the Asia Pacific Yahuda, Introduction</p> <p>Week 3 (27 September): The Cold War and Independence Struggles (1945-1954) Yuhuda, Ch. 1</p> <p>Week 4 (4 October): Mid-Autumn Festival</p> <p>Week 5 (11 October): Bipolarity (1954-1970) Yuhuda, Ch. 2</p> <p>Week 6 (18 October): Tripolarity (1971-1989) Yuhuda, Ch. 3</p> <p>Week 7 (25 October): The United States and the Asia Pacific Yuhuda, Ch. 4</p>

Week 8 (1 November): China and the Asia Pacific

Yuhuda, Ch. 6

Week 9 (8 November): From Unipolarity to Multipolarity

Yuhuda, Ch. 8

Week 10 (15 November): NTU Anniversary

Week 11 (22 November): The United States Post-Cold War

Yuhuda, Ch. 9

Week 12 (29 November): Rising China

Yuhuda, Ch. 10

Week 13 (6 December): Northeast Asia

(student presentations)

Week 14 (13 December): Southeast Asia

(student presentations)

Week 15 (20 December): Southeast Asia/Australasia

(student presentations)

Week 16 (27 December): South Asia

(student presentations)

Week 17 (3 January): Wrap up/exam revision

Week 18 (10 January): Final Exam

Evaluation
method
(for reference
only)

Course Progress

Week	date	Unit theme
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