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Course Outcome

GPAD 3040 - Democratization

Learning Outcome

Knowledge outcomes:

- (1) understand the scope and nature of the study of democratization
- (2) Students are expected to get a comprehensive grasp of the various theories that explain the transition from authoritarian rule towards democratization
- (3) Students are expected to understand the various issues involved in the process of democratization, and different factors that have impacts of democratization
- (4) Students are expected to have a basic understanding of the global trend of democratization, and experiences of different countries all over the world

Skill outcomes:

- (1) Students are expected to compare and critically evaluate different theoretical arguments concerning the study of democratization
- (2) Students are expected to use different theories of democratization to analyze and understand the experience of democratization, and other political changes, of different political systems all over the world
- (3) To develop a global and comparative perspective in analyzing politics, proceeding not only from a Hong Kong-centered perspective, but the ability to understand political events from the context of global experiences
- (4) The ability to develop theoretical thinking and abstract thinking, and clarification of concepts, through repeated discussions, readings, thinking and writing.
- (5) The ability to understand democratization, and other political phenomena, from an inter-disciplinary perspective. To understand that democratization, like many other political phenomena, can be understood and analyzed by different academic and theoretical perspectives.
- (6) Students are expected to apply and integrate the concepts and theories and knowledge of democratization, to analyze real cases of democratization in the term paper.
- (7) In the tutorials, the students are expected to critically reflect on and review key issues of debate in the study of democratization. By presentation and actively participating in discussions, the students would understand the major polemic around the theoretical issues, and learn how to apply the concepts into real cases.
- (8) Learn to cooperate, discuss, compromise and communicate with others during the course of the preparation of the presentation, and improve their presentation skills.

Values outcomes:

- (1) Understand the importance of politics, democracy and re-think the value of democracy in the modern society
- (2) The ability to think abstractly, and relate and compare abstract principles and values with real-life situations, and reflect on one's relationship with the society and polity.
- (3) Following (2), drive students to continuously reflect how they should situate themselves in the contemporary political world, especially in Hong Kong, where democratization has been a big issue, and the political institutions have been in flux for many years.

Course Syllabus

- (1) The relations between modernization and democratization
- (2) The role of structure and choice, uncertainty, negotiations and civil society in democratization
- (3) Culture and democratization
- (4) The political economy of democratization
- (5) Institutional design in new democracies
- (6) the international dimensions of democratization
- (7) democratic consolidation

Assessm	ent Type	
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1	Essays	0
2	Others	0
3	Presentation	0

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Required Readings

- 1. Course evaluation
- 2. The instructor leading all the tutorial groups and getting immediate feedback from students about their learning, and to learn first-hand the level of understanding of the students
- 3. Self-reflection
- 4. Interactions with students on the web CT and outside classrooms

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