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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

This is a course on East Asian economic and political transformation after the Second World War. Most, except Japan, were extremely impoverished and poor but in a few decades emerged as exemplars of economic development and industrialization. The course will look at the reasons behind their success. In the second half of the course, the focus is on political transition and some form of more open and democratic political processes. At the end of the course, students will have acquired the following learning outcomes:

- A basic understanding of the postwar East Asian political economy
- An understanding of the different models of economic development
- An ability to apply lessons from East Asia to other developing countries

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is structured in three parts. The first part will look at East Asian history and some of the main theories of economic development. The second part looks at the Developmental State model in a number of East Asian countries. The third part will focus on political transition in East Asia. I will cover Parts 1 and 2 as core elements of the course and Part 3 may be compressed, depending on time.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be based on a combination of written and oral items. Each student will be required to submit a 2000 word essay on political or economic transition in one or more East Asian country. There will be one final exam. The breakdown of marks is as follows:

Essay	40 per cent
Final Exam	40 per cent
Presentation	20 per cent

TOPICS AND READINGS

Part 1: INTRODUCTION

1. East Asian History
   Arthur Cotterell, *East Asia: From Chinese Dominance to the Rise of the Pacific Rim*, Pimlico, 2002.
2. Orthodox Development Theories & Developmental States
   Todaro, M. and Stephen Smith, *Economic Development*, Pearson, 2014.
   Johnson, C., *MITI and the Japanese Miracle*
   Wade, R. Industrial Policy in East Asia: Does it Lead or Follow the Market?, in Gary Gereffi (ed.), *Manufacturing Miracles: Paths of Industrialization in Latin America and East Asia*, Princeton University Press, 1990
   Dwight Perkins, *East Asian Development*, Harvard University Press, 2013, chapters 2 and 3.

Part 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

3. Japan: The Lead Goose
   Johnson, C., *MITI and the Japanese Miracle*
4. Asian Newly Industrialized Countries: Korea and Taiwan
   Tun-jen Chang, 'Political Regimes and Development Strategies: South Korea and Taiwan', in Gary Gereffi (ed.), *Manufacturing Miracles*, Princeton University Press, 1990
   Tun-jen Chang, 'Political Regimes and Development Strategies: South Korea and Taiwan', in Gary Gereffi (ed.), *Manufacturing Miracles*, Princeton University Press, 1990
5. Asian Newly Industrialized Countries: Hong Kong and Singapore
   Peng Er, L.
6. East Asian Tiger Economies: Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia
   Pierre van der Eng, 'The sources of long-term economic growth in Indonesia, 1880–2008', Explorations in Economic History, 2010, Vol. 47, No. 3, 294–309.

Peter Warr, 'Thailand's Development Strategy and Growth Performance', in Augustin K. Fosu, *Achieving Development Success: Strategies and Lessons from Developing World*, Oxford Scholarship Online, 2013

Case, William, Democracy and Change in Malaysia: When do Authoritarian Controls Backfire?" in Edmund Fung and Stephen Drakely, eds., *Democracy in Eastern Asia: Issues, Problems and Challenges in a Region of Diversity*, Routledge, 2013, pp. 161-180

7. China After Reform

   Yang Yao, 'The Disinterested Government: An Interpretation of China's Economic Success in the Reform Era', in Augustin K. Fosu, *Achieving Development Success*, Oxford Scholarship Online, 2013.

8. The Vietnamese Experience

   John Thoburn, 'Vietnam as a Role Model for Development', in Augustin K. Fosu, *Achieving Development Success*, Oxford Scholarship Online, 2013.

9. Relevance of Developmental State Model Elsewhere and its Demise

   Dore, Ronald, 'Reflections on Culture and Social Change', in Gary Gereffi (ed.), *Manufacturing Miracles: Paths of Industrialization in Latin America and East Asia*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1990.

   Maswood, S.J., 'Developmental States in Crisis', in Beeson, M., *Reconfiguring East Asia*, Curzon, 2002.

   Andrew MacIntyre, T.J. Pempel and John Ravenhill, 'East Asia in the Wake of the Financial Crisis', in MacIntyre, Pempel and Ravenhill (eds.), *Crisis as Catalyst*, Cornell University Press, 2008.

10. Globalization and Development

    Maswood, S.J.,

Part 3: POLITICAL TRANSITIONS

11. Political Transitions

    Diamond, L., 'Facing Up to the Democratic Recession', *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 26, No. 1, 2015.

    Haggard, S., 'Democratization, Crises and the Changing Social Contract in East Asia', in Andrew MacIntyre, T.J. Pempel and John Ravenhill (eds.), *Crisis as Catalyst*, Cornell University Press, 2008.

12. Change from Within: Korea and Taiwan

    Rigger, S., *Politics in Taiwan: Voting for Democracy*, Routledge, London, 1999. Chapters 1 and 5.

13. Crisis and Change: Indonesia and Thailand

    Ufen, A., 'Political Parties and Democratization in Indonesia' in Marco Bunte and Andreas Ufen (eds.), *Democratization in Post-Suharto Indonesia*, Routledge, 2009.

    Mohammad Qodari, 'Indonesia's Quest for Accountable Governance', *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 16, No. 2, 2005.

Suchit Bunbongkarn, ‘The Military and Democracy in Thailand’, in Ron May and Viberto Selochan (eds.), *The Military and Democracy in Asia and the Pacific*, ANU EPress, 2004.

14. Pseudo Democracy: Singapore and Malaysia

    Case, W., ‘New Uncertainties for an Old Pseudo-democracy: The Case of Malaysia’, *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 37, No. 1. 2004.

15. Divided System: China

    Minxin Pei, ‘Democracy in China? More Likely than you Think’, *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 27, No. 4, 2016.

    Suisheng Zhao, ‘Xi Jinping’s Maoist Revival’, *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 27, No. 3, 2016.

    Stephen Ortman and Mark R. Thompson, ‘China and the “Singapore Model”’, *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 27, No. 1, 2016.

Conclusion and Review