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International Relations of Southeast Asia Spring 2021

Wed 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Building 140, Room 104

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Course Description

This seminar provides an intensive study of international relations of Southeast Asia, including the process of regional integration under the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). It examines foreign policies of individual Southeast Asian countries with special attention to their historical evolution, domestic determinants, and contemporary issues. Regional integration both at the ASEAN and subregional level, in addition to interactions with external powers will be also studied. Every semester will focus on a different set of countries and issues. This course is also designed to equip students with abilities to work seriously with both qualitative and quantitative data while informed by historical context of the region.

Instructional Methods

Synchronous online classes on Zoom

Short pre-recorded video clips when necessary throughout the semester

Course Requirements and Evaluation

1	Class attendance and participation	10 %
2	Weekly response questions	20 %
3	Research paper and presentation	30 %
4	Final exam	40 %

1. Attendance and participation: Students are expected to do the readings before they come to class and engage discussions.

2. Weekly response questions: Students will submit questions on the weekly readings. Those questions will be discussed in class and evaluated by the instructor. Detailed instructions will be provided in class.

3. Research paper: Students will write a research paper on the topics related to the international relations of Southeast Asia. The paper should be about 10 double-spaced pages. Detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

4. Student presentations: Students will make in-class presentations about their research.

5. Final exam: Students will take a **24-hour take-home exam**. Detailed instructions will be provided in due time.

Submit all assignments online through eTL.

All assignments are due by **11:59 p.m. Monday**, with no exceptions allowed.

Course Reading

There is no single text for this course. Reading materials that may be difficult to find will be available through ETL.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be treated lightly. It will result in lowered or failing grades as well as the possibility of more serious punishments.

Use of Electronic Devices for In-person Classes

You may use laptops or tablets in class to take notes or consult readings. Any other use of electronic devices is prohibited. Violating this policy will negatively impact your participation grade.

Recording Policy

Video and/or audio recording of any course activity is prohibited as a general rule. Students with approved accommodations from the Center for Students with Disabilities permitting the recording of class meetings must present the accommodation letter to the instructor in advance of any recording being done.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (3/3): Introduction and Course Overview

No readings

Week 2 (3/10): Historical Background: Independence and Cold War

Osborne, Milton. 2013. *Southeast Asia: An Introductory History*. Crowns Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin. Chapter 14. The Challenges of Independence in Southeast Asia

Weatherbee, Donald E. 2009. *International Relations in Southeast Asia: The Struggle for Autonomy*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014. Chapter 3. The Cold War in Southeast Asia.

Sudo, Sueo. 1992. *The Fukuda Doctrine and ASEAN: New Dimensions in Japanese Foreign Policy*. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Chapter 3 Japan's Policy Toward Regional Development.

Week 3 (3/17): Indonesia's International Relations

Hatta, Mohammad. 1953. "Indonesia's Foreign Policy." *Foreign Affairs* 31(3): 441-52.

Fealy, Greg, and Hugh White. 2016. "Indonesia's 'Great Power' Aspirations: A Critical View." *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies* 3(1): 92-100.

Emmers, Ralf. 2014. "Indonesia's Role in ASEAN: A Case of Incomplete and Sectorial Leadership" *The Pacific Review* 27(4): 543-562.

***Recommended

Rizal Sukma. 1997. "Indonesia's Bebas-Aktif Foreign Policy and the 'Security Agreement' with Australia." *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 51(2): 231-241.

Week 4 (3/24): Singapore's International Relations

Lee, Kuan Yew. 2000. *From Third World to First: The Singapore Story 1965-2000*. Singapore: Singapore Press Holdings. Part II. In Search of Space: Regional and International.

Heng, Yee-Kuang. 2013. "A Global City in an Age of Global Risks: Singapore's Evolving Discourse on Vulnerability" *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 35(3):423-446.

Week 5 (3/31): Thailand's International Relations

Buszynski, Leszek. 1982 "Thailand: The Erosion of a Balanced Foreign Policy." *Asian Survey* 22(11): 1037-1055.

Pongsudhirak, Thitinan. 2016. "An Unaligned Alliance: Thailand-US Relations in the Early 21st Century." *Asian Politics & Policy* 8(1): 63-74.

Week 6 (4/7): Vietnam's International Relations

Vu, Tuong. 2016. "State Formation on China's Southern Frontier: Vietnam as a Shadow Empire and Hegemon." *HumaNetten* 37(December): 39-65.
<https://open.lnu.se/index.php/hn/article/view/388/335>

Womack, Brantly. 2006. *China and Vietnam*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters TBA.

Leng, Thearith. 2017. "Small State Diplomacy: Cambodia's Foreign Policy Towards Vietnam." *The Pacific Review* 30(3): 328-347.

* Recommended:

Liao, Jessica C. and Ngoc-Tram Dang. 2020. "The Nexus of Security and Economic Hedging: Vietnam's Strategic Response to Japan-china Infrastructure Financing Competition" *The Pacific Review*

33(3-4): 669-696.

Week 7 (4/14): China-Southeast Asia Relations I

Booth, Anne. 2020. "ASEAN-China Trade and Investment: Diversity versus Dependence" In *The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia and China in the 21st Century*, edited by Donald K. Emmerson, pp. 65-87. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center/ ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

Chheang, Vannarith. 2018. "China's Economic Statecraft in Southeast Asia." ISEAS Perspective 2018(45) 15 August.

Zhang, Ketian. 2019. "Cautious Bully: Reputation, Resolve, and Beijing's Use of Coercion in the South China Sea." *International Security* 44(1): 117-159.

Week 8(4/21): China-Southeast Asia Relations II

Haacke, Jürgen. 2019. "The Concept of Hedging and Its Application to Southeast Asia: A Critique and a Proposal for a Modified Conceptual and Methodological Framework." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 19(3): 375-417.

Chen, Ian Tsung-Yen, and Alan Hao Yang. 2013. "A Harmonized Southeast Asia? Explanatory Typologies of ASEAN Countries' Strategies to the Rise of China." *The Pacific Review* 26(3): 265-288.

Jenne, Nicole. 2017. "Managing Territorial Disputes in Southeast Asia: Is There More than the South China Sea?" *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs* 36(3): 35-61.

***Recommended

Ciorciari, John. 2020. "Distance and Dominance: China, America, and the Northern Tier" In *The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia and China in the 21st Century*, edited by Donald K. Emmerson Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center/ ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

Week 9(4/28): ASEAN: Formation and Evolutions

ASEAN Documents

Ooi, Kee Beng. Sanchita Basu Das, Terence Chong, Malcolm Cook, Cassey Lee, Michael Chai Ming Yeo 2015. *The 3rd ASEAN Reader*. ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. Chapters TBA

Lee, Ji-Young. "Contested American Hegemony and Regional Order in Postwar Asia: The Case of Southeast Asia Treaty Organization." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 19, no. 2 (2019): 237-267.

Week 10(5/5): ASEAN Institutions and Mechanism (Make-up class to be scheduled)

ASEAN Documents

Week 11(5/12): ASEAN Economic Integration

ASEAN Documents on ASEAN Economic Community

ASEAN Documents on Connectivity

Week 12(5/19): ASEAN's External Relations (Make-up class to be scheduled)

Jones, David Martin, and Nicole Jenne. 2016. "Weak States' Regionalism: ASEAN and the Limits of Security Cooperation in Pacific Asia." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 16(2): 209-240.

Jetschke, Anja. 2009. "Institutionalizing ASEAN: Celebrating Europe through Network Governance." *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 22(3): 407-426.

Mathew Davides. 2017. "Regionalism and Southeast Asia" In Ba, Alice D. and Mark Beeson (eds.) *Contemporary Southeast Asia: The Politics of Change, Contestation, and Adaptation*. Red Globe Press.

Hayer, Carlyle (2012) ASEAN's Code of Conduct in the South China Sea: A Litmus Test for Community Building. *The Asia-Pacific Journal* 10(34): 1-12. <https://apjif.org/2012/10/34/Carlyle-A.-Thayer/3813/article.html>

Goh, Evelyn. 2008. "Great Powers and Hierarchical Order in Southeast Asia: Analyzing Regional Security Strategies." *International Security* 32(3): 113-157.

*****Recommended**

Jones, David Martin, and Michael LR Smith. 2007. "Making Process, Not Progress: ASEAN and the Evolving East Asian Regional Order." *International Security* 32(1): 148-184.

Beeson, Mark. 2019. "The Great ASEAN Rorschach Test." *The Pacific Review* 33(3-4): 574-581.

Jones, David Martin, and Michael LR Smith. "Making process, not progress: ASEAN and the evolving East Asian regional order." *International Security* 32, no. 1 (2007): 148-184.

Ravenhill, John. "East Asian Regionalism: Much Ado about Nothing?." *Review of International Studies* 35, no. S1 (2009): 215-235.

Thayer, Carlyle A. "ASEAN, China and the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea." *SAIS Review of International Affairs* 33, no. 2 (2013): 75-84.

Week 13 (5/26): Student Presentations

Week 14 (6/2): Student Presentations

Week 15 (6/9): Final Exam

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