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Course Overview

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Course Details

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Summary of the Course

The course focuses on modern Southeast Asia since the end of the colonial period until the present day. Instead of the traditional interpretation, which sees a trend towards authoritarianism, we shall read history and politics in contemporary Southeast Asia as an unresolved conflict between two competing systems -- dictatorship and democracy. The authoritarian regimes of Marcos, Suharto (including the 1965 killings in Indonesia), Mahathir, Lee Kuan Yew, the Khmer Rouge, Burma/Myanmar, the monarchy and military in Thailand, and Vietnam since 1989 will provide some case studies through which to analyse Southeast Asian political dynamics, including corruption, nepotism, social movements, the impact of the Internet and Facebook trolls on elections, the rise of populist leaders, and the links between religion and politics. In addition, you will learn about contemporary issues such as migration, the rise of the middle classes, the many faces of tourism, and ethnic minorities such as the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse key events, ideas, people and trends covered by the course.
2. Make scholarly arguments using independently located and credible evidence
3. Conduct independent scholarly research
4. Answer questions posed using argument and evidence
5. Describe relevant aspects of the diversity and dynamism of the Southeast Asian region.

Teaching Strategies

This course is designed to help you develop a questioning mind when approaching the study of Southeast Asia especially as the entire perspective of the course challenges the dominant scholarship that interprets the politics of the region as authoritarian. The lectures provide background information and introduce theoretical and analytical perspectives and debates that are explored or exemplified by the specialised weekly readings. It is important that you learn the skills of critical analysis. These skills need to be developed regularly over time and tutorials are a fundamental part of this learning process. Weekly responses to the readings trains you to reflect and analyse academic scholarship on the topic and enables everybody to participate in class discussions. By the end of the term, you will not only develop critical skills but also a mature confidence in presenting your ideas in public. The Individual Exercise assignment is an opportunity for you to have your own original research project while the essay develops your research, analytical and writing skills furthering your development as a scholar of Southeast Asian studies. Engagement with the course content is further encouraged and assessed by an end-of-term test.

Assessment

The marking rubric for the Essay has been uploaded into the Moodle site.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Individual Exercise: Southeast Asian Issues	20%	02/11/2020 05:00 PM	2,3
Research Essay	40%	23/10/2020 05:00 PM	2,3,4
Responses to readings	20%	In weeks 2 (23/09/20) and 4 (7/10/20)	4
Test	20%	16/11/2020 02:00 PM	1,4,5

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Individual Exercise: Southeast Asian Issues

Start date: 21/09/2020 05:00 PM

Length: 600 word analysis and one page annotated bibliography

Details:

Students choose an issue they think is an important one in Southeast Asia and discuss (1) why it is important, (2) what is peculiarly Southeast Asian about it, and (3) how it has affected Southeast Asia. Feedback is through individual comments and in-class discussion.

Additional details:

Students should choose an issue they think is an important one in Southeast Asia and analyse (1) why it is important, (2) what is peculiarly Southeast Asian about it, and (3) how it has affected Southeast Asian society, history, politics, economy, etc (relevant to the issue). In order to illustrate your issue with an example you may do a case study of one Southeast Asian country. Students should do their own research on their case study.

Some suggestions for possible issues: corruption, nepotism, internet trolling and elections, kinship politics, Duterte's drug war, environmental problems (for example deforestation, pollution etc), gender issues, religious beliefs, cultural attitudes, language, ethnicities, international relations such as the dispute in the South China Sea/West Philippine Sea, medical tourism, slum tourism, domestic workers, migration, labour issues in export processing zones, militarism, ethnic minorities and conflict, resistance to dictatorships and authoritarian rule, the press, elections, civil wars, civil society movements and NGOs, and natural disasters (typhoons, floods, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions), etc.

Students are encouraged to be creative in identifying an important issue. This is your individual original

research project. Students should submit a 600 word analysis and a one page annotated bibliography on the due date.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 2: Research Essay

Start date: 21/09/2020 05:00 PM

Length: c3000 words

Details:

Research Essay broken down into—bibliography, abstract and final essay Students write an essay (ca. 3000 words) in response to one of the questions using scholarship in Southeast Asian studies. Feedback is through individual comments and rubric. This is the final assessment for attendance purposes.

Additional details:

Please log into the Moodle Site for the course and access the file entitled "Essay Topics and Bibliographies".

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 3: Responses to readings

Start date: From 14/09/20

Length: 500-600 words

Details:

Students submit a response (ca. 500-600 words) to set questions on weekly readings before two tutorials. Feedback is by individual comments and in-class discussion.

Additional details:

See the file "Tutorial Readings and Questions for Discussion" in the Moodle site to find the relevant questions for the journals due at tutorials in weeks 2 and 4. Readings are all digitised and accessible to students via the green Leganto library link in the Moodle site for this course.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 4: Test

Start date: 16/11/2020 12:00 PM

Details:

Students complete a test (ca. 2 hours) answering questions based on the lectures.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students do not see Turnitin similarity reports.

Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

Course Schedule

[View class timetable](#)

Timetable

Date	Type	Content
Week 1: 14 September - 18 September	Lecture	Part 1: The Killings in Indonesia and Suharto's New Order Part 2: The Philippines from Marcos to Duterte
	Tutorial	Introduction and Trivial Pursuit "Name that Dictator"
	Online Activity	Please watch the Documentary on The Indonesian Killings entitled: The Shadow Play
Week 2: 21 September - 25 September	Lecture	Migration
	Tutorial	The 1965-68 Killings in Indonesia
	Online Activity	Feature Film: Remittance (on Migration)
Week 3: 28 September - 2 October	Lecture	Singapore
	Tutorial	Migration
	Online Activity	Feature Film: Remittance Continued
Week 4: 5 October - 9 October	Lecture	Holiday: No Lecture
	Tutorial	Singapore
	Online Activity	Feature Film: Vietnam: When the Tenth Month Comes
Week 5: 12 October - 16 October	Lecture	Vietnam
	Tutorial	The Internet and Politics
	Online Activity	Feature Film: Vietnam: When the Tenth Month Comes continued
Week 6: 19 October - 23 October	Lecture	Reading Week: No Lectures
	Tutorial	Reading Week: No Tutorials
	Online Activity	Reading Week: No On-line activity
Week 7: 26 October - 30 October	Lecture	Part 1: Malaysia Part 2: The Rise of the Middle Classes
	Tutorial	Vietnam and Malaysia: Discussion of Film on Vietnam and Documentary on Malaysia
	Online Activity	Malaysia: Documentary on Race Relations in Malaysia: The Big Durian
Week 8: 2 November - 6 November	Lecture	Part 1: The Khmer Rouge Part 2: Burma/Myanmar and the Rohingya Crisis
	Tutorial	Individual Exercise Discussions
	Online Activity	Documentary on the Rohingyas

Week 9: 9 November - 13 November	Lecture	Class Test
	Tutorial	Individual Exercise Discussions continued
		Documentary on the Thai King
Week 10: 16 November - 20 November	Lecture	Test
	Tutorial	Individual Exercise Discussions continued
	Online Activity	Discussion Board activities as well as Viewing and commenting on each other's Individual Exercise exhibits in the Padlet.

Resources

Prescribed Resources

There are no textbooks required for this course.

Please log into the Moodle Site for the Course. All readings for the tutorials have been digitised for students and are accessible via the green Leganto link to the library-entitled-- Required readings for tutorials. Please log into the Moodle site for the file on Tutorial Readings and Questions for Discussion.

Recommended Resources

Please log into the Moodle Site for the course and click on the file "Essay Questions and Bibliographies" which has the list of essay questions and recommended readings for each topic.

Course Evaluation and Development

Student evaluation is gathered through MyExperience close to the end of the term. The feedback last year was very positive and the only major concern was the number of assessments. In response to this I have reduced the number of assessments for this course. I reduced the number of responses to readings from 4 to 2 and cut down the number of readings to adjust to the 10 week term.

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>). Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library also has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise>

Academic Information

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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