



MODULE DESCRIPTION

Module title	Code
Asian Politics and Political Theories – An Introduction Įvadas į Azijos politiką ir politines teorijas	

Teacher	Unit
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Cycle of studies	Level of module	Type of module
1st cycle	1/1	Compulsory

Mode of implementation	Period of instruction	Language of instruction
Auditorium	Autumn semester	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: English language proficiency (level B2 required).	Additional requirements (if any): none

Module volume in credits	Total student workload	Contact hours	Independent study hours
5	133	32	101

Aim of module: competences developed by the study programme		
Introduction to the most important political features of the contemporary states and relations among them across Northeast, South and Southeast parts of Asia with a special emphasis on indigenous intellectual sources of their political systems, ideologies and national and state identities.		
Learning outcomes of the module	Study methods	Assessment methods
To demonstrate knowledge about the principal political features of the contemporary states in the Southern and Eastern parts of Asia: peculiarities of their governing ideologies, institutional arrangements and practices, relations among themselves and with the main outside power centres of the present-day world.	Lecturing and demonstration (multimedia), active study methods (group discussions, simulations), research methods (search for information, preparation of presentations).	Exam (in-class, closed-book, open-question)
To be capable to delineate the most important traits of ancient and modern political philosophy across the region.		
To understand the prime political differences within the states belonging to Northeast, South and Southeast Asian regions and among those regions themselves.		
To employ knowledge for explanation of the most pressing contemporary political problems and crises across the Southern and Eastern parts of Asia.	Research methods (search for information, literature analysis, preparation of essay and presentation).	Essay
To be able to compare among themselves the principal types of Asian political regimes and governing ideologies, identify their peculiarities towards the Western political thought and institutions.		
To be capable to critically assess the prominent		

debates about the “Clash of Civilizations”, “Asian values” or “China threat”.		
To be able to gather and systematically prepare information through individual and collective efforts: find, evaluate and present data about the selected political phenomenon related to the course.	Research methods (search for information, literature analysis, preparation of essay and presentation).	Group presentation

Topics	Contact hours							Independent study time and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Practice	Total contact hours	Independent work	Assignments
1. Introduction: ideational sources of “Asia”			2				2	1	
2. China’s pre-imperial political philosophy			2				2	5	Liu 2004, pp. 1–12; 15–25; 47–64.
3. China’s imperial political practice			2				2	5	Hayes 2012, pp. 3–15; Fairbank 1968, pp. 1–33.
4. China’s century of “national humiliation”			2				2	5	Joseph 2014, pp. 41–69; Hayes 2012, pp. 16–42.
5. China’s “socialism with local characteristics”			2				2	5	Joseph 2014, p. 149–188.
6. Japan’s politics until the mid-20 th century			2				2	5	Hayes 2012, pp. 143–171; Gordon 2003, pp. 1–7.
7. Japan’s politics since the mid-20 th century			2				2	5	Hayes 2012, pp. 172–208.
8. Korea: a “hermit kingdom” or a “model state”?			2				2	5	Hayes 2012, pp. 83–139.
9. Nomadic politics in Asian history			2				2	5	Di Cosmo 2004, pp. 13–43.
10. India’s classical political philosophy			2				2	5	Shogimen, Nederman 2009, pp. 187–232.
11. India’s modern political theory and practice			2				2	5	Malone 2011, pp. 19–74.
12. Buddhism and Politics in Asia			2				2	5	Harris 2007, pp. 1–10; Harris 2010, pp. 173–228.
13. Political Islam in South and Southeast Asia			2				2	5	Black 2011, pp. 304–345.
14. Decolonization in Southeast Asia			2				2	5	Christie 2000, p. 1–23; Beeson 2009, pp. 1–28.
15. Asian developmentalism and integration			2				2	5	Shambaugh, Yahuda

									2014, pp. 343–361; 393–410.
Preparation of presentations and essays, preparation for exam								30	
Total		2	30					32	101

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Assessment time	Assessment criteria
Presentation	20	During semester	1. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - answer to the question; - consistency of the argument / structure of presentation; - quality of literature / sources/ data; - depth of analysis. 2. Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clear and comprehensible production of information; - tempo of presentation; - length of presentation; - ability to use notes; - visual data.
Essay	30	During semester	Short essay (approx. 5 full doc. pages, 12 Times New Roman, 1,5 space) on the topic/research question related to the course and previously agreed upon with the lecturer. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - answer to the research question; - consistency of the argument / structure of assignment; - quality of literature / sources/ data - depth of analysis; - style of writing. 2. Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - answer to the research question; - consistency of the argument; - demonstration of literature knowledge / quality of data; - depth of analysis; - style of writing.
Exam	50	During examination period	In-class, closed book, multiple-choice, open-question exam on the topics analyzed during the course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 (maximum) – demonstration of deep and complex knowledge about the selected questions; 4 – demonstration of relevant and accurate knowledge about the selected questions; 3 – demonstration of somewhat flawed and inadequate knowledge about the selected questions; 2 – mostly incorrect or superficial answers to the questions; 1 (minimum) – incorrect and irrelevant answers.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or a web link
Compulsory reading list				
Beeson, Mark (ed.)	2009	<i>Contemporary Southeast Asia</i>	2nd edition	Basingstoke, New York: Palgrave Macmillan
Black, Antony	2011	<i>The History of Islamic Political Thought</i>	2nd edition	Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press
Christie, Clive J.	2000	<i>A Modern History of</i>		London, New York: I.B. Tauris

		<i>Southeast Asia: Decolonization, Nationalism and Separatism</i>		Publishers
Di Cosmo, Nicola	2004	<i>Ancient China and Its Enemies: The Rise of Nomadic Power in East Asian History</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
Fairbank, John K. (ed.)	1968	<i>The Chinese World Order: Traditional Chinese Foreign Relations</i>		Cambridge: Harvard University Press
Gordon, Andrew	2003	<i>A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present</i>		New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press
Harris, Ian (ed.)	1999	<i>Buddhism and Politics in Twentieth-Century Asia</i>		London, New York: Continuum
Harris, Ian (ed.)	2007	<i>Buddhism, Power and Political Order</i>		London, New York: Routledge
Hayes, Louis D.	2012	<i>Political Systems of East Asia: China, Korea, and Japan</i>		Armonk, London: M.E.Sharpe
Joseph, William A. (ed.)	2014	<i>Politics in China: An Introduction</i>	2nd edition	New York: Oxford University Press
Liu, JeeLoo	2004	<i>An Introduction to Chinese Philosophy: From Ancient Philosophy to Chinese Buddhism</i>		Malden, Oxford & Carlton: Oxford University Press
Malone, David M.	2012	<i>Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy</i>		Oxford: Oxford University Press
Shambaugh, David, Michael Yahuda	2014	<i>International Relations of Asia</i>	2nd edition	Lanham, Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield
Takashi Shogimen, Cary J. Nederman (eds)	2009	<i>Western Political Thought in Dialogue with Asia</i>		Lanham, Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Pub-s
Additional reading list				
Acharya, Amitav and Barry Buzan	2010	<i>Non-Western International Relations Theory: Perspectives on and beyond Asia</i>		Oxon, New York: Routledge
Calvocoressi, Peter	2009	<i>World Politics since 1945</i>	9th edition	Harlow: Pearson.
Chakrabarty, Bidyut and Rajendra Kumar Pandey	2009	<i>Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Content</i>		Thousand Oaks, London: SAGE Publications
Cohen, Martin	2001	<i>Political Philosophy: From Plato to Mao</i>		London & Sterling: Pluto Press
Creel, Herlee G.	1953	<i>Chinese Thought from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung</i>		Chicago, London: Chicago University Press
Dryzek, John S., Bonnie Honig, Anne Phillips (eds)	2006	<i>Oxford Handbook of Political Theory</i>		Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press
Kalia, Ravi (ed.)	2011	<i>Pakistan: From the Rhetoric of Democracy to the Rise of Militancy</i>		London, New York, New Delhi: Routledge
Meyer, Milton W.	2009	<i>Japan: A Concise History</i>	4th edition	Lanham, Plymouth: Rowman

				& Littlefield
Yan Xuetong	2011	<i>Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power</i>		Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press