PS 460/560: Political Economy of Asia

Term
Classroom: TBA
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Course description: This course addresses two main issues: (1) the relationship between states and markets in Asia, and (2) the transformation of social classes during economic transformation. Geographically, about half the course will be devoted to Southeast Asia and half to Northeast Asia.

Prerequisites: Students are required to have taken PS 204: Introduction to Comparative Politics and either PS 399: Southeast Asian Politics, or PS 342: Politics of China. Prerequisites cannot be taken concurrently.

Evaluation: The class will be organized as a seminar. Students are expected to attend all sessions, read the course materials carefully before class, and participate actively in class discussion. Grades will be based on class participation (20%); five short reflection papers (20%); a 5-page (double-spaced) written assignment at week 3 (20%) and a 12-page (double-spaced) take-home final exam (40%). Students are expected to make two presentations based on their précis. Guidelines for writing précis are described on a separate sheet.

Additional requirements for graduate students: you are expected to read not only required but also recommended materials, discuss them during class, write three additional reflection papers, and write a 15-page research paper instead of the final exam. Research papers can be of any topics of interest to students but must be related to the main themes of the course, with prior approval by instructor.

Readings: Except the required books below, other required or recommended readings are available from Blackboard if you are enrolled in the course.

- Hagen Koo, *Korean Workers: The Culture and Politics of Class Formation* (Cornell, 2001)
- Bruce Dickson, *Red Capitalists in China* (Cambridge, 2003)

Course schedule:

**WEEK 1**

Theoretical approaches: Initial conditions, policy and culture

- Ha-joon Chang, pp. 13-62, 143-177

RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:
• Alexander Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective* (1968), pp. 5-30
• Peter Evans, “Imperialism, Dependency and Dependent Development,” in *Dependent Development* (1979), 14-54

**WEEK 2**

**Theoretical approaches: Rational choice institutionalism**

• Stephan Haggard, "Institutions and Growth in East Asia". *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 38: 4 (2004), 53-81

**RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:**

• Peter Evans, *Embedded Autonomy*, pp. 3-42

**Theoretical approaches: Policy, Culture and Institutions**


**RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:**

• Peter Evans, *Embedded Autonomy*, pp. 43-73

**WEEK 3**

**Japan**

• Chalmers Johnson, *MITI and the Japanese Miracle* (Stanford University Press, 1982), pp. 3-82.

**RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:**


**WEEK 4**

**South Korea 1**

• Ha-joon Chang, pp. 63-107 (chapter on the Political Economy of Industrial Policy in Korea)

**RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:**

• Stephan Haggard, *Pathways from Periphery* (1990), 1-5, 23-27, 51-75

**South Korea 2**

• Stephan Haggard, "Institutions and Growth in East Asia". *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 38: 4 (2004), 53-81

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WEEK 5
South Korea 3
• Tuong Vu, Paths to Development in Asia (2010), pp. 27-49.

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:
• Tuong Vu, Paths to Development in Asia (2010), pp. 1-19

Southeast Asian developmental states
• Tuong Vu, Paths to Development in Asia (2010), pp. 50-68.
• Bruno Trezzini, "Embedded state autonomy and legitimacy: piecing together the Malaysian development puzzle". Economy and Society. 30: 3 (2001), pp. 324-353.

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:

WEEK 6
Socialist states: China
• Kunio Yoshihara, Asia per capita: Why National Incomes Differ in East Asia (Curzon Press, 2000), pp. 49-71
• Dali Yang, Calamity and Reform in China (Stanford, 1996), pp. 21-67

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:

Socialist states: Vietnam and North Korea
• Vo Nhan Tri. 1990. Vietnam's economic policy since 1975. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 1-57; 241-253

RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:

WEEK 7
State and Capital 1

RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:

State and Capital 2
• Bruce Dickson, \textit{Red Capitalists in China} (2003), pp. 89-141

RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:

WEEK 8
The Middle Class
• Kelley Tsai, "Capitalists Without a Class," \textit{Comparative Political Studies} 38: 9 (2005): 1130-1158.

RECOMMENDED; Required for Graduate Students:

State and Labor 1
• Hagen Koo, \textit{Korean Workers}, 23-99
WEEK 9
State and Labor 2
• Teri Caraway, Assembling Women, pp. 36-131

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:
• Teri Caraway, Assembling Women, pp. 1-35
• Hagen Koo, Korean Workers, pp. 1-22, 188-217

Students are asked to read the following at home to prepare for the final exam:
• Ha-Joon Chang, 179-260
• Norman Flynt, Miracle to Meltdown in Asia (Oxford University Press, 1999), pp. 1-69.

WEEK 10
State and the Peasantry 1
• James Scott, The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia (1976), 1-55
• Gillian Hart, Power, Labor and Livelihood: Processes of Change in Rural Java (1986), 19-49

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:

State and the Peasantry 2
• Tuong Vu, “Indonesia’s Agrarian Movement: Anti-Capitalism at a Crossroads,” in Dominique Caouette and Sarah Turner, eds., Agrarian Angst and Rural Resistance in Southeast Asia (Routledge, 2009), pp. 180-205.

RECOMMENDED: Required for Graduate Students:

Final exam TBA