
**School of Arts & Science
DEPT**

**ASIA 111: Contemporary Asia Pacific
Winter 2005**

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

- (a) Instructor: Helen Lansdowne
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will identify:

- 1. the physical landscape, cultural heritage and identities of the different areas of modern Asia-Pacific;
- 2. the roles of history, literature, art, religion and philosophy of different areas of modern Asia-Pacific.
- 3. the political and social structures, ideologies, and changes in modern Asia-Pacific.
- 4. the divergent economic systems, policies and development patterns in modern Asia-Pacific.

3. Required Materials

Vera Simone. The Asian Pacific: Political and Economic Development in a Global Context. Second Edition. New York: Longmans, 2001.

There will be seven additional articles assigned for this course.
All additional required readings will be available on **Reserve** in the library.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Week One: January 10th and 12th
INTRODUCTION: The Asia-Pacific Region

Week Two: January 17th and 19th
THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT

Simone, Chapter 1.

Week Three: January 24th and 26th

January 24th: DECOLONIZATION: Nationalism, Independence and Socialist States

Simone, Chapter 3,
Simone, Chapter 4, pp. 111-140

January 26th: AUTHORITARIAN PLURALISM: Singapore, Japan and Korea

Simone, Chapter 4, pp. 160-172.

Week Four: January 31st and February 2nd

January 31st: NATION-STATE BUILDING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Simone, Chapter 4, pp. 140-160, pp. 172-186

February 2nd: MAP QUIZ

Week Five: February 7th and 9th

COMMUNISM IN ASIA: China and Southeast Asia

Reading #3

Lucian Bianco *Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-1949*. Chapter 4, “Social Causes of the Chinese Revolution” (On Reserve)

Week Six: February 14th and 16th

ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY OCEANIA

Reading #1

Hau’ofa, Epeli (1993) ‘Our Sea of Islands’ in
Waddell, Eric, Naidu, Vijay and Hau’ofa, Epeli (eds)
A New Oceania: Rediscovering Our Sea of Islands.
School of Social and Economic Development,
University of the South Pacific: Suva.

Reading #2

The following selections from the New Internationalist
Issue No 291/June 1997 “South Pacific: The Last Resort”

[www.newint.org/issue291/contents.html]

1. Emberson Bain, ‘Atu “Fishy Business”

[www.newint.org/issue291/fishy.htm]

2. Johnson, Giff, “Back to Bikini”

[www.newint.org/issue291/bikini.html]

3. “Decolonizing the Mind”

[www.newint.org/issue291/interview.html]
Video

Week Seven: February 21st and 23rd

February 21st: PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Simone, Chapter 5.

February 23rd: SPRING FESTIVAL

Week Eight: February 28th and March 2nd

COLD WAR AND POST-COLD WAR IN THE PACIFIC REGION

Simone, Chapter 7

Week Nine: March 7th and 9th

March 7TH

MIDTERM

March 9th: POST-WAR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Japan and China

Simone, Chapter 8

Week Ten: March 14th and 16th

March 14th: POST-WAR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Continued

March 16th: 1990s:ECONOMIC CRISIS

Simone, Chapter 9

Week Eleven: March 21st and 23rd

March 21st: DEMOCRATIZATION IN ASIA

Reading #4

Phillip Hookon Park. "The Cause of the Acute Food Crisis in the Democratic Republic of Korea." Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars, Volume 30, No. 4 (October-December 1998) pp. 24-34.

March 23rd: DEMOCRATIZATION: CULTURE AND VALUES (Film)

Simone, Chapter 6

Week Twelve: March 28th and 30th

March 28th: NO CLASS – EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY

March 30th: FAMILY VALUES: THE ONE CHILD POLICY

Reading #5

Tyrene White, "The Origins of China's Birth Planning Policy", *Engendering China Women, Culture and the State*

Christina Gilmartin et al (eds.) Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1994.

Week Thirteen: April 4th and 6th

April 4th: HIV/AIDS IN ASIA

Reading #7

Chris Breyer War In the Blood: Sex, Politics and Aids in Southeast Asia, Chapter 1 and 2.

April 6th: WOMEN IN ASIA-PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT

Reading #8

Jonathan Rigg *Southeast Asia the human landscape of modernization and development*. Chapter 6, "The Factory World", pp. 216-238. "Women and Work"

Reading #9

Jeremy Seabrook, *Travels in the Skin Trade*. 1996 London: Pluto Press, Chapters 1, 2, and 6.

April 6th: PAPER DUE

Week Fourteen: April 11th and 13th

April 11th: ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Reading #7

Report to the Environmental Conference on Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam
"Long-Term Consequences of the Vietnam War"

April 13th: IN CLASS FINAL EXAM

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

- (a) Term Paper - 35%
- (b) Map Quiz – 10%
- (c) Mid-Term Exam – 25%
- (d) Final Exam – 20%
- (e) Attendance – 10%

6. Grading System

(If any changes are made to this part, then the Approved Course description must also be changed and sent through the approval process.)

(Insert appropriate approved grading system – see last page of this template.)

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%	B = 75 - 79%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 90 - 94%	B- = 70 - 74%	F = 0.0 - 49%
A- = 85 - 89%	C+ = 65 - 69%	
B+ = 80 - 84%	C = 60 - 64%	

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html