

## School of Arts & Science Social Sciences DEPT

# ASIA 111: Contemporary Asia Pacific Fall 2008

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

#### 1. Instructor Information

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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.
- the divergent economic systems, policies and development patterns in modern Asia-Pacific.

#### 3. Required Materials

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

There will be 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: September 3rd

INTRODUCTION: THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Week Two:

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

PHYSICAL LANDSCAPE OF ASIA

Reading: Rhoads Murphey, A History of Asia, Introduction (On Reserve)

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Week Three:

September 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT Reading: Simone, Chapter 1.

Week Four:

September 22<sup>nd</sup>: DECOLONIZATION: Nationalism, Independence and Socialist States

Reading: Simone, Chapter 3,

September 24th: AUTHORITARIAN PLURALISM: Singapore, Japan and Korea

Reading: Simone, Chapter 4

Week Five:

September 29th: NATION-STATE BUILDING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Reading: Simone, Chapter 4 continued

October 1st: MAP QUIZ AND NATION-STATE BUILDING continued

Week Six:

October 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**COMMUNISM IN ASIA: China and Southeast Asia** 

Readings: Keith Schoppa Revolution and Its Past, Chapter 12, (On Reserve) and Francois Godement, *The New Asian Renaissance*. Chapter 4. (On Reserve) (under Asia 110 reserve readings)

Week Seven:

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday

October 15<sup>th</sup>: ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY OCEANIA

Readings: 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. (On Reserve)

Week Eight:

October 20<sup>th</sup>: PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA Reading: Simone, Chapter 5.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: MIDTERM

Week Nine:

October 27th and 29th

**COLD WAR AND POST-COLD WAR IN THE PACIFIC REGION** 

Reading: Simone, Chapter 7

Reading: Thomas Bass, "The Spy Who Loved Us", The New Yorker, May 23, 2005.(Online)

Week Ten:

November 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>: POST-WAR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Japan and China

Reading: Simone, Chapter 8

Week Eleven:

November 10<sup>th</sup>: 1990s:ECONOMIC CRISIS

Reading: Simone, Chapter 9

November 12th: DEMOCRATIZATION IN ASIA

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

Week Twelve:

November 17<sup>th</sup>: DEMOCRATIZATION: CULTURE AND VALUES

Reading: Simone, Chapter 6

November 19th: FAMILY VALUES: THE ONE CHILD POLICY

Reading:

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:

November 24th: WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT - HIV/AIDS IN ASIA

Readings:

Chris Breyer War In the Blood: Sex, Politics and Aids in Southeast Asia, Chapter 1 Reading #9

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

November 26<sup>th</sup>: ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES (Film)

PAPER DUE

Week Fourteen

**December 1st: URBANIZATION** 

Reading:

Jon Goss, "Urbanization" from Leinbach, Thomas and Richard Ulack, Southeast Asia Diversity and Development.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: IN CLASS FINAL EXAM

### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

- (a) Term Paper 35%
- (b) Map Quiz 15%
- (c) Mid-Term Exam 25%
- (d) Final Exam 20%
- (e) Attendance 5%

# 6. Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	Α		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

# 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 <a href="http://www.camosun.bc.ca">http://www.camosun.bc.ca</a>

#### **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