School of Arts & Science



ASIA 111 Contemporary Asia Winter 2012

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will identify:

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

Barbara Demick <u>Nothing to Envy Ordinary Lives in North Korea</u>. New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2009.

Asian Survey, Volume 50, Number 1, January/February 2010 (On-Line through Camosun Library) – selected readings

Supplementary Readings are listed in the course outline and may be downloaded from the internet or obtained from the Reserve Readings of the Camosun Library

4. Course Content and Schedule

January 9^h, 2012 INTRODUCTION: The Asia-Pacific Region

January 11th, 2012 GEOGRAPHY OF ASIA

Carolyn Brown Heinz, "Asia as Cultured Space" from *Asian Cultural Traditions*, Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press Inc., 1999 (On Reserve).

January 16th, 2012 MAP QUIZ

THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT

Simone, Chapter 1.

January 18th, 2012

THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT continued

Simone, Chapter 1.

January 23rd, 2012

DECOLONIZATION AND NATION BUILDING

Simone, Chapter 3,

January 25th, 2012

DECOLONIZATION AND NATION BUILDING

Simone, Chapter 4,

January 30th, 2012

COMMUNISM IN ASIA: Chinese Revolution

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

February 1st, 2012

HOT AND COLD WARS IN THE PACIFIC REGION

Simone, Chapter 7

February 6th, 2012

COLD WAR IN THE PACIFIC REGION continued

Thomas Bass, "The Spy Who Loved Us", *The New Yorker*, May 23, 2005. (On-Line through Camosun Library)

February 8th, 2012

CAMBODIA AND THE KHMER ROUGE

Reading TBA

February 13th, 2012

MID TERM EXAM

February 15th, 2012

PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Simone, Chapter 5.

February 20th, 2012

POST-WAR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Simone, Chapters 8

February 22nd, 2012

POST-WAR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Simone, Chapters 9

February 27th, 2012

CHINA: DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUES AND OTHER PROBLEMS

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. (On Reserve)

February 29th, 2012

NORTH KOREA: THE HERMIT KINGDOM - Discussion Class

BOOK REPORTS DUE

March 5th, 2012

WOMEN IN DEVELOPING ASIA

Rigg, Jonathan, "Factory Work" *Southeast Asia in the human landscape of modernization and development.* London: Routledge, 1997, pp. 216-238 On reserve.

March 7th, 2012

SEX TRADE, HIV-AIDS IN ASIA AND OTHER ISSUES OF TRANSMIGRATION

Chris Breyer War In the Blood: Sex, Politics and Aids in Southeast Asia, Chapter 1 (On Reserve)

Állison Murray, *Pink Fits: Sex, Subcultures and Discourses in the Asia-Pacific.* "Dying for a Fuck" (On Reserve)

March 12th, 2012

ETHNIC MINORITIES AND UPLAND DEVELOPMENT

Pascal Khoo Thwe, from the land of green ghosts A Burmese Odyssey. Pages 7 – 33, (On Reserve)

Fink, Christina, *Living Silence: Burma under military rule*. Bangkok: White Lotus, 2001, Introduction and Chapter One "Historical Legacies" pp. 1-30. On reserve

March 14th, 2012

PANEL PRESENTATIONS: EAST ASIA

Asian Survey, Volume 50, Issue 6 (2010) On line through Camosun Library

March 19th, 2012

PANEL PRESENTATIONS: EAST ASIA

Asian Survey, Volume 50, Issue 6 (2010) On line through Camosun Library

March 21st, 2012

PANEL PRESENTATIONS: SOUTHEAST ASIA

Asian Survey, Volume 50, Issue 6 (2010) On line through Camosun Library

March 26th, 2012

PANEL PRESENTATIONS: SOUTHEAST ASIA

Asian Survey, Volume 50, Issue 6 (2010) On line through Camosun Library

March 28th, 2012 ETHNIC MINORITIES

Reading TBA.

April 2nd, 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENT

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

April 4th. 2012

URBANIZATION and ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Jon Goss, "Urbanization" from Leinbach, Thomas and Richard Ulack, *Southeast Asia Diversity and Development*. (On Reserve)

TERM PAPERS DUE

April 11th, 2012 FINAL EXAM

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Test One (January 16 th)	(10%)
(b) Mid-Term (Feb. 13 th)	(15%)
(c) Final Exam (April 11 th)	(15%)
(d) Panel Discussion	(15%)
(e) Research Paper (April 4 th)	(25%)
(f) Book Report (Feb. 29 th)	(20%)

Test One: The first test will be held at February1st and will consist of map work. This test will form 10% of your total grade.

Mid-Term: The mid-term will be held February 29th and will consist of short answer questions and one essay question. The test will focus on material covered since the beginning of term, excluding the physical geography. This assignment will be worth 20% of your total grade.

Final Exam: During the last class a final exam will be set. This will make up 15% of the course grade and will consist of short answer questions and one essay style question.

Panel Discussion: In the second half of the term, students will be put into groups and assigned a country and reading to be discussed in class. Each panel will be expected to give an analysis of the information presented in the reading and offering an update of the most recent developments. The panel's presentation will be submitted to the instructor on the day of presenting. The presentation/discussion/written narrative will constitute 15% of your grade.

Research Paper: Each student is expected to research and write a 6-8 page term paper. Students will be encouraged to build upon their research undertaken for their panel presentations, developing a larger piece of written research. A comprehensive outline for the research paper will be discussed in class (see course schedule). It forms 25% of your total grade.

Book Report: Each student is expected to read Barbara Demick's work Nothing To Envy Ordinary Lives in North Korea and produce a 2-3 page book report. The book report will be an analysis of the book and will be used in class for discussion purposes. The report is due February 29th and constitutes 20% of your grade.

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

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	1

		credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	
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 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