



ASIA 111 Contemporary Asia Fall 2012

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

3. Required Materials.

Aat Vervoorn <u>Re Orient Change in Asian Societies</u> Oxford: Oxford University Press, 3rd Edition, 2006.

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

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

September 5th, 2012 INTRODUCTION: The Asia-Pacific Region

September 10th, 2012
GEOGRAPHY OF ASIACarolyn Brown Heinz, "Asia as Cultured Space" from Asian
Cultural Traditions, Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press Inc., 1999
(On Reserve).September 12th, 2012
GEOGRAPHY OF ASIAAat Vervoorn, Introduction (pp. 1-17)

September 17th, 2012 GLOBALISATION AND INSULATION IN ASIA

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 1 (pp. 17-39).

September 19 th , 2012	-
	Vera Simone, <i>The Asian Pacific: Political and Economic Development in a Global Context</i> . Second Edition. New York: Longmans, 2001. Chapter 1 (On Reserve)
September 24 th , 2012 DECOLONIZATION AND NATI	ON BUILDING
	Vera Simone, <i>The Asian Pacific: Political and Economic Development in a Global Context</i> . Second Edition. New York: Longmans, 2001. Chapter 1 (On Reserve)
September 26 th , 2012 DECOLONIZATION AND NATI MAP QUIZ	ON BUILDING
	Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 2 (pp. 40-68).
October 1 st , 2012 COMMUNISM IN ASIA: Chines	e Revolution
	Lucian Bianco Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915-1949. Chapter 4, "Social Causes of the Chinese Revolution" (On Reserve)
October 3 rd , 2012 HOT AND COLD WARS IN THI	
	Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 3 (pp. 69-88)
October 8 th , 2012 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY/NO	CLASS
October 10 th , 2012 COLD WAR IN THE PACIFIC F	EGION continued Thomas Bass, "The Spy Who Loved Us", <i>The New Yorker</i> , May 23, 2005. (On-Line through Camosun Library)
October 15 th , 2012 CAMBODIA AND THE KHMER	
October 17 th , 2012	Reading TBA
MID-TERM EXAM	
October 22 nd , 2012	
ETHNIC MINORITIES	Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 4 (pp. 89-120).
October 24 th , 2012 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEV	/ELOPMENT Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 5 (pp. 121-158).
October 29 th , 2012 DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUES AND	OTHER PROBLEMS Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 6 (pp. 159-186).
October 31 st , 2012 NORTH KOREA: THE HERMIT	KINGDOM – Discussion Class

BOOK REPORTS DUE

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

November 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)

November 12th, 2012 REMEMBRANCE DAY – NO CLASSES

November 14th, 2012 THE WORLD OF WORK

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 9 (pp. 243-272).

November 19th , 2012 FAMILY MATTERS

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 8 (pp. 218-242).

November 21st, 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TERM PAPERS DUE

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 7 (pp. 187-217)

November 26th, 2012 MEDIA, COMMUNICATION CENSORSHIP (Guest Lecture)

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 10 (pp. 273-295)

November 28th, 2012 USING AND CREATING KNOWLEDGE

Aat Vervoorn, Chapter 11 (pp. 296-321).

December 3rd, 2012 REVIEW

Aat Vervoorn, Conclusion.

December 5th, 2012 FINAL EXAM – IN CLASS

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Map Quiz (Sept. 26)	(10%)
(b) Mid-Term (Oct. 17 th)	(25%)
(c) Final Exam (Dec. 5 th)	(20%)
(d) Research Paper (Nov. 21 st)	(25%)
(e) Book Report (Oct. 31 st)	(20%)

Test One: The first test will be held at September 26th and will consist of map work from the first lectures of the course. This test will form 10% of your total grade.

Mid-Term: The mid-term will be held October 17th 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 25% of your total grade.

Final Exam: During the last class a final exam will be set. This will make up 20% of the course grade and will consist of short answer questions and one essay style question.

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 October 31st and constitutes 20% of your grade.

6. Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	А		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

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

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