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Title: International Politics and Development in Asia-Pacific
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 22
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 178

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Seminar	11

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Critically analyse a contemporary issue selected from the media using theories and history of the modules 1500 words	40	
Essay	AS2	Choose one question assigned to develop a 3000 word essay	60	

Aims

To critically assess the social, economic and political forces that shape

contemporary Asia-Pacific

To understand the trajectories of state-formation of major powers in the region, such as China, Japan, Korea and the Southeast Asia

To critically examine the longue duree history that has produced the international politics of the region

To explore variegated developmental forces, such as social revolution and economic reforms in different countries that have shaped the region

To critically evaluate the region's role in world politics.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 To critically assess the social, economic and political forces that shape contemporary Asia-Pacific
- 2 To understand the trajectories of state-formation of major powers in the region, such as China, Japan, Korea and the Southeast Asia
- 3 To critically examine the longue duree history that has produced the international politics of the region
- 4 To explore variegated developmental forces, such as social revolution and economic reforms in different countries that have shaped the region

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Issue Analysis 1500 words	4		
Question-based Essay 3000 word	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Introduction: Asia-Pacific as region

Two Reforms: Genesis of the short twentieth century of Asia

Settling the Pacific War I: Communist China, the Korean War and Containment

Settling the Pacific War II: Southeast Asia and the Crisis of Vietnam

Southeast Asia and the War in Vietnam

Tripolarity and the Dissolution of Cold War

Development: Tigers, Dragons and Growth

The US in Asia-Pacific

The Rise of China

Japan: A bitter normalisation

Learning Activities

Weekly lectures will provide background and contextual setting against which students will consider a range of primary source material in seminars. The seminars will provide a structured framework where sources will be dissected by students and

used to stimulate discussion and debate.

Notes

The module is designated to steer the students to apply general understanding of international relations to analysing a particular region in world system. It will take a critical look at IR theories from regional and empirical points of view, but also, it brings history and realities together into some common analytical frameworks. The objective of the module is to enable the students to analyse contemporary issues of the Asia-Pacific region and be able to pinpoint its significance in world politics, so the module will be taught by closely engaging provocative debates on contemporary events, headlines and widest media coverage of the region.