

**Political Science 3510-001**  
**POLITICS AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE PACIFIC RIM**  
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**Class Lectures: OSH 238, Thursdays 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Office Hours: By arrangement**  
**Final Exam Wednesday December 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., OSH 238**

**Course Overview:** This course surveys the current politics, governments, and policies of the nations of Northeast and Southeast Asia. The purpose of the course is for you to learn the core fundamentals of the international relations and security issues of the Pacific Rim, the economic development and international trade patterns, the socio-cultural background of selected countries and the region as a whole, and the political parties and election processes in the region. As much as possible, we will try to link the surface political structures to their underlying social and philosophical causes.

**Course Requirements:** You will take a mid-term and a final exam, both of which are mostly essay, with some objective questions likely. You will also choose one of the countries we will cover and write a position paper on a current social/political issue (i.e., a problem that has to be solved) in that country—or a multi-country or regional problem that has to be solved. Details of the paper are attached to this syllabus, but in brief, it should be between 12 and 15 typed pages and written in formal English, as if you were writing for a top decision-maker to use to make an executive decision. The two exams and the position paper will each constitute one-third of your grade. Be prepared to announce your country or regional selection by the third class of the semester. I am happy to meet with you to give guidance on possible topics. I will select some of your papers for oral classroom presentations at or near the end of the semester, therefore, please complete your papers early. It is possible that one unannounced “pop” quiz will be given during the semester. This can be used for extra credit to improve your grade.

**Required Text:** Dean W. Collinwood, *Global Studies: Japan and the Pacific Rim*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., McGraw-Hill, 2008.

**Additional Readings:** You will be assigned additional readings from the contemporary world press or other sources from time to time as relevant events develop. Exam questions will be drawn from these extra readings as well as from the required text above.

**Class Style:** Each week will consist of lectures by me and group discussion by all class participants of key issues per country or region. Some sessions will include videos. The last class(es) will likely consist of oral presentations by participants of their position papers.

**Special Needs:** If you have special visual, auditory, or other needs, please see me to make arrangements. The U seeks to provide equal access to its program, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability service, 162 Olpin Union, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and me to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability services.

**Contact with Me:** Please use the telephone and email addresses above. If I need to drop something off to you, or you to me, we will use the Will Call box in the Political Science Department office in OSH 252.

**Instructor Profile:** My PhD is from the University of Chicago where I was in both the political science and education departments. My M.Sc. is from the University of London in International Relations, and my B.A. is from Brigham Young University in Political Science with a Japanese minor. I was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Tokyo and was formerly the Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER), and a professor of management at the University of Utah David Eccles School of Business, where I was also director of the US Japan and China Centers. I am now Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Research at FranklinCovey. I have twice run for political office (the Utah House and Senate) and lost both times.

The following schedule may be changed depending on events in the region or other causes. So, be sure and pay attention to changes announced in class or sent to your UU email account.

### **Course Topics and Readings Outline:**

August 23: Introduction to the course and to sources for your position papers. Please announce your selection of position paper country and topic at the fourth class (September 13). Read JPR pages xiv-12.

What is Asia? What is the Pacific Rim? Key terms: parliamentary democracies; constitutional monarchies; republics; socialist republics; South Asia; East Asia; Southeast Asia; Far East; overseas territories/colonies; command economies; development; developed nations; newly industrializing countries; less developed countries.

August 30: Class lecture and discussion. Politics of Indonesia and East Timor: Sources of political stress, separatism, and political leadership. Read JPR pages 65-69 and 57-59 and 174-176 and 150-151.

Key Terms: archipelago; colonialism; separatism; nationalism; militia; Islam; Suharto; maritime law.

September 6: Class lecture and discussion plus video “Sentimental Imperialists”: Politics of the Philippines: America’s Flirtation with Imperialism, JPR: 100-105 and 170-174.

Key terms: mestizos; overseas Chinese; patronage; Mindanao; Spanish-American War

September 13: Position paper topics due today. Politics of Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, JPR: 43-46 and 70-73 and 128-133 and 121-127, and 148-149, 144-145, 175-179, and 162.

Key terms: Hinduism; stupa; Buddhism; Pathet Lao; communism; containment; Cold War; Southeast Asia; Indo-China.

September 20: Continuation of Southeast Asia. Lecture on the Attraction of Marxism in Asia. JPR 182-184.

September 27: Video: *The Killing Fields* and mid-term prep worksheet

**October 4: Mid-Term Examination, Thursday, 6-8 p.m. OSH 238**

October 11: No class, Fall Break

October 18: Review Mid-term Exam. Politics of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands: Asian Anomalies JPR: 34-39 and 86-90 and 163 and 13-18, and 186-190.

Key terms: aborigine; Europeanization; Maori; British Empire.

October 25: Politics of China: Offended and Rising (Peacefully?). JPR: 47-56 and 166-169, and 191-192, plus special reading on China (electronic reserve).

Key terms: Confucianism; totalitarianism; tributary states; Chinese Communist Party; collectivism

November 1: China continued; video

November 8: The Politics of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau. JPR 116-120 and 60-64 and 74-76 and 142-143, 163-164, and 193-194.

Key Terms: one country-two systems; “renegade province,” SARs; Nationalists.

November 15: Politics of the Korean Peninsula. JPR 110-115 and 91-95 and 146-147, and 155-157, and 180-181.

Key Terms: Juche; personality cult.

November 22: No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday). Use the time to finish your position papers.

November 29: Japan as the Engine of Asia. Have your papers ready for oral presentation on this day. JPR: 19-33 and 137-138 and 185.

Key Terms: Shintoism; tatemae; on and giri; verticality; Meiji Restoration; ODA.

December 6: Oral Presentations

**December 13, Thursday, Final Exam at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in OSH 238**