



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

INTP/POLS 208: POLITICAL CHANGE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 2 July 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 6 June 2014

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Monday, 11.00-11.50; Thursday, 11.00-11.50

Tutorials: Monday, 12.00-12.50; Thursday, 12.00-12.50

Venue: Easterfield LT206 (Monday); Murphy LT101 (Thursday)

Names and contact details

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Note: Emails about POLS / INTP 208 *must* have POLS / INTP 208 in the subject line; if they don't, they are liable to be deleted as spam.

Office hours: Mondays 3:00-4.00 and Thursdays 3.00-4.00. Other appointment hours can be arranged by email (or by speaking with Professor Levine after class).

Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding.

Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and tutorial programme will be posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course will examine constitutional issues and broader political change in a number of Southeast Asian states. Students have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of political institutions and wider political trends in countries with very diverse systems of government, including Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Burma, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. demonstrate a good understanding of basic features of the governments and political systems of the eight Southeast Asian countries covered in the course
2. describe aspects of regional cooperation in Southeast Asia
3. summarise New Zealand's interests in Southeast Asia and its relations with Southeast Asian countries and regional institutions covered in the course
4. critique a scholarly publication on an aspect of Southeast Asian politics
5. write a well-organised, well-written, well-researched essay on an aspect of Southeast Asian politics
6. explain a feature of Southeast Asian politics by executing a well-organised, well-prepared oral presentation to a tutorial group.

Teaching format

The course has two 50-minute lectures per week. The second scheduled hour is for tutorials. Each student needs to join one of the two tutorial groups and may do so by attending a tutorial and advising the tutor.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50% in POLS 208/INTP 208 each student must:

1. submit one essay due **5 pm, Thursday 10 April.**
2. submit one essay due **5 pm, Thursday 29 May**
3. sit the first in-class test on **Thursday 17 April**
4. sit second in-class test on **Thursday 5 June**
5. give a tutorial presentation

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, the overall workload for this course is 200 hours. This includes two hours of lectures and one hour of tutorials per week.

Preparation and attendance at class meetings: 36 hours

Tutorial presentation: 4 hours

Essays: 100 hours

In-class tests: 60 hours

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Essay 1 (1500-2500 words)	30%	1, 4	10 April
2	First 50-minute In-class test	20%	1-3	17 April
3	Essay 2 (1500-2500 words)	30%	1, 5	29 May
4	Second 50-minute In-class test	20%	1-3	5 June

The **first essay**, worth 30%, is due on 10 April and is between 1500-2500 words. The assignment involves selection of an article (an academic journal article or a chapter in a scholarly book) on some aspect of Southeast Asian politics (relating to the eight countries covered in the course). The article or book chapter being critiqued must be approved by Professor Levine prior to the essay being submitted. A copy of the article or book chapter needs to be submitted with the essay.

The **first 50-minute in-class test**, worth 20%, will be held on 17 April. The in-class test assesses students' understanding of aspects of Southeast Asian politics, drawing on information presented in lectures and tutorials.

The **second essay**, worth 30%, is due on 29 May and is between 1500-2500 words. The assignment involves selection of a topic on some aspect of Southeast Asian politics (relating to the eight countries covered in the course). A one-paragraph statement of the topic being investigated needs to be submitted in order for approval of the topic to be given.

The **second 50-minute in-class test**, worth 20%, will be held on 5 June. The in-class test assesses students' understanding of aspects of Southeast Asian politics, drawing on information presented in lectures and tutorials.

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through the office essay drop-off point, Murphy Room 518, together with completed cover sheet which is available from the office. Essays should also be submitted to Professor Levine by email (as a Word attachment).

Essays will be returned in tutorials. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the Office, Murphy Room 518 between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions will be granted under exceptional circumstances (for example, illness or family-related personal circumstances). The course coordinator should be approached prior to the assessment deadline (either by email or in person).

Penalties

Please note that essays submitted on topics that have not been approved by Professor Levine will not be assessed nor will essays submitted on articles or book chapters that have not been approved.

Where extensions have not been granted, students will be penalised for late submission of written work – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days.** Work that is more than eight days late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but will not be marked. However, penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In all such cases, prior information will be necessary

Set texts

There is no set text. Readings will be listed on or available through Blackboard.

Recommended reading

Damien Kingsbury, *Southeast Asia: A Political Profile*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, 2005.

Justin Wintle, *Perfect Hostage: A Life of Aung San Suu Kyi* – on 3-day loan in the VUW Library

Anthony L. Smith (ed.), *Southeast Asia and New Zealand – A History of Regional and Bilateral Relations*, Wellington: NZ Institute of International Affairs and Victoria University Press, 2005.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications

- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz