

SD '00

Przy

# COMPARATIVE ASIAN POLITICS

---

POL 345 01  
M 2:00-4:50  
Spring 2000

Instructor: Dr. Pierre Asselin  
Telephone: 734-9414  
E-mail: asselin@hawaii.edu  
Office Hours: by appointment

---

## Course Information

**Course Description:** This course surveys the political culture and development of South, East, and Southeast Asia through comparative analysis. It aims to provide insight into contemporary Asian political systems and the issues affecting those systems.

**Required Text:** James C.F. Wang, **Comparative Asian Politics: Power, Policy, and Change** (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1994).

**Grading:** Students are expected to attend lectures, read assigned materials, and participate in class discussions (10%). Other requirements include periodic reaction papers (20%), one book review (10%), one research paper (20%), one midterm examination (20%), and one final examination (20%). There are no make-up assignments. Works submitted late are subject to penalty.

**Reaction Papers:** At regular intervals during the semester, students will be assigned readings that elaborate on certain fundamental aspects of Asian politics. For each supplementary reading, students will produce a one page, typed, single-space paper detailing comments and questions relative to the content. These papers are submitted to the instructor before each session and used as the basis of group discussions. The readings will be made available to students through the instructor.

**Book Review:** After selecting of book that matches their interest, students will write a review that describes the book's strengths and weaknesses, and considers the analytical approach used by the author/s. The review must be typed, double-space, and of a length of three (3) to four (4) pages. The due date for this assignment is February 28.

**Research Paper:** Students will produce one major research paper on a topic of their choice but pertaining to contemporary Asian affairs. This paper will be of a length of ten (10) to fifteen (15) typed, double-space pages. It must include an introduction, references, and a bibliography. The due date for the paper is the last day of instruction, May 1.

**Examinations:** Examinations will consist of two sections, term identification and essay. The midterm is on March 6; the final on May 8.

**Participation:** Students are expected to actively participate in the class. Participation consists of asking/answering questions and getting involved in the class discussions.

**Attendance:** Students must attend class in order to pass this course. Students who do not attend class consistently will fail the course.

**Troubleshooting:** Students are encouraged to meet with the instructor if struggling with the course material or to discuss any other matter of relevance.

**Class Cancellation:** In case the instructor is delayed, students are required to wait fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of class; thereafter, they are free to leave.

---

## Lecture and Reading Schedule

<b>Week:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Chapter:</b>
1 Jan 24	Introduction	
2 Jan 31	China and Japan	1
3 Feb 7	South Korea and Taiwan	2
4 Feb 14	Singapore and Hong Kong	3
5 Feb 21	<b>No Class</b> (President's Day)	
6 Feb 28	India and Pakistan	4
7 Mar 6	<b>Midterm Examination</b>	
8 Mar 13	Indonesia and the Philippines	5
9 Mar 20	Vietnam and North Korea	6
10 Mar 27	<b>No Class</b> (Spring Recess)	
11 Apr 3	Cambodia and Laos	7
12 Apr 10	Contemporary South Asian Issues	
13 Apr 17	Contemporary East Asian Issues	
14 Apr 24	Contemporary Southeast Asian Issues	
15 May 1	Conclusion	
16 May 8	<b>Final Examination</b>	