

City University of Hong Kong

**Information on a Course
offered by Department of Asian and International Studies
with effect from Semester A in 2011 / 2012**

Part I

1. Course Title: Changing Social Structure in East and Southeast Asia

Course Code: AIS3023

Course Duration: One Semester

No. of Credit Units: 3

Level: B3

Prerequisites: (*Course Code and Title*) Nil

Precursors: (*Course Code and Title*) Nil

Equivalent Courses: (*Course Code and Title*)

AIS2031 Institutions and Historical Change in Asia

AIS2040 History and Society in Asia

Exclusive Courses: (*Course Code and Title*) Nil

Part II

1. Course Aims:

This course aims to teach students some theoretical and empirical issues on the effect of tradition, modernization, and post-modernization on East and Southeast Asia. Students are required to attend lectures and tutorials. Students will learn to identify a theoretically relevant research question, conceptualize key concepts, build causal links between variables, and conduct analysis.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

| No. | CILOs | Weighting (if applicable) |
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| 1. | Be informed about the major changes in social structure in East and Southeast Asia; | |

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| 2. | Account for social change in East and Southeast Asian societies with reference to events, choices, and power groups; | |
| 3. | Formulate sociologically informed questions and questions about social changes in East and Southeast Asia, and to investigate these questions; | |
| 4. | Use different research methods and techniques in data collection and analysis. | |

3. Teaching and learning Activities (TLAs)

(designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs)

| ILO No | TLAs | Hours/week (if applicable) |
|--------|---|----------------------------|
| CILO 1 | Lectures/seminars, reading, quiz | |
| CILO 2 | Lectures/seminars, reading | |
| CILO 3 | group presentations | |
| CILO 4 | Research project and individual report writing. | |

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities

(designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs)

| Type of Assessment Tasks/Activities | Weighting | ILOs to be addressed | Remarks |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| Attendance | 12% | 1-2 | |
| Presentation | 18% | 1-2, 4 | |
| Quiz | 20% | 1 & 2 | |
| Term paper | 50% | 3-4 | |

Part III

Keyword Syllabus:

Tradition. Modernization. Post-modernization. Socio-economic change in selected East and Southeast Asian societies. Urbanization. Industrialization. The state and late industrialization in East and Southeast Asia. The family. Women. Marriage. Mate selection. Intergenerational relations. Work. Economic restructuring.

Recommended Reading:

- 1 .Talcott Parsons, "Pattern Variables Revisited: A Response to Robert Dubin." *American Sociological Review* 25/4 (1960), Pp. 467-83.
2. Talcott Parsons, "Evolutionary Universals in Society." *American Sociological Review* 29/3 (1964), Pp. 339-57.
3. Alex Inkeless, "Making Men Modern." *American Journal of Sociology* 75/2 (1969), Pp. 208-25.
- 4 Ronald Inglehart, *Modernization and Postmodernization* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997).
- 5 Hyung-Jun Kim, "Agrarian and Social Change in a Javanese Village." *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 32/4 (2002), Pp. 435-455.
- 6 A. R. Quisumbing and K. Otsuka, "Land Inheritance and Schooling in Matrilineal Societies: Evidence from Sumatra." *World Development* 29/12 (2001), Pp. 2,093-110.
- 7 W. Didale and A. Seda, "Modernization as Changes in Cultural Complexity." *Cross- Cultural Research* 35/2 (2001), Pp. 127-53.
- 8 Weining Chang, et al, "Chinese Values in Singapore: Traditional and Modern." *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* 6/1 (2003), Pp. 5-29.
- 9 Charles Hirschman and Nguyen Huu Minh, "Tradition and Change in Vietnamese Family Structure in the Red River Delta." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 64 (2002), Pp. 1,063-79.
- 10 Heather Strange, "Continuity and Change: Patterns of Mate Selection and Marriage Ritual in a Malay Village." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 38/3 (1976), Pp. 561-571.
- 11 M. Toto-Morn and S. Sprecher, "A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Mate Preferences among University Students: The United States vs. the People's Republic of China." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 34/2 (2003), Pp. 151-70.
- 12 Jiping Zuo, "From Revolutionary Comrades to Gendered Partners." *Journal of Family Issues* 24/3 (2003), Pp. 314-37.
- 13 Xiaohe Xu and Lai Shu Chuan, "Gender Ideologies, Marital Roles, and Marital Quality in Taiwan." *Journal of Family Issues* 25/3 (2004), Pp. 318-356.
- 14 Jui-Shan Chang, "Scripting Extramarital Affairs: Marital Mores, Gender Politics, and Infidelity in Taiwan." *Modern China* 25 (1999), Pp. 69 – 99.
- 15 Cecilia Chan, L. W. Hung, and Winnie Kung, "How the Socio-Cultural Context Shapes Women's Divorce Experience in Hong Kong?" *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 35/1 (2004), Pp. 33-50.

- 16 Eleanor Holroyd and Ann Mackenzie, "A Review of the Historical and Social Processes Contributing to Care and Caregiving in Chinese Families." *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 22 (1995), Pp. 473-479.
- 17 A. Ng, D. Phillips and W. Lee, "Persistence and Challenges to Filial Piety and Informal Support of Older Persons in a Modern Chinese City—A Case Study on Tuen Mun, Hong Kong." *Journal of Aging Studies* 16/2 (2002), Pp. 135-53.
- 18 H. J. Zhan, "Willingness and Expectations: Intergenerational Differences in Attitudes toward Filial Responsibility in China." *Marriage & Family Review* 36/1-2 (2004), Pp. 175-200.
- 19 I-Feb Lin et al. "Gender Differences in Adult Children's Support of Their Parents in Taiwan." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 65 (2003), Pp. 184-200.
- 20 Norani Othman, "Muslim Women and the Challenge of Islamic Fundamentalism/Extremism." *Women's Studies International Forum* 29/4 (2006), Pp. 339-53
- 21 Fenggang Yang, "Lost in the Market, Saved at McDonald's: Conversion to Christianity in Urban China." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44/4 (2005), Pp. 423-41.