



## UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

### COM654: ASIAN POLITICS

<b>Course Name (English)</b>	ASIAN POLITICS <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Course Code</b>	COM654
<b>MQF Credit</b>	3
<b>Course Description</b>	This course is designed for students of Communication and Media Studies It will provide students with current developments involving the countries in the Asian region. Special emphasis will be given to various concepts that involve an understanding of ideologies and the origin of political science that dominates the administration of countries in the region. Students will be exposed to various perspectives such as colonization, independence, and current developments. The course also examines the role played by the state in managing the media. It is a symbiotic relationship that exists in many countries in the region despite of different ideologies consumed by the state. The dynamics that shape the relationship among countries in the Asia makes it unique and more challenging compared with other regions of the world.
<b>Transferable Skills</b>	Students gained knowledge in political issues and current worlds affairs.
<b>Teaching Methodologies</b>	Lectures, Case Study, Presentation
<b>CLO</b>	<p>CLO1 Explain the concept of nation states, government and national sovereignty as well as the conduct of political affairs and dynamics of the region.</p> <p>CLO2 Demonstrate autonomous learning in comparing the region and across the developing world on political system and events in Asian region.</p> <p>CLO3 Present theoretical aspects in Asian Politics through verbal and non-verbal communication.</p>
<b>Pre-Requisite Courses</b>	No course recommendations
<b>Topics</b>	
<b>1. Introduction to Asian Politics</b> 1.1) Basic Concepts of Politics 1.2) Power 1.3) Order 1.4) Justice 1.5) The Power of Ideas	
<b>2. The Machinery of Government</b> 2.1) Nations, nation-states and the state 2.2) Government & governance, constitutions and constitutionalism 2.3) The virtual machinery of government 2.4) Managing political communication 2.5) Politics in Media Cultures: A Crisis for Democracy, Social Media and Political Activism	
<b>3. The idea of public good: Ideologies</b> 3.1) Ideologies and the public good 3.2) Anti-government ideologies: Ideologies of the right and left 3.3) The uses and abuses of labels and common themes 3.4) Conservatives: Economic rights and free enterprise 3.5) Liberals: Civil rights and social justice 3.6) Differences essential and exaggerated: Choosing sides versus making choices	

<p><b>4. Comparative political systems: Model and theories</b></p> <p>4.1) Utopias: Model states  4.2) Plato's republic: Philosophy is the answer  4.3) Francis Bacon's New Atlantis: Science is the answer  4.4) Karl Marx's Classless Society: Economic is the answer  4.5) Utopia revisited  4.6) Dystopia: From dream to nightmare</p>
<p><b>5. Democracy and democratization</b></p> <p>5.1) Origins of democracy  5.2) Representative democracy  5.3) Deliberative democracy  5.4) Direct democracy  5.5) Towards a Minimal definition of democracy: Conceptualizing democratization (process and practice)  5.6)  5.7) The criticisms, limits and futures of democracy and democratization  5.8) Globalization and democracy  5.9) Digital democracy</p>
<p><b>6. The authoritarian model: Myth and reality</b></p> <p>6.1) Authoritarian states, rules and characteristics  6.2) The politics of authoritarianism: In practice (A tale of two states) and theory  6.3) The future of authoritarianism</p>
<p><b>7. Parliamentary Democracy</b></p> <p>7.1) Japan: Between East and West  7.2) Historical background  7.3) The 1947 constitution and parliamentary above emperor  7.4) The party system, judiciary and Japanese culture  7.5)  7.6) India democracy; A parliamentary miracle  7.7) Parliament or president? A brief comparison</p>
<p><b>8. Malaysia: Developmental state challenges</b></p> <p>8.1) Introduction to political system  8.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>9. Indonesia</b></p> <p>9.1) Introduction to political system  9.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>10. Myanmar</b></p> <p>10.1) Introduction to political system  10.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>11. Singapore: Meritocratic City-State</b></p> <p>11.1) Introduction to political system  11.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>12. Philippines</b></p> <p>12.1) Introduction to political system  12.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>13. Thailand: Reform politics</b></p> <p>13.1) Introduction to political system  13.2) Major political issues</p>
<p><b>14. Southeast Asia &amp; ASEAN</b></p> <p>14.1) Introduction to economic impacts of China and India on Southeast Asia  14.2) Major political issues and transition in Southeast Asia and ASEAN  14.3) Economy perspective</p>

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	60.00%
Final Assessment	40.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Case Study	Individual written report on case study/analysis.	20%	CLO2
	Group Project	Presentation and case study report of selected country.	30%	CLO3
	Online Quiz	Format: 20 True/False questions.	10%	CLO1

Reading List	Recommended Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas M. Magstadt 2013, <i>Understanding Politics: Ideas, Institutions and Issues</i>, 10th Ed., Wadworth Cengage Learning</li> <li>• Norman Owen 2005, <i>The Emergence of Modern Southeast Asia: A New History</i>, University of Hawaii Press Honolulu</li> </ul>
	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benedict R. Anderson 1991, <i>Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism</i>, 2 Ed., Verso London</li> <li>• James C. Scott 2009, <i>The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia</i>, Yale University Press New Haven</li> <li>• Dan Slater 2010, <i>Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia</i>, Cambridge University Press Cambridge</li> <li>• Erik Martinez Kuhonta 2011, <i>The Institutional Imperative: The politics of Equitable Development in Southeast Asia</i>, Stanford University Press Stanford</li> <li>• Robert W. Hefner 2000, <i>Civil Islam: Muslims and Democratization in Indonesia</i>, Princeton University Press Princeton</li> <li>• Harold Crouch 1996, <i>Government and Society in Malaysia</i>, Cornell University Press Ithaca</li> <li>• Patricio Abinales and Donna Amoroso 2005, <i>State and Society in the Philippines</i>, Rowman and Littlefield Lanham</li> <li>• Diane K. Mauzy and R.S. Milne 2002, <i>Singapore Politics under the People's Action Party</i>, Routledge London</li> <li>• Pasuk Phongpaichit and Chris Baker 2002, <i>Thailand: Economy and Politics</i>, Oxford University Press Singapore</li> </ul>
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources	
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources	