

SOC 380D: STATES AND MARKETS IN EAST ASIA
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce students to the dynamics of economic, political, and social changes in contemporary East Asia. The primary countries to be investigated in this course are, although not limited to, China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. In analyzing the socio-economic changes of these countries, we will try to identify the key factors that are behind these dynamic transformations. To achieve this goal, the course is organized into three broad themes: (1) economic development and globalization, (2) democracy and political institutions, and (3) civil society and social issues.

In economic development and globalization, we will investigate the Asian growth model through the lens of the developmental state. We will also discuss the criticisms of this approach, which are linked to the causes and consequences of the Asian financial crisis. We will further build an understanding of the domestic and international implications of China's economic rise and Japan's recession of the past decade.

In democracy and political institutions, we will begin by contemplating on the relationship between economic development and democracy and proceed to discuss each polity's democratization experiences and the working of democratic institutions such as elections and political parties. This section will be concluded by discussing the prospects and limits of democratic deepening in the region.

In civil society and social issues, we will expand our understanding of East Asian politics and economy beyond the conventional boundaries by studying the sphere of civil society and its relation to political and economic development. We will investigate some of the social issues East Asian societies are faced with, primarily by focusing on issues of inequality.

GRADING AND EVALUATION

(1) **Attendance and participation (10%)**: Come to class and participate in discussion! Contact me in advance (via e-mail) if you have legitimate reasons for your absence. Otherwise, your failure of regular attendance and participation will be penalized in the final grade.

(2) **Pop quizzes (10%)**: Without prior notice, I will give a pop quiz in 2-3 different sessions to check that students are doing their assigned readings. The quiz will consist of 5-6 questions, testing students on factual (not analytical) understanding of the readings.

(3) **Group presentation (15%)**: 3-4 students team up and choose a research/ presentation topic. Students in the group have a division of labor in terms of research, preparation of the material, and in-class presentation. Depending on the group's presentation topic, a specific session that best fits the topic will be assigned for the group presentation. The presentation should be for 20 minutes, followed by Q&A, and submitted in a written form (10 pages). Students in the same group receive the same grade for this assignment, the evaluation of which will be based on the quality of research, effectiveness in presentation, and audience engagement.

(4) **Midterm exam (25%)**: There will a mid-term exam consisting of essay questions and some short questions.

(5) **Final paper (40%)**: This is the most important component of the final grade. Each student chooses a research topic relevant to the general theme of this course and discusses the outline with the instructor. The paper (15 pages) should demonstrate a clear argument, supporting evidence, coherent organization, and succinct articulation.

* Papers (group presentation papers and final papers) should be within the page limit set for each assignment, excluding tables, figures, and bibliography. Font 12 and double-spacing recommended.

COURSE MATERIALS

(1) Required books:

- ▶ Meredith Woo-Cumings ed., *The Developmental State* (Cornell University Press 1999)
- ▶ Merle Goldman and Roderick MacFarquhar eds., *The Paradox of China's Post-Mao Reforms* (Harvard University Press 1999)
- ▶ James Wang, *Comparative Asian Politics* (Prentice Hall 1998)
- ▶ Muthiah Alagappa ed., *Civil Society and Political Change in Asia* (Stanford University Press 2004)

(2) Journal articles and book chapters selected from sources other than the above required books are available either on e-reserves or on the Internet via the Library's electronic databases.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Aug 29-31: *Introduction to and overview of the course. "Why East Asia?"*

- ▶ John M. Hobson. 2004. "Countering the Eurocentric Myth of the Pristine West" in The Eastern Origins of Western Civilization (1-26)
- ▶ James Wang. 1998. "Introduction: Why Study Comparative Asian Politics?" in Comparative Asian Politics (1-12)

Theme I. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL STATE

Sep 5-7: *The Asian economic miracle*

- ▶ Manuel Castells. 1992. "Four Asian Tigers with a Dragon Head" in States and Development in the Asian Pacific Rim (33-70)
- ▶ World Bank. 1993. Overview: The Making of a Miracle in The East Asian Miracle (1-26)
- ▶ Paul Krugman. 1994. "The Myth of Asia's Miracle," in Foreign Affairs V 73 (62-78)

Sep 12-14: *The developmental state*

- ▶ Meredith Woo-Cumings. 1999. "Chalmers Johnson and the Politics of Nationalism and Development," in The Developmental State (1-31)
- ▶ Chalmers Johnson. 1999. "The Developmental State: Odyssey of a Concept," in The Developmental State (32-60)
- ▶ Ha-joon Chang. 1999. "The Economic Theory of the Developmental State," in The Developmental State (182-199)

Sep 19-21: *The Asian financial crisis*

- ▶ Robert Wade. 1998. "From Miracle to Cronyism: Explaining the Great Asian Slump," Cambridge Journal of Economics (693-706)
- ▶ Stephan Haggard. 2000. "Introduction" and "Conclusion: A New Asian Miracle" in The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis (1-14, 217-236)
- ▶ David Kang. 2003. "Transaction Costs and Crony Capitalism in East Asia," in Comparative Politics (July: 439-458)

Sep 26-28: *Japan's economic recession*

- ▶ T. J. Pemepel. 1998. "Japan in the 1990s," in Regime Shift (136-168)
- ▶ Bai Gao. 2001. "Introduction," in Japan's Economic Dilemma (1-21)
- ▶ "What Ails Japan?" The Economist (A survey of Japan: April 20, 2002) (3-16)
- ▶ "The Sun Also Rises" The Economist (A survey of Japan: October 8, 2005) (3-18)

Oct 3-5: *China's economic rise*

- ▶ Goldman and MacFarquhar. 1999. "Dynamic Economy and Declining Party-State," in The Paradox (3-29)
- ▶ Barry Naughton. 1999. "China's Transition in Economic Perspective," in The Paradox (30-44)
- ▶ Wing Thye Woo. 1999. "The Real Reasons for China's Growth," The China Journal (Jan. N41) (115-137)
- ▶ "Balancing Act" The Economist (A survey of China: March 25, 2006) (3-20)

Oct 10: Mid-term exam

Theme II. DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Oct 12: *The relationship between development and democracy*

- ▶ Seymour Martin Lipset. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," American Political Science Review V53 N 1 (69-105)

Oct 17-19: *The relationship between development and democracy (continued)*

► Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts," World Politics V49 N1 (155-83)

Larry Diamond. 1999. "Consolidating Democracy," in Developing Democracy (64-116)

Oct 24-26: *Democratic experience and electoral politics in Japan*

► James Wang. 1998. Read the Japan part in Comparative Asian Politics (13-107)

► Makoto Iokibe. 1998. "Japan's Democratic Experience," in Democracy in East Asia (79-95)

► Michael F. Thies. 2002. "Changing How the Japanese Vote," in How Asia Votes (92-117)

Oct 31-Nov 2: *Democratic transition and consolidation in Korea and Taiwan*

► James Wang. 1998. Chapter 2. South Korea and Taiwan in Comparative Asian Politics (108-154)

► Tun-jen Cheng and Eun Mee Kim. 1994. "Making Democracy: Generalizing the South Korean Case," in The Politics of Democratization (125-147)

► "Dancing with the Enemy," The Economist (A survey of Taiwan: January 15, 2005) (3-12)

Nov 7-9: *Political reform in China*

► James Wang. 1998. Read the China part in Comparative Asian Politics (13-107)

► Minxin Pei. 1998. "Is China Democratizing?" Foreign Affairs (V77 N1) (68-82) EJ

► Li and O'Brien. 1999. "The Struggle over Village Elections," in The Paradox (129-144)

Nov 14-16: *Prospects and limits of democratic deepening in East Asia*

► Gerald L. Curtis. 1997. "For Democratic Development," Journal of Democracy (V8N3) (139-145)

► Lowell Dittmer. 2000. "East Asian Informal Politics in Comparative Perspective," in Informal Politics in East Asia (290-308)

► Tun-jen Cheng. 2003. "Political Institutions and the Malaise of East Asian New Democracies," Journal of East Asian Studies 2 (1-41)

Theme III. CIVIL SOCIETY AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Nov 21: *Civil society in East Asia*

Muthia Alagappa. 1999. "Introduction," in Civil Society in Asia (1-21)

Nov 28-30: *Civil society in East Asia (continued)*

► Robert Pekkenen. 2004. "Japan: Social Capital without Advocacy," in Civil Society and Political Change (223-255)

► Mary E. Gallagher. 2004. "China: the Limits of Civil Society in a Late Leninist State," in Civil Society and Political Change (419-452)

► Sunhyuk Kim. 2004. "Confrontational Legacy and Democratic Contribution," in Civil Society and Political Change (138-163)

Dec 5-7: *Development and inequality*

► Frederic Deyo. 1987. "State and Labor: Modes of Political Exclusion..." in The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism (182-202)

► Martin Kin Whyte. 1999. "The Changing Role of Workers," in The Paradox (173-196)

► Mary Gallagher. 2002. "Reform and Openness," World Politics V54 N3 (338-372)