

Men make their own history, but they do not make it just as they please, under circumstances chosen by themselves, but under directly existing, given and transmitted from the past. The totality of these conditions weighs like a giant on the brain of the living

Karl Marx, The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Napoleon (1852)

This course provides an analytical overview of the comparative politics of East Asia, focusing on Northeast Asia (China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan) with some emphasis on Southeast Asia. This course has at least three goals: 1) to understand important political issues, political institutions, political behaviors, contentious politics, and political processes of East Asia, 2) to provide a theoretical framework to understand important historical events that have shaped the current politics of East Asia, and 3) to overcome an ethnocentric provincialism by making explicit and implicit comparisons (e.g. China, Korean and Japan, East Asia and Europe/America). To do so, this course is divided into three parts.

In Part I, we will begin with a session that equips students with a theoretical framework of comparative politics and introduces this region more generally focusing on the modern capital nation-state formation in the context of colonialism and imperialism. The following sessions in Part I will provide significant historical facts and issues in China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan and Southeast Asian countries.

SCHEDULE/OUTLINE OF TOPICS

	Jan 11-18	Introduction and Analytical Framework
I. MODERN CAPITAL -NATION -STATE FORMATION		
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READING ASSIGNMENTS AND SPECIFIC TOPICS

I. MODERN CAPITAL -NATION -STATE FORMATION

Week1-2 (Jan.11-18) Introduction and Analytical Framework

Scope and roadmap of the course. The research traditions or paradigms: structuralism, culturalism, and rationalism. Analytical framework. Role of theory. Importance of history.

Carr, E. H. 1961. What Is History? 35.

Week3 (Jan.23-25) The Emergence of Modern East Asia

What is unique about East Asia before Europe? & K L Q H V H Z R U O n e t r i b u t e H U μ D Q
system. Anarchical vs. hierarchical international system. Biological old regime. Capital nation-
state. P D J L Q H G F R C o l o n i a l i m p e r i a l i s m T u r n i n g p o i n t i n h i s t o r y I n t e r n a t i o n a l
setting in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Decolonization. Eurocentric Global history.

Borthwick, Mark. 2007.

Week 6-7 (Feb. 1520) Japan and Korea
Tokugawa regime Sankin-kota. Meiji Ishin Oligarchs. Taisho Democracy Rationalist explanation.
Imperialism in the 1880s. Expansionism and militarization. Choson (or Joseon) dynasty and
the issue of historical continuity. Decolonization period and the Korean War. How was Korea
divided? The world in 1945 and the nature of the North Korean state.

' - D S D Q H V H 0 R G H E A S I A N W O R L D U P Project of Columbia University.
<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>

Ramseyer, J. Mark and Frances Rosenbluth. The Politics of Oligarchy: Institutional Choice in Imperial
Japan New York Cambridge University Press, 1998.

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Columbia University. <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>

II . POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS , CULTURE

, Q J O H K D U W 5 R Q D O G
(eds.) Culture Matters, pp. 80-97.

In: Lawrence Harris, David S. Shields, et al. (eds.)

Przeworski, Adam, et al.
Publishing, pp. 123-131, 134-146.

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Week 11 (Mar. 20-22) The Hegemonic Party

III . POLITICAL ECONOMY: MIRACLES AND CRISES

Week 15 (Apr. 17-19) The Developmental State

Historical trend of economic growth throughout the world. Diminishing return. Import substitution vs. export orientation. (PEHGGHG. Korea and China). The MITI and EPB is the \$VLDQ. Path of development. Origins and the demise of the developmental state. Efficiency or FROOXVLRQ" :KR JXDUGV WKH JXDUGV. "In & De-Occulties? (DVW .UXJPDQ 3DXO ¶7KH 0\WK RI \$VLD. Foreign Affairs \$ (November/December): 628.

(YDQV 3HWHU '3UHGDWRU\ 'HYHOC. South Korea. (U) 56-587. UOG 6WDWH μ (FRQRP\ 3HUVSHFWLYH R. Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. (U) 32-36.

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Week 16 (Apr. 24) The Rise (?) of China and the Reorientation of the World

'HQJ Economic reforms. Developmental state vs. market capitalism. Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. Socialist Vanguard. Township and village enterprises (TVEs). State-owned enterprises (SOEs). Foreign direct investment (FDI). Rise of East Asia. Short term view vs. long term view.

Bardhan, Pranab. 2010. Wakening Giants, Feet of Clay: Assessing the Economic Rise of China and India. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Production and Chapter 2, pp39.

Arrighi, Giovanni '6WDWHQG 0DUNLHWDVOLDP Position in Asia. (U) 15(2): 25-284.

Week 16 (Apr. 26)