



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

**POLS 203: EAST ASIAN POLITICS**  
**20 POINTS**

**TRIMESTER 2 2015**

**Important dates**

**Trimester dates:** 13 July to 15 November 2015

**Teaching dates:** 13 July to 16 October 2015

**Mid-trimester break:** 24 August to 6 September 2015

**Last assessment item due:** 13 October 2015 (*second in-class test*).

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds). If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

**Class times and locations**

Lectures: Monday, 14:10 – 15:00, MCLT 102  
Tuesday, 14:10 – 15:00, HMLT 002

Tutorials: Tuesday, 10:00 – 10:50, KK202  
12:00 – 12:50, KK202

Wednesday, 12:00-12:50, MY223  
15:10-16:00, KP20/101

Tutorials begin in the second week of trimester.

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## Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard as an important platform not only for communication of additional information but also for the conduct of the course (full information and instructions on course content, schedule and timetable, assignments requirements, submission and marking, course materials). All students should have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding.

## Prescription

This course introduces students to politics and government in East Asia. It focuses primarily on China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, and examines the political history and culture, major institutions and policy processes, economic and social development, and foreign policies of these countries.

## Course Content

Detailed schedule of classes, course content and required readings are available at Blackboard.

Lecture 1      13 July              Introduction

### **Part I              Politics and government: now and then**

Lecture 2      14 July              Early states, colonialism & nationalism

Lecture 3      20 July              Pluralism, Cold War regimes and liberalisation

### **Part II              How state authority is structured**

Lecture 4      21 July              State dominance and constitutional order

Lecture 5      27 July              Organisation of government

Lecture 6      28 July              Rule of law and rule by law

Lecture 7      3 August              Central and local government

### **Part II              How government functions**

Lecture 8      4 August              Bureaucrats, bureaucracy and bureaucratic state

Lecture 9      10 August              How public services are delivered

Lecture 10     11 August              Developmental state: state and market

Lecture 11     17 August              An East Asian development model?

Lecture 12     18 August              First in-class test

*24 August – 6 September Mid-trimester break*

### **Part III              Political society, participation, mobilization**

Lecture 13     7 September              The party, parties, and the party-state

Lecture 14     8 September              Elections, electoral system, electoral culture

Lecture 15     14 September              State in society and society in state

Lecture 16     15 September              Elites, middle class, labour and civil society

Lecture 17     21 September              Identities and identity politics: religions, ethnic groups and gender

### **Part III Political development, modernization and change**

Lecture 18	22 September	Ideas, ideologies and political change
Lecture 19	28 September	Red star over China
Lecture 20	29 September	Democracies, democratization and maturing democracies
Lecture 21	5 October	Confucius society, Asian values and communitarianism
Lecture 22	6 October	East Asian politics and the world
Lecture 23	12 October	Review and Round-up
Lecture 24	13 October	Second in-class test

### **Course learning objectives (CLOs)**

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. develop a good understanding of how the political system has evolved, how government is organised and how politics actually operates in East Asian countries, in the wider international context of politics and government.
2. recognise and understand key concepts and theoretical perspectives in literature on East Asian politics and use them effectively in discussion and research;
3. identify and analyse issues in East Asian politics, and organize research and develop argument/thesis on them;
4. locate relevant information and materials for original research on East Asian politics.

### **Teaching format**

This course is taught in two 50-minute lectures each week. There is also one 50-minute tutorial each week (except the first and last week). Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials regularly, complete the set readings prior to lectures and tutorials, and participate in class discussion.

### **Workload**

In accordance with University Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of all set weekly readings, and research and writing for set assessment tasks. The time a student spends on this course, particularly on work outside class, can vary, depending on the student's circumstances and background. The following breakdown is an estimate for an average student.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Attending lectures and tutorials	34
Readings and preparation for lectures and tutorials	36
First essay	30
First in-class test preparation	25
Research essay	50
Second in-class test preparation	25
<b>Total Hours estimated</b>	<b>200</b>

## Assessment

Assessment items		Weight in final grade (%)	CLO(s)	Due date
1	First essay (1500 words)	20%	1, 3, 4	3 August
2	First in-class test (50 minutes)	25%	1,2,3	18 August
3	Second essay (2500 words)	30%	1, 3, 4	28 September
4	Second in-class test (50 minutes)	25%	1,2,3	13 October

Detailed requirements and instructions for assignments will be available on Blackboard.

## Submission and return of assignments

Assignments are submitted on Blackboard. Instructions on how to submit your assignments are available on Blackboard. Marked assignments will be returned to you also on Blackboard.

## Extensions and penalties

### Extensions

Late submission of **assignments** will **not be accepted** unless the student makes an appointment as soon as practically possible with the course coordinator to explain the lateness (preferably before the assignment is due to be submitted). The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook.

(See: [www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf)).

### Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. Work that is more than 8 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked.

Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In all such cases, prior information will be necessary. Extensions on deadlines for written work will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

### Set texts

*Xiaoming Huang, 2009. Politics in Pacific Asia. London and New York: Palgrave.* The text is available and can be purchased at Vicbooks ([www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz)).

Books in the additional required reading for each week are available at the library, journal articles via the library databases and government reports are available online. Details on Blackboard.

## Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:
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## Student feedback

Student feedback on last year's course was very positive as they were over the years. There was some suggestion that the work required can be more evenly distributed over the course. I have taken this on board and made some adjustment in workload expectations, and the schedule and weight in final grade of assessment pieces. Student feedback on University courses may be found at [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract)
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure)
- Victoria graduate profile: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)