

# PO254-15 The Political Economy of Southeast Asia

**24/25**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

9 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module analyses the patterns and characteristics of political, economic and cultural change in Southeast Asia. It investigates common and competing understandings of economy-state-society relations in the region. After briefly reviewing the region's modern history, the module will look at a number of topical issues in the region such as the politics of financial development, markets/consumption cultures, people/mobilities and the emergence of new forms of regional cooperation.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

TBC

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

## Weekly Topics

1. Introduction: Southeast Asian transformations
2. Political economy meets Southeast Asia
3. Tracing economic change: peasant societies to hyperglobalisation
4. The state in Southeast Asia
5. The politics of financial development
6. Reading week – no classes
7. Consumption cultures
8. People and mobility
9. Regionalisation and ASEAN Economic Community
10. Southeast Asian futures

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the historical development of the political economy of the Southeast Asian region.
- Provide analytical accounts of the configuration of state-society relations in the Southeast Asia region and their impact on the economy.
- Demonstrate awareness of various economic flows - money, goods and people - and how they unfold and are governed in the Southeast Asia region.
- Critically assess past and current regional economic cooperation initiatives.

## Indicative reading list

Alice D. Ba and Mark Beeson (2018) *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, 3rd edition, Basingstoke: Palgrave

Toby Carroll, Shahar Hameiri and Lee Jones (eds.) (2020) *The Political Economy of Southeast Asia. Politics and Uneven Development under Hyperglobalisation*, 4th edition, Basingstoke: Palgrave

Juanita Elias and Lena Rethel (eds.) (2016) *The Everyday Political Economy of Southeast Asia*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## Research element

Timed essay

## Subject specific skills

Understand and explain the historical development of the political economy of Southeast Asia  
Understand and explain the impact of globalisation on the political economy of Southeast Asia  
Understand and explain key features of regional economic cooperation in Southeast Asia  
Understand and explain key drivers of economic and political change in Southeast Asia

## Transferable skills

Communication skills  
Lateral thinking skills  
Skills in the distillation and application of information and ideas  
Critical thinking skills  
Research skills  
Problem solving skills  
Time management skills

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Private study	82 hours (55%)
Assessment	50 hours (33%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

Doing set readings for seminars and answering study questions  
Preparation of seminar learning activities  
Preparation of assessments

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time
Film review	30%	15 hours

Students have to write a critical review on a film they can choose from a list or negotiate with the

## Weighting

## Study time

module tutor. See Juliette Schwak (2020) Film in an IPE classroom: for a critical pedagogy of the everyday, *Review of International Political Economy*, 27:6, 1330-1353, DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2020.1758746 for further information about the use of film in teaching the political economy of (South)East Asia.

Timed essay

70%

35 hours

Students have to write an essay, choosing from a list of pre-approved essay questions. This will be a timed essay and students will have one week to complete this assignment (from release of essay questions to submission deadline).

## Feedback on assessment

Written feedback on PAIS feedback template

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## Availability

### Pre-requisites

N/A

## Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law

This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 2 of V7MR Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite with Economics Major)
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 2 of UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 2 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 2 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 3 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
- UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 2 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 3 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
- UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 2 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 3 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 2 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 3 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian

This module is Option list B for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)

This module is Option list C for:

- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics

This module is Option list D for:

- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics

- Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
- Year 2 of UHIA-VM13 Undergraduate History and Politics (with a term in Venice)
- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics