

PO254-15 The Political Economy of Southeast Asia

26/27

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

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.

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Module aims

The aim of this module is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to analyse the patterns and characteristics of political, economic and cultural change in Southeast Asia. The module 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.

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

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Research element

Research 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

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.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A4

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Research essay	100%	50 hours	Yes (extension)
Write a 3,000-word essay on an everyday object or practice that connects you to Southeast Asia, critically examining the political economy of Southeast Asia using relevant theoretical concepts and empirical materials from the module.			

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Written feedback on PAIS feedback template

Availability

Pre-requisites

N/A

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- Year 2 of UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 2 of UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate 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 V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- Year 2 of UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 2 of UPHA-V5L2 Undergraduate Philosophy and Politics
- 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:

- Year 2 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 2 of UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 2 of UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate 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