

Politics and Society in Eastern Asia

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

None.

Objectives and Contextualisation

"East Asian Politics and Society" is a subject worth 10 ECTS that focuses on the study of social structures and institutions and the political systems and forms of East Asian countries, with special emphasis on the challenges that, in terms of dissent, difference and diversity, arise at the sociopolitical level in their respective societies in the context of globalisation. The subject integrates theoretical and conceptual contributions from political science and international relations, sociology, anthropology and the study of social movements, with the ultimate goal of understanding the social and political processes that take place in the East Asian countries.

Competences

- Analyse the international situation and recognise its complexity, using the theoretical tools seen in the master's programme, and base one's vision of the future on sound knowledge of preceding periods.
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Make a diagnosis of security and development problems in the proposed countries, regions and areas of the international system, and offer useful advice for decision-making based on the diagnosis.

Learning Outcomes

1. Adopt a critical perspective on the phenomena taking place in contemporary East Asia that can be integrated into the diagnosis and guidelines proposed decision
2. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
3. Propose actions to solve problems and to point up the policy of cultural, economic and political relations with lhasa contemporary East and intercultural processes
4. Understand the complexity of the processes of socio-political phenomena related to contemporary East Asia, in the case of countries which play the role of receiver and transmitter

Content

The subject's contents are oriented towards the acquisition of knowledge on the social structures and institutions and the political systems and forms of the East Asian countries, from different theoretical and methodological perspectives. The specific contents of the subject are:

1. Political aspects: a) Characteristics: background; political, legislative and judicial systems; forms of governance and administration; b) Domestic policy: actors and policies; priorities, processes, and agendas; internal politics and external forces; c) Foreign policy: international policy; relations with the EU and with Latin America; public diplomacy and soft power.
2. Social aspects: a) Characteristics: social and economic organisation; socialisation institutions and social reproduction systems; world of work and labour market; values and social change; b) Dynamics: generational change; demographic ageing; urban growth and development; c) Inequalities: socioeconomic, cultural, gender, orientation.
3. Sociopolitical structures: a) Characteristics: citizenship and civil society; social movements and organisations; network activism; b) Processes: democracy and participation; social and political dissidence; surveillance and state cybercontrol; c) Politics of recognition: identity, diversity and difference, multiculturalism.

Methodology

- Lectures
- Readings papers/specialized reports
- Cooperative learning
- Debates
- Talks
- Essays writing

- Oral presentations
- Individual study

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures, talks	50	2	1, 4, 3, 2
Type: Supervised			
Oral defense of essays and debates	25	1	1, 4, 3, 2
Type: Autonomous			
Essays writing, individual study, readings papers/specialized reports, cooperative learning	175	7	1, 4, 3, 2

Assessment

The above information on assessment, assessment activities and their weighting are meant as a guide. The subject's lecturer will provide full information when teaching begins.

The evaluation in this subject is continuous assessment. This subject is not suitable for single assessment.

Continuous assessment

Students must provide evidence of their progress by completing various tasks and tests. These activities are detailed in the table at the end of this section of the Study Guide.

Review and missed/failed assessment activities

When publishing final marks prior to recording them on students' transcripts, the lecturer will outline the procedure to carry out their review and, once this is done, the resit procedure, if applicable.

UAB Assessment procedure:

<https://www.uab.cat/web/studies/graduate/university-master-s-degrees/evaluation/what-is-it-about-13456668150>

Misconduct in assessment activities

Students who engage in misconduct (plagiarism, copying, impersonation, etc.) in an assessment activity will receive a mark of "0" for the activity in question. In the case of misconduct in more than one assessment activity, the student involved will be given a final mark of "0" for the subject. Assessment activities in which irregularities have occurred (e.g. plagiarism, copying, impersonation) are excluded from resits.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Oral defense of essays and active participation in face-to-face sessions and activities	10% - 40%	0	0	1, 4, 3, 2
Submission of essays, reports and commentaries	20% - 70%	0	0	1, 4, 3, 2
Theoretical - practical written assessment	10% - 40%	0	0	1, 4, 3, 2

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Software

We will not use specific software.