

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.

Learning Outcomes

- CA09 (Competence) Be able to understand in detail the socio-political systems of East Asian countries, having a specialised knowledge useful for decision-making.
- CA10 (Competence) Be able to interpret the social and political processes taking place in East Asian countries, taking into account their place in the international context from a critical perspective applicable to problem solving.
- CA11 (Competence) Be able to plan and develop projects that integrate socio-political knowledge of East Asia in an ethical and socially responsible manner, addressing its management in the field of international relations and cooperation.
- CA12 (Competence) Be able to clearly and systematically communicate the global relevance of the socio-political articulations taking place in East Asia to different interlocutors.
- KA07 (Knowledge) Recognise the complexity and implications of the socio-political processes unfolding in East Asia in the contemporary world.
- SA13 (Skill) Analyse the political systems and social structures that characterise East Asian countries.
- SA14 (Skill) Analyse socio-political changes and the challenges of difference, diversity and inequality in East Asian societies in the context of globalisation.
- SA15 (Skill) Competently employ theoretical and methodological concepts and perspectives in the systematic and specialised study of East Asian socio-political realities in the international environment.

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	62	2.48	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15, CA09
Type: Supervised			
Oral presentations, debates	25	1	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15, CA09
Type: Autonomous			
Essays writing, individual study, readings papers/specialized reports, cooperative learning	163	6.52	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15, CA09

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	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15
Submission of essays, reports and commentaries	20% - 70%	0	0	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15
Theoretical - practical written assessment	10% - 40%	0	0	CA09, CA10, CA11, CA12, KA07, SA13, SA14, SA15

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Software

We will not use specific software.