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IS 190: STATES, MARKETS, AND SOCIETIES IN EAST ASIA

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Course Description

The aim of this senior seminar is to help international studies majors complete a major research project on the relationship among governments, markets, and societies in East Asia, broadly defined to include Northeast and Southeast Asia. Two questions motivate the course: (i) How do economic interest groups and social groups affect government policy? (ii) How do politics affect economic and social outcomes (e.g., economic growth, cross-border flows of goods, capital, and labor, gender equality, ethnic divisions etc)? Examples of topics that may be covered in the paper are industrial policy, trade, finance, gender, ethnic and racial politics, the environment, and migration.

Plan of the Seminar

The seminar aims to teach students the skills necessary to write a good research paper. These are: choosing a research question, writing a literature review, and gathering and analyzing data. Each session is organized into two parts: discussion of the readings and a workshop.

Course Requirements and Grading

Students are expected to have read and taken notes on readings before the class.

Readings are located on UCSD e-reserve at:

<http://reserves.ucsd.edu/eres/coursepage.aspx?cid=8949>

Please bring all the readings for the week to the class. All assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late assignments are downgraded a half scale *per day* (i.e A- becomes B+ the following day). Grades will be awarded on the following basis:

Arguing and Critiquing (“Participation”): 20%, Assignments: #1-3: 20%, Research

presentation: 10%, Final research paper (20-25 pages): 50%

Assignments: I will not accept email submissions of assignments, with one exception—I will accept early-bird submissions by email.

Early-Bird Policy: If you submit your assignment before Monday 9:00 AM, I will comment on your work and return the assignment to you in class. NOTE: Email submissions will be allowed for early-bird submissions ONLY. This allows students to obtain feedback on what they wrote immediately after they submit an assignment and incorporate the comments into their research projects.

Absence Policy:

No absence for 10 weeks: +5 bonus points

One pre-informed absence: no penalty

Two absences: B or below except for very special circumstances

Three absences: C or below

Note: I reserve the right to check a digital form of any of your written work with software designed to check for plagiarism.

September 27: Week 1 Introduction

Overview: States, Markets, and Societies in East Asia

Workshop: (1) What is a good research paper? (2) How to find & read scholarly articles and books.

Assignment #1 for next week: Write a one-page single-spaced memo describing your research interests. It could be as vague as an issue area or an event of your interests, and regional or country focus, but try to be as specific as possible. What is your research question, the outcome to be explained, and why you find it interesting? If you can, also write a preliminary causal diagram on it. If you have multiple interests, you can submit *maximum* two ideas (one page each) to get feedback. I will make copies and distribute them in the next class.

Oct. 3: Week 2 Politics of Industrial and Economic Development

How do political, economic, and social actors influence a government's industrial and trade policy? How do governments promote or facilitate industrial development? Under what conditions should government intervene in market activity?

Reed, Steven R, Chapter 5 Making Common Sense of Government-Business Cooperation, *Making Common Sense of Japan*, Pittsburgh, PA, University of Pittsburgh Press.

Doner, Richard F. 1992. "Limits of State Strength: Toward an Institutionalist View of Economic Development." *World Politics* 44 (3):398-431.

Dal Yong Jin. 2006. Cultural politics in Korea's contemporary films under neoliberal globalization, *Media, Culture & Society*, Vol. 28(1): 5–23

Workshop I: How to transform your research interests ("a topic") to a research question
Workshop II: How and where to find sources—government documents, data, newspaper archives, and scholarly articles?

Guest Lecturers, Mr. Harold Colson, Ms. Sanae Isozumi, and Ms. Victoria Chu. IR/PS Library.

Assignment #2 due October 17: Please choose at least one of the following three tasks (if you are eager to make progress, you can do all three). Write a single-spaced, two-page memo summarizing your research and findings. Each memo should start with a brief description of your research question (the outcome to be explained), what you want to find out, and a summary of your findings with proper documentation of sources.

1. Newspaper Archival Research

Use Lexis-Nexus and/or Factiva and research on your topic.

Describe: Key words you used to search articles, how you narrowed down the search, a summary of your findings with footnotes which properly document sources.

2. Literature Search

Use one of the following search engines and research on what existing literature has to say about the outcome you want to explain. Write a single-spaced, two-page memo

summarizing your findings with proper documentation of sources. You will need to refer to a minimum of four readings.

Articles: Social Science Citation Index, JSTOR, and Google Scholar.

Books: Libraries at UCSD, book reviews in academic journals, and google scholar.

3. Data Search

Using official government or international organizations' publication (or official government website), collect raw data that is relevant to your research. Present them visually (graphs, tables), explain in text what these graphs/tables show in the context of your research question and discuss whether they support or disconfirm your argument. You cannot copy and paste graphs already made by these government agencies.

October 10: Week 3 Politics of Poverty and Inequality

How do political, economic, and social factors influence government response to poverty and inequality? Do governments alleviate poverty? If so, what are the conditions under which government policy is effective in reducing poverty?

Keefer, Phillipe and Stuti Khemani, 2004. Why Do the Poor Receive Poor Services? *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 28, 2004

Albert Park, Sangui Wang and Guobao Wu. 2002. Regional poverty targeting in China. 2002. *Journal of Public Economics*. Volume 86, Issue 1, October 2002, pp.123-153.

Albert Park, Sangui Wang and Guobao Wu, Scott Rozelle, Christine Wong, Changqing Ren, 1996. Distributional Consequences of Reforming Local Public Finance in China. *The China Quarterly*, No. 147. (Sep., 1996), pp.751-778.

Workshop: Documenting sources.

October 17: Week 4 Assessing Policy Success and Failure

Mark Thornton (1991), "Alcohol Prohibition Was A Failure," *Cato Policy Analysis* No. 157. Available at <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-157.html>

UNFPA news feature, "Easing Family Planning Rules Leads to Fewer Abortions and More Baby Girls, Chinese Province Finds" December 15, 2005. Available at <http://www.unfpa.org/news/news.cfm?ID=734>

One more article TBA.

Workshop: Data gathering and analysis.

October 24: Week 5 Politics of Reproduction

How do political, economic, and social groups influence government policy related to reproduction? How does government policy affect citizen's decisions to reproduce?

Norgren, Tiana. 1998. "Abortion before Birth Control: The Interest Group Politics Behind Postwar Japanese Reproduction Policy." *Journal of Japanese Studies* 24 (1):59-94.

Short, Susan E.; Fengying, Zhai. 1998. "Looking Locally at China's One-Child Policy" *Studies in Family Planning*. Vo.29, No.4 1998. pp. 373-387

Cooney, Rosemary Santana; Li, Jiali. Household Registration Type and Compliance with the "One Child" Policy in China, 1979-1988. *Demography*. Vo.31 No.1 Feb., 1994 pp. 21-32.

Workshop: How to write a good introduction to your paper.

Assignment #3 for next week: Following the instructions given in the workshop, write an introduction to your paper. It should be around two pages, single-spaced with footnotes. Please submit a complete bibliography and list of sources.

October 31: Week 6 Politics of Environment

How do political, economic, and social groups influence a government's environmental policy?

Elizabeth Economy, *The River Runs Black*, Cornell University Press. Chapters 1 and 4.

Hettige H, Huq M, Pargal S., Wheeler D. 1996. Determinants of Pollution Abatement in Developing Countries: Evidence from South and Southeast Asia, *World Development*, Volume 24, Number 12, December 1996, pp. 1891-1904(14)

Workshop: Students' progress reports and feedback session.

November 7: Week 7 NGOs and IGOs—Do they matter?

Do IGOs and NGOs influence government policy? If so, how?

Amy Gurowitz 1999. Mobilizing International Norms: Domestic Actors, Immigrants, and the Japanese State. *World Politics* 51.3. 1999. 413-445.

Peter Ho 2001. Greening Without Conflict? Environmentalism, NGOs and Civil Society in China. *Development and Change* 32 (5), 893-921.

Workshop: Progress report and feedback session.

November 14: Week 8 Politics of Globalization

*How does globalization—freer movement of goods, capital, and labor across borders—
influence government policy?*

Trade

Mary C. Cooper and Pierre F. Laundry. Forthcoming. The Political Impact of WTO Membership in Urban China.

Asian financial crisis (We will first watch PBS's documentary "Commanding Heights")

Sachs, Jeffrey D., Cooper, Richard N., Bosworth, Barry P. Capital., Radelet, Steven. 1998. The East Asian Financial Crisis: Diagnosis, Remedies, Prospects. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*.1998.1.

MacIntyre, Andrew. 2001. "Institutions and Investors: The Politics of the Economic Crisis in Southeast Asia" *International Organization* Vol.55, No.1 Winter, 2001. PP. 81-122

Migration

Lim LL, Oishi N. 1996. International labor migration of Asian women: distinctive characteristics and policy concerns. *Asian Pacific Migration Journal*. 1996;5(1):85-116

Workshop: How to present your work and comment on others.

November 21: Week 9 Conference (I)

November 28: Week 10 Conference (II)

Research paper due: 4:00pm, December 8, 2006.

Instruction for Assignments

All assignments should be typed (12 pt), single-spaced, the final research paper should be double-spaced.

Please use footnotes to credit specific ideas and information obtained from written sources. Your footnotes should provide the author's name, article title, periodical or book title, publication date, page numbers.

Example:

Cummings, Bruce. 1984. "The Origins and Development of the Northeast Asian Political Economy: Industrial Sectors, Product Cycles, and Political Consequences." *International Organization* 38 (1):1-40.