

COURSE NUMBER: Vr380		COURSE TITLE: Political and Economic Development in Pacific Asia	
TERMS OFFERED: Summer		PREREQUISITES:	
TEXTBOOKS/REQUIRED MATERIAL: Ming Wan (2008) <i>The Political Economy of East Asia</i> . Washington D.C. : CQ Press.		INSTRUCTOR: Sam C. Ro DATE OF PREPARATION: July 12, 2012 DATE OF UC APPROVAL:	
INSTRUCTOR(S): Sam C. Ro		SCIENCE/DESIGN:	
CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course provides a detailed analysis of the political economy of Pacific Asia through case studies of selected economies since the 1960s. The main aim of the course is to disentangle myths and realities surrounding the economic growth in the Pacific Asian region. Students will explore the High Growth Era in Japan, Asian Newly Industrializing Economies (NIEs), and Asian Transition Economies (ATEs), focusing on the interaction between political and economic institutions in creating economic growth; the external and internal factors that shaped such institutions; the changes after the 1990s; and the implications for other developing countries.		COURSE TOPICS: 1. Overview of the Pacific Asian region (3 hrs) 2. Developmental role of the state (3 hrs) 3. Political economy of Japan's post-war development (6 hrs) 4. The old NIEs and the developmental role of Japan in the region (3 hrs) 5. Political economy of South Korea (3 hrs) 6. ASEAN and the New NIEs (3 hrs) 7. Political economy of Thailand (3 hrs) 8. Political economy of Asian Transition Economies: China (3 hrs) 9. Asian Financial Crisis (3 hrs) 10. Prospects for East Asian economic cooperation (3 hrs)	
COURSE STRUCTURE/SCHEDULE: Lecture: once per week 90 minutes; Seminar: once per week, 90 minutes			
COURSE OBJECTIVES [Course Outcomes in brackets]		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an understanding of the debate surrounding the macro-economic structure of current international political economy [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] To provide an understanding of current political and economic issues facing East Asian countries [2, 3, 5] To provide the experience of an in-depth case study linking theoretical arguments with detailed factual evidence [6, 7, 8, 9] To cultivate critical thinking through re-examining theories and arguments raised by others [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] 	
COURSE OUTCOMES [Program Outcomes in brackets]		<p>After completing Vr380, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the concepts and policy implications of 'neo-liberalism' and 'developmental state' [j] Understand the changing nature of international political economy since the 1980s and how it affects a country [j] Understand the roles of domestic and external factors leading to the economic developments and crises in Asian countries [h, j] Understand the roles governments played for the economic development in different Asian countries [h, j] Understand the issues relating to the corporate governance and financial sector reforms in Asia [h, j] Design and carry out research to engage theoretical arguments based on factual details using various sources [f, h, i, j] Make individual oral presentations summarizing their case own studies [f, g, h, j] Write an academic essay to present their own arguments based on their research [f, g, h, i, j] Critically examine arguments made by others [f, h, i] Actively contribute to discussions by making comments and raising questions [f, g] 	
ASSESSMENT TOOLS [Course Outcomes in brackets]		<p>Weekly reading notes [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9] Term paper [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9] Oral Presentation [7, 9, 10] Participation in discussion [9, 10]</p>	