



MÓDULO 4 CIENCIAS SOCIALES

Asignatura: Sistemas Políticos de Asia Oriental

Código asignatura: 31422

Número de créditos (ECTS): 5

Idioma: Inglés

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Module 4		Course	
Optional		<u>POLITICAL SYSTEMS OF EAST ASIA</u>	
5 ECTS			
General Skills			
Instrumental	Interpersonal	Systemic	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG 2 • CG 4 • CG 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG 6 • CG 8 • CG 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG 10 • CG 12 • CG 13 	
Specific skills to the degree			
CE1 / CE 2 / CE 4/ CE 6 / CE 9 / CE 10 / CE 11			
Specific skills to the course			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacidad para adquirir y analizar de forma crítica conocimientos sobre ideas, autores y corrientes teóricas en el estudio de los sistemas políticos de Asia Oriental. • Capacidad para identificar, comparar y analizar los diferentes sistemas políticos contemporáneos de Asia Oriental, especialmente Japón, China y la península de Corea. • Capacidad de valoración crítica de los diferentes debates y paradigmas sobre el análisis de los sistemas políticos. • Capacidad de situar el estudio de los diferentes regimenes políticos de Asia Oriental en el debate sobre la democracia y la <i>gobernanza</i>. • Capacidad de usar las diferentes herramientas teóricas y metodológicas de la Ciencia Política para la comprensión de la realidad política de la zona. • Capacidad de integración teórica y metodológica de disciplinas como la economía, la sociología, o las relaciones internacionales para comprender de forma más compleja afinada la realidad política de la zona. 			
Expected results of the learning process			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and describe the conceptual and methodological tools of political science necessary to analyze 			

the different political systems of East Asia.

- Identify and describe the different debates and current paradigms on the analysis of political systems in East Asia, especially the approaches to modernization theories, theories of policy convergence and the theory of democratization.
- Identify and describe the major actors, processes and political structures of East Asia, especially in Japan, China and Taiwan.
- Identify and describe factors that explain change and continuity in political systems of East Asia.
- Identify and describe the similarities and differences between the political systems studied in the course.

Educational activities

In-class activities

Lectures: 1 ECTS

Seminars: 2 ECTS

Tutorials: 0,5 ECTS

Out-class activities

Analysis of texts and academic articles: 1 ECTS

Distance tutorials: 0,5 ECTS

Methodology

Students are required to attend the class and actively participate in class activities such as debates, presentations and seminars.

On the other side, students must read in beforehand the selected readings in order to attend each session.

Attendance/Participation/Presentations: 20%.

Since this is a Master class, attendance is compulsory.

Three papers for each country: 20 % per paper. Total: 60%

Students have to write 3 different papers on a specific issue that will be detailed by the instructor.

Final exam: 20%

There will be a final text including some analytical and specific questions about the readings.

Although the course will be taught in English, since this is a multilingual course, exams, assignments and other academic works will be accepted also in Catalan, English or French.

Class discussions will be started in English, but students can also use Catalan or Spanish.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- Use of "aula global" (Moodle)
- E-mail
- Audiovisual resources

Description

This course offers a general approach on current Political Systems of East Asia and give students the analytical tools to understand some aspects of East Asian Politics, especially People's Republic of China, Japan and Taiwan. Using the methodology of comparative political science, the course introduces the student in some key aspects of each political system such as the historical context,

government, legislatures and judiciaries, the role of bureaucracy, political parties system and cleavages, and finally, some key issues about modernization and democracy.

Required Text

In order to attend this course, students need to work through each unit and all of its assigned materials.

Readings on East Asian Politics and Political Science.

Huang, Xiaoming. 2009. *Politics in Pacific Asia. An Introduction*. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan. Pages 1-7; 9-35.

Japan

Reed, Steven R. 2011. «The Liberal Democratic Party. An explanation of its successes and failures». In *Routledge Handbook of Japanese Politics*, ed. Alisa Gaunder. New York and London: Routledge.

Inoguchi, Takashi, and Purnendra Jain, ed. 2011. *Japanese Politics Today. From Karaoke to Kabuki Democracy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. "Introduction" (1-9); 1. Prime Ministers" (11-28); 4. Winning Elections in Japan's New Electoral Environment (71-87).

Taiwan

Fell, Dafydd. 2012. *Government and Politics in Taiwan*. London and New York: Routledge. Pages 1-111.

China

Guo, Sujian. 2013. *Chinese politics and government. Power, ideology, and organization*. New York and London: Routledge. Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (pages 74-166).

Syllabus

Unit 1. Introduction to Political Systems of East Asia

The study of politics

The study of East Asian Politics

Unit 2. Japanese political system

General overview of postwar system

Japanese political system (1955 and 1993). The end of the 1995 system.

The Constitution and main political institutions

Challenges of Japanese politics. The end of LDP dominance?

Unit 3. Taiwanese Political system

General overview of Taiwanese history

Taiwanese political system. The Road to Democracy

The Constitution and main political institutions

Independence versus status quo

Unit 5. People's Republic of China's political system

General overview of Chinese history

Chinese political system. Marxism-Leninism as a state ideology

The Constitution and main political institutions
A road to democracy?

Sessions

- Session 1. September 25th. Course Presentation. Introduction to the study of politics.
 Session 2. October Second. Introduction to the study of politics. The study of East Asian Politics. Class Discussion.
 Session 3. October 9th. Japanese Political System. General overview of postwar system Japanese political system (1955 and 1993).
 Session 4. October 16th. The end of the 1995 system. The Constitution and main political institutions.
 Session 5. October 23rd. Challenges of Japanese politics. The end of LDP dominance? Class discussion.
 Session 6. October 30th. Class discussion and Role Play.
 Session 7. November 6th. Taiwanese Political system and general overview of Taiwanese history.
 Session 8. November 13th. Class Presentation. Taiwanese political system. The Road to Democracy The Constitution and main political institutions.
 Session 9. November 20th. Class discussion. Independence versus status quo.
 Session 10. November 27th. People's Republic of China's political system and General overview of Chinese history.
 Session 11. December 4th. Chinese political system. Marxism-Leninism as a state ideology. The Constitution.
 Session 12. December 11th. Main political institutions and The Communist Party of China. A road to democracy? Discussion.
 Session 13. December 18th. **Final Exam.**

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 Hislope, Robert and Mughan, Anthony. 2012. *Introduction to Comparative Politics. The State and Its Challenges*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
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