Part I

Programme Title : Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Greater China Studies
Programme QF Level : 5
Course Title : Political Economy of Southeast Asian Countries
Course Code : POS3013
Department : Department of Asian and Policy Studies
Credit Points : 3
Contact Hours : 39
Pre-requisite(s) : Nil
Medium of Instruction : EMI
Course Level : 3

Part II

The University’s Graduate Attributes and seven Generic Intended Learning Outcomes (GILOs) represent the attributes of ideal EdUHK graduates and their expected qualities respectively. Learning outcomes work coherently at the University (GILOs), programme (Programme Intended Learning Outcomes) and course (Course Intended Learning Outcomes) levels to achieve the goal of nurturing students with important graduate attributes.

In gist, the Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate, Taught Postgraduate and Research Postgraduate students consist of the following three domains (i.e. in short “PEER & I”):

- Professional Excellence;
- Ethical Responsibility; &
- Innovation.

The seven GILOs are:
1. Problem Solving Skills
2. Critical Thinking Skills
3. Creative Thinking Skills
4a. Oral Communication Skills
4b. Written Communication Skills
5. Social Interaction Skills
6. Ethical Decision Making
7. Global Perspectives
1. **Course Synopsis:**

   China’s Belt and Road Initiative is transforming development. This course provides an in-depth examination of a key pillar for the initiative: the Southeast Asian region. It begins with an overview of the political, economic, and social developments among the Southeast Asian countries after the WWII, highlighting how their unique historical backgrounds and institutional configurations have contributed to diversified developmental trajectories. The course then directs students to focus on the interaction and cooperation between the region and China. Students are expected to critically evaluate the social and political transformations of the region, the interplay between business and state actors in development, as well as the opportunities and challenges of China’s overseas infrastructure investment projects.

2. **Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)**

   *Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:*

   - **CILO 1:** Recognize and identify the unique social and political features of Southeast Asian countries.
   - **CILO 2:** Systematically explain the development and transformation of the Southeast Asian countries.
   - **CILO 3:** Demonstrate understanding of the how historical backgrounds and their uniqueness of modernization affect the international order of region and the relations with Greater China.
   - **CILO 4:** Critically evaluate the opportunities and challenges of China’s infrastructure investment projects in Southeast Asia.

3. **Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities**

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<th>Course Content</th>
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   | Introduction to Southeast Asian countries since 1945 (General historical background introduction and their paths to development) | CILO 1,3 | • Lecture  
   |                                                                               |       | • Group presentation & discussion  
   |                                                                               |       | • Textual inquiry  
   |                                                                               |       | • Empirical case studies |
   | Political Development of Southeast Asian Countries (Political system variations, modernization, and democratization) | CILO 1,2,3 | • Lecture  
   |                                                                               |       | • Group presentation & discussion  
   |                                                                               |       | • Textual inquiry  
   |                                                                               |       | • Empirical case studies |
| Economic Development of Southeast Asian countries: newly industrializing economies and the socialist economies (Mainly focus on the economic developments and their strategies among emerging) | CILO\textsubscript{1,2,3} | • Lecture  
• Group presentation & discussion  
• Textual inquiry  
• Empirical case studies |
| Societal Transformation in Southeast Asian Countries (The change of role and status of women, minorities groups, and education) | CILO\textsubscript{1,2,3} | • Lecture  
• Group presentation & discussion  
• Textual inquiry  
• Empirical case studies |
| Interaction between Southeast Asian countries and China (Regionalism and regional cooperation; China’s investment projects in the region and their impacts) | CILO\textsubscript{1,2,3,4} | • Lecture  
• Group presentation & discussion  
• Textual inquiry  
• Empirical case studies |

### 4. Assessment

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<th>Assessment Tasks</th>
<th>Weighting (%)</th>
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<td>(a) Classroom participation: Active learning is an important component in higher education. Students are encouraged to articulate their opinions and raise relevant questions as part of the learning process.</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>CILO\textsubscript{1,2}</td>
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<td>(b) Term paper: Research paper on a topic chosen by students that can apply the theories and concepts discussed in the course.</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>CILO\textsubscript{1,2,3,4}</td>
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<td>(c) Group Presentation: Students are expected to divide into groups and choose a topic for verbal presentation during tutorial.</td>
<td>40%</td>
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### 5. Required Text(s)

Nil
6. **Recommended Readings**


7. **Related Web Resources**

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) [http://www.asean.org/](http://www.asean.org/)

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) [http://www.apec.org/](http://www.apec.org/)

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) [http://www.asian-studies.org/](http://www.asian-studies.org/)

Asia Center, Harvard University [https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/](https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/)

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Asia Program [http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/asia-program](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/asia-program)
8. Related Journals
Asian Survey
Journal of Contemporary Asia
Critical Asian Studies

9. Academic Honesty
The University adopts a zero tolerance policy to plagiarism. For the University’s policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Academic Honesty, Responsibility and Integrity with Specific Reference to the Avoidance of Plagiarism by Students (https://www.eduhk.hk/re/modules/downloads/visit.php?cid=9&lid=89). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

10. Others
Nil

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