**POL 300 – ASIA POLITICS**

**FALL 2010**

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Class Website: via Angel and by appt.

Class Meetings: TTH 12:45 – 2:05 in Mahar 204

**Course Overview**

This course provides an introduction to politics and current political issues in the Asia Pacific. The class begins with a thematic overview of the region. We will study issues like domestic politics, political economy, international relations, security, environment, and the roles of women, ethnicity and religion in society. We continue with a detailed focus on democratization in the region. The final third of the class will be devoted to analyzing China’s recent economic and political transformations.

**Responsibilities**

This is an upper division politics course, and while no prior knowledge about the region is required, a basic understanding of politics and the terms covered in Introduction to Comparative Politics or Third World Politics is expected. If you have not takend either of these classes please see me after the first class.

I expect that you fulfill the following responsibilities:

* Attend class. While I am aware that obligations may cause some classes to be missed, the material we will examine can be complex, and many absences or the failure to keep up with the reading will adversely affect your ability to accomplish the goals of this course. Participation is a significant portion of your grade, and you cannot participate if you are not here.
* You can expect that I will attend class. If, for unseen circumstances, I cannot come to class I will email the class as soon as possible, and will post a note outside the door.
* Be prepared for each class by carefully reading all assignments. Prepared students will be able to ask informed questions, contribute to discussions and perform well on the papers.
* Ask a question if you do not understand a term, concept, or idea used in class or in the readings.

**Required Texts**

Kaup, Katherine Palmer. 2007. *Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific.* Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Pan, Philip P. 2008. *Out of Mao’s Shadow: The Strugge for the Soul of a New China*. NY: Simon and Schuster.

Rich, Roland. 2007. *Pacific Asia in Quest of Democracy*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Keep up with current events in Asia with the NY Times International Section or some other good source of international news daily

**Assignments & Grading**

Exams (3) – 60%

Quizzes – 15%

Paper – 15%

Participation – 10%

**Late Papers Policy**Late papers or portions thereof will lose ½ grade per calendar day that it is late.

**Participation grade guidelines**

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| A | Student is actively engaged in the class, contributing regularly to class discussions. |
| B | Student is engaged in the class, contributing often to class discussions. |
| C | Student is engaged in the class, but rarely contributes to class discussions. |
| D | Student is not engaged in the class, rarely contributing to class discussions. |
| E | Student is not engaged in the class, never contributing to class discussions. |

#### Intellectual Integrity As noted by the [Committee on Intellectual Integrity](http://www.oswego.edu/administration/provost/integrity/index.html), "Intellectual integrity on the part of all students is basic to individual growth and development through college course work. When academic dishonesty occurs, the teaching/learning climate is seriously undermined and student growth and development are impeded." With this in mind, you're expected to be(come) familiar with the [College Policy on Intellectual Integrity](http://www.oswego.edu/administration/registrar/policy_text.html#cpii). Your submission of written work for this class will be taken as your formal indication that you fully understand this policy, including relevant definitions and consequences of academic dishonesty.

**Campus Resources:**

There are many resources on campus to help you to succeed in this class.

***Office Hours***

I hold office hours every week. Please feel free to come by to talk about the class, your research paper, or if you want to further understand a concept, etc.

***Class Discussions***

We will have some discussion every class meeting. This is a time for you to bring up questions (which you will hand in for part of your participation grade), talk about the posted discussion questions, talk about current events, etc. Use this time to develop, define, and refine your own informed arguments.

***Writing Center[[1]](#footnote-0)***

The OLS Writing Center is designed to assist you with the complexities of the writing requirements of your courses. Our professional staff has had over 30 years of experience writing, tutoring, and educating. Do you want someone to read your writing before you hand it in? Not quite sure how to use that semicolon? Need some help putting together that 'A' paper that you know you can?

The writing center provides walk-in services or appointment based assistance, which ever works better for your schedule. We're open Monday-Friday from 10-5. OLS is located at 106 Poucher Hall (312-3094).

***Penfield Library***

The Library has ‘Research Guides by Subject’, journals, databases, tutorials, handouts and reference librarians to assist you. Please utilize this valuable resource.

**Disability Services**

The Office of Disability Services (183 Campus Center) is available to assist students who have a legally documented disability or students who suspect that they may have a disability. If you have a disabling condition that may interfere with your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the office of Disability Services. Also, please see me to let me know how we may be of assistance. Alternative testing for students with learning disabilities is available.

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**Course Schedule**

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| **Week 1** | **Introduction to the Asia Pacific** |
| Tues, 8/31 | Introduction to the course   * Kaup: Introduction |
| Thursday, 9/2 | * Kaup: Chapter 4 Politics |
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| **Week 2** | **Political Economy** |
| Tues, 9/7 | * Kaup: Chapter 5 Economy |
| Thurs, 9/9 | Rosh Hashanah – No class |
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| **Week 3** | **International Relations** |
| Tues, 9/14 | * Kaup: Chapter 6 International Relations |
| Thurs, 9/16 | * Kaup: Chapter 7 Military and Security Issues |
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| **Week 4** |  |
| Tues, 9/21 | * Kaup: Chapter 8 Environment |
| Thurs, 9/23 | * Kaup: Chapter 9 Population |
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| **Week 5** |  |
| Tues, 9/28 | * Kaup: Chapter 11 Women and Development |
| Thurs, 9/30 | Exam #1 |
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| **Week 6** | **Democratization in Asia** |
| Tues, 10/5 | * Rich, Chapter 1 |
| Thurs, 10/7 |  |
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| **Week 7** | **Formal Democratic Institutions** |
| Tues, 10/12 | * Rich: Chapter 3 Institutions |
| Thurs, 10/14 | * Rich: Chapter 4 Rule of Law |
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| **Week 8** | **Informal Democratic Institutions** |
| Tues, 10/19 | * Rich: Chapter 7 the Public |
| Thurs, 10/21 | * Rich: Chapter 8 Changing Political Culture |
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| **Week 9** |  |
| Tues, 10/26 | * Rich, Chapter 9 Comparing Democracies |
| Thurs, 10/28 | * Rich, Chapter 10 Crystal ball-gazing |
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| **Week 10** |  |
| Tues, 11/2 | Review/catch up day |
| Thurs, 11/4 | EXAM #2 |
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| **Week 11** | **China moving *Out of Mao’s Shadow*** |
| Tues, 11/9 | A very brief history |
| Thurs, 11/11 | * Pan: Intro – 47 |
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| **Week 12** |  |
| Tues, 11/16 | * Pan: finish part I |
| Thurs, 11/18 |  |
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| **Week 13** |  |
| Tues, 11/23 | * Pan: start part II |
| Thurs, 11/25 | Thanksgiving – No class |
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| **Week 14** |  |
| Tues, 11/30 | * Pan: finish part II |
| Thurs, 12/2 | * Pan: start part III |
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| **Week 15** |  |
| Tues, 12/7 | * Pan: part III |
| Thurs, 12/9 | Conclusions   * Pan: finish part III |

**Thurs, 12/16 8 – 10:00 Final Exam**

1. This section is from the Office of Learning Services website (<http://www.oswego.edu/academics/support/OLS/writingc.html>) accessed 1/5/07 [↑](#footnote-ref-0)