Taiwan in Southeast Asia: A Multifaceted Engagement

Instructor

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Course Date & Time

July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, August 1
9:10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Course Objectives

This course is aimed at providing basic understanding of contemporary Taiwan-Southeast Asian Relations through six main themes and related topics. It begins with the overall introduction of regional dynamics and the process of region making in Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific through comparative perspectives. It would touch upon some intricate regional puzzles such as Taiwan’s role and identity in the region, South China Sea disputes as well as the rise of China and the regional concerns. Site visits would be arranged in this course to encourage international students to explore the real social connectivity between Taiwan and the region.

Course Description

- Overall introduction: Taiwan in Southeast Asia;
- Comparative regionalism between ASEAN regionalism to the Asia-Pacific community;
- Security issues: South China Sea, cross-strait relations and non-traditional security collaboration;
- Soft power and sharp power in practice: the case of Confucius Institutes;
- China and the expansion of the hegemonic influence: foreign aid and investment;
- The New Southbound Policy of Tsai administration in Taiwan.

Course Outline or Topics

(1) Taiwan in Southeast Asia: Past, Present and the Future;
(2) Comparative Regionalisms: From Southeast Asia to the Asia Pacific;
(3) Regional Security and Strategic Currents;
(4) Taiwan, China and Southeast Asia: Soft Power Matters;
(5) The Politics of Resistance in Southeast Asia;
(6) Southeast Asia in Taiwan: Cultural Landscapes and Communities in Taiwan.

Requirements and Grades

1. Two issue papers (40%): students should write issue papers
2. One term paper (60%): student needs to submit one term paper.
Reading Materials


