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Identity and Democracy in Asia

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This course will explore the dynamics of democratic transition and consolidation in the Asia Pacific region, with a primary focus on the countries of Northeast Asia.

The seminar will begin by engaging a series of conceptual and analytic questions suggested by the diverse patterns and outcomes of transition in the region and will explore a linked set of country case studies and comparisons. Among the central questions will be the impact of identity variables on post-authoritarian transitions, the broader impact of political culture on regime legitimacy, and the linkages between transition modes, regime performance and democratic consolidation.

A significant secondary focus will be on the determinants of authoritarian sustainability, including a consideration of the long-term viability or vulnerability of such regimes.

Students will rotate responsibility for leading the seminar discussions and will undertake country-specific research projects linked to the main themes of the course. The final sections of the course will feature student research presentations.

Course Readings:

A **course reader** (required) will be available for purchase at T & T Copy, 333 Bloor St. West. (St. George and Bloor)

Grades will be based on the following:

Participation: (20%)
5 short reading critiques @ 8 points per critique (40%)
Research Paper (40%)

Topics and Readings:

Part I: Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Asia Pacific

September 13

Comparative Perspectives

1. Chu et.al, How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 1 ("Comparative Perspectives on Democratic Legitimacy in East Asia")
2. Mark Thompson, "Late industrializers, late democratisers: developmental states in the Asia-Pacific," Third World Quarterly, 1996.
3. Benjamin Reilly, "Political Engineering in the Asia Pacific," Journal of Democracy, January, 2007.

September 20

Defining Democracy

1. Michael Saward, Democracy, Chapter 2 ("Narrating Democracy.")
2. David Collier and Steven Levitsky, "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research," World Politics, April, 1997.
3. Ariel Armony and Hector Schamis, "Babel in Democratization Studies," Journal of Democracy, October, 2005.

September 27

Democracy, Development and Governance in the Asia-Pacific

1. Pranab Bardhan, "India and China: Governance Issues and Development," Journal of Asian Studies, May, 2009.
2. Randall Peerenboom, China Modernizes: Threat to the West or Model for the Rest, Chapter 2.
3. Frances Fukuyama, "Dealing with Inequality," Journal of Democracy, July, 2011.

October 4

Authoritarian Sustainability: Perspectives from Pacific Asia

1. Azar Gat, "The Return of Authoritarian Great Powers?" Foreign Affairs, 2007.
2. Stephen Levitsky and Lucan Way, Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes After the Cold War, Chapter 1.
3. Ivan Krastev, "Paradoxes of the New Authoritarianism," Journal of Democracy, April, 2011.

4. Andrew Nathan, "Authoritarian Impermanence," Journal of Democracy, July 2009.

Part II: Case Studies of Regime Stability and Change

October 11

Identity, Class and Region: Driving Democratic Transition

1. Shelley Rigger, "Nationalism versus Citizenship in the Republic of China on Taiwan," in Goldman and Perry, Changing Meanings of Citizenship in Modern China, Harvard, 2002, Chapter 14. (354-372)
2. Sung-Joo Han and Oknim Chung, "South Korea: Economic Management and Democratization," in James Morley, ed. Driven By Growth, Chapter 9.
3. Video: Pacific Century, #8 ("Struggle for Democracy")

October 18

Performance, Culture, and Democratic Consolidation

1. Leonard Morlino, 'Good' and 'Bad' Democracies: How to Conduct Research into the Quality of Democracy," Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, March, 2004.
2. Shinn and Park, "The Mass Public and Democratic Politics in South Korea," in Chu, et.al. How East Asians View Democracy.
3. Yu-Tzung Chang and Yun-Han Chu, "How Citizens View Taiwan's New Democracy," in Chu, et.al, How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 4.
4. Hahm Chaibong, "South Korea's Miraculous Democracy," Journal of Democracy, July, 2008.

October 25

Authoritarian Legitimacy Reconsidered: The China Case

1. Tianjian Shi, "China: Democratic Values supporting and Authoritarian State," in Chu et. al. How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 9.
2. Stephen Angle, "Decent Democratic Centralism," Political Theory, August 2005.

November 1

Authoritarian Outliers: The Case of Singapore

1. Marco Verweij and Riccardo Pelizzo, "Singapore: Does Authoritarianism Pay?" Journal of Democracy, April, 2009.
2. Soek-Fang Sim, "Asian Values, Authoritarianism and Capitalism in Singapore," Vol. 8, No. 2 (2001).

November 8	No Class Meeting: Fall Break
November 15	North Korea <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marcus Noland, <u>Korea After Kim Jong-il</u>, Chapters 1-3. 2. Andrei Lankov, "Staying Alive: Why North Korea will not Change," <u>Foreign Affairs</u>, March/April, 2008.
November 22	Myanmar (Burma) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reynolds, Stepan, Oo, and Levine, "How Burma Could Democratize," <u>Journal of Democracy</u>, October, 2001. 2. Jurgen Haacke, "ASEAN and Political Change in Myanmar," <u>Contemporary Southeast Asia</u>, Vol. 30, No. 8 (2008).
November 29	Research Presentations
December 6	Research Presentations

1. Benjamin Reilly, "Political Engineering in the Asia-Pacific,"
Journal of Democracy, Vol 18, no. 7 (January, 2007)