

University of Toronto
Department of Political Science

JPA 410/2310H/F
Identity and Democracy in Asia

Fall, 2010
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This course will focus on issues of democratic transition and consolidation in the Asia Pacific region. The course will engage a series of conceptual and analytic questions structured thematically, and a linked set of country case studies and comparisons. Among these will be the impact of identity variables on post-authoritarian transitions and the linkages between transition modes and democratic consolidation and performance. Students will be responsible for leading the seminar discussions and undertaking country-specific research projects linked to the main themes of the course.

Course Readings and Evaluation Breakdown

Two books have been placed on order at the University of Toronto Bookstore.

Chu, et. al. Ed., How East Asians View Democracy, Columbia University Press, 2008.
Bruce Gilley, China's Democratic Future, Columbia, 2004.

Grades will be based on the following:

Participation: 20%
Annotated Short Bibliography 10%
Conceptual Paper/Literature Review 20%
Research Paper 50%

Topics and Readings:

September 14 **Course Introduction and Overview**

September 21 **Democracy in the Asia Pacific: Issues and Perspectives**

1. Chu et.al, How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 1
("Comparative Perspectives on Democratic Legitimacy in East Asia")
2. Benjamin Reilly, "Political Engineering in the Asia-Pacific,"
Journal of Democracy, Vol 18, no. 7 (January, 2007)

September 28

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.

October 5

Ethnicity and Democracy: I

1. Donald L. Horowitz, Ethnic Groups in Conflict, Chapter 1 (“The Dimensions of Ethnic Conflict.”)
2. Jack Snyder, From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict, Chapter 1.

October 12

Ethnicity and Democracy: II

1. Jack Snyder, From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict, Chapters 6-7.

October 19

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 26

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, Chapters 1-2.

November 2

Performance Legitimacy and Culture in 3 Chinese ‘Polities’

1. Tianjian Shi, “China: Democratic Values supporting and Authoritarian State,” in Chu et. al. How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 9.
2. 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.
3. Wai-Man Lam and Hsin-Chi Kuan, “Democratic Transition Frustrated: The Case of Hong Kong,” in Chu, et.al., How East Asians View Democracy, Chapter 8.

November 9

No Class Meeting: Fall Break

November 16

Democratic Transition in China?

1. Bruce Gilley, China’s Democratic Future: How It Will Happen and Where It Will Lead, Chapters 5-6.
2. Stephen Angle, “Decent Democratic Centralism,” Political Theory, August 2005.
3. Andrew Nathan, “Authoritarian Impermanence,” Journal of Democracy, July 2009.

November 23

Democratic Consolidation in Northeast Asia

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. Larry Diamond and Doh Chull Shin, “Introduction: Institutional Reform and Democratic Consolidation in Korea.”
3. Shinn and Park, “The Mass Public and Democratic Politics in South Korea,” in Chu, et.al. How East Asians View Democracy.
4. Hahm Chaibong, “South Korea’s Miraculous Democracy,” Journal of Democracy, July, 2008.

November 30/
December 7

Student Paper Presentations