

## Asian Regionalism and Economic Development

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### Course Description

This course offers a comparative perspective on Asian regionalism and its role in global order. Case studies are drawn from Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, Central Asia and South Asia. Specifically, this course addresses the nature, functional principles, leadership and policy making process of Asian regionalism. It will also introduce and assess the origins and developments of leading regional cooperation mechanisms: ASEAN, Six-Party Talks (Northeast Asian Security Cooperation Architecture), SAARC and SCO. The second part of the course will focus on the key factors that influence growth and development in Asian economies.

### Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

Understand the concepts and principles of Asian Regionalism

Understand the origins and development of leading regional co-operations in Asia like ASEAN, SAARC and CAREC

Understand the key drivers of Asian economic growth and development issues in Asia

### Course structure

Lesson 1	Course Introduction	No assigned readings
Lesson 2	What is a region? The study of regions and the evolution of regionalism	Regionalism by Soderbaum
Lesson 3	National Identity vs Regionalism	Identity and Regional Integration by Slocum and Lagenhove
Lesson 4	Regionalism & World Economic Order	Regionalism, Globalization & World Economic Order by Wyatt Walter
Lesson 5	Theories of regionalism	“Explaining the Resurgence of Regionalism in World Politics by Andrew Hurrell Acharya “Ideas, Norms and Regional Orders,”
Lesson 6	European regionalism: EU	Ideas of Regionalism, the European Case by Murray
Lesson 7	European regionalism: Brexit	The Paradox of Brexit by Igwe
Lesson 8	<b>Paper 1</b>	Video documentary and class discussion
Lesson 9	Southeast Asian Regionalism – ASEAN & ASEAN+3	The evolution of Southeast Asian Regionalism by Thompson
Lesson 10	Southeast Asian Regionalism – ASEAN	The Myth of ASEAN Centrality by Acharya

	Challenges	
Lesson 11	North East Asian Regionalism	Evolving regional governance in East Asia: from ASEAN to an East Asian Community by Caballero- Anthony
Lesson 12	Asian Multilateralism	Is there an Asia Pacific Way by Acharya
Lesson 13	Comparative Analysis of European & Asian Experiences	East Asian & European Economic Integration by Capannelli
Lesson 14	<b>Paper 2.</b>	Video documentary and class discussion
Lesson 15	<b>Review, discussion &amp; Mid-term test</b>	Review, discussion & Mid-term test No assigned readings
Lesson 16	Regionalism in Central Asia	CAREC by Johannes Linn
Lesson 17	Regionalism in Central Asia	Regionalism in Central Asia by Bohr
Lesson 18	South Asia & regional Integration Partition of India & the creation of Pakistan	The Institutions of Regional Integration in South Asia by Ghate
Lesson 19	Regionalism in South Asia	India and East Asia through the looking glass by Isabelle Saint-Mezard
Lesson 20	The middle income trap, the People's Republic of China and Asia	How can China Overcome the Middle Income Trap by Zhou and Hu
Lesson 21	The problem with China's New Economic Model: Before & after Covid-19  Ideology versus Prosperity	China's regional governance: developing norms and institutions by Nicholas Thomas
Lesson 22	Environmental issues	CSIS Report on Asia's Response to Climate Change  Transboundary Haze and human security in Southeast Asia by Varrkey
Lesson 23	Good Governance & Development	Is good governance good for development? Jomo Sundaram & Chowdhury
Lesson 24	Foreign aid	Foreign Aid and Development Assistance by Anderson & Raksmev
Lesson 25	<b>Paper 3.</b>	Video documentary and class discussion
Lesson 26	Public health and challenges in Asia Coping with the pandemic	Healthcare tourism in India by Jdhav Medical & wellness tourism: lessons from Asia by ITC
Lesson 27	Religion and Development  Does religion hinders development?	Development and Religion: Different Lens of Development Debates by Marshall

Lesson 28	Poverty, Corruption & Development Why Corruption is bad?	Corruption, Causes & Consequences by Sumah
Lesson 29	<b>Paper 4.</b>	Video documentary and class discussion
Lesson 30	Final Review & discussion	No assigned readings

\*\*\*This syllabus is subject to change with proper notifications prior to revisions\*\*\*

### **Readings:**

*Students for this course are NOT required to purchase any textbooks. Weekly readings from the main textbooks and articles from academic journals will be posted on blackboard.*

### **Main textbook**

Regionalism in World Politics by Louise Fawcett and Andrew Hurrell, Oxford University Press, 2000.

### **Course structure**

Classes will consist of lectures, discussions and group activities

**\*\*Important\*\*:** It is crucial that students do the readings before coming to class in order to be able to participate actively during discussions. The readings are also intended to provide students with ideas and arguments for written assignments.

**Exams:** There will be one mid-term and one final exam

### **Group work & writing assignments:**

After every group work session, each student is required to write a short essay. There will be 4 short essays and each consists of 10 points. In total, ALL the writing assignments are worth 40% of your grade. The 4 short essays are based on the various topics that we will be discussing in class. The essays are about **1-2 pages in length** and have to be typed (12 font, double spaced) and turned in during the designated day and time.

### **Evaluation criteria:**

Attendance & Participation 20 %

Reflection papers 40%

Midterm 20%

Final exam 20%

### **Reflection papers**

There will be 4 short papers in total for this course. Each short paper (1-3 pages) will consist of 10 points.