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Diplomacy 4196AA—Fall 2005
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Introduction

This course is designed to introduce the student to the international relations system of Southeast Asia and the foreign policies of the Southeast Asian states. Throughout the course three levels of interaction will be examined: the Southeast Asian states as autonomous actors, the regionalization of Southeast Asian foreign policies, and the states' and region's relations in the IR environment external to Southeast Asia. The subtitle of the primary text, "the struggle for autonomy," expresses the key proposition for the examination and understanding of the issues and dynamics of Southeast Asia's international relations.

Required Texts

Weatherbee, Donald E. International Relations in Southeast Asia: The Struggle for Autonomy. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.

Neher, Clark D. Southeast Asia in the New International Era. 4th ed. Boulder: Westview Press, 2002.

Turabian, Kate L. A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations. 6th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

Supplemental Texts

Additional readings in the form of book chapters and journal articles are listed under the appropriate class meeting date and subject heading. The materials will be supplied or are available online through Academic Search.

Course Requirements

The course is taught as an elective for advanced undergraduate students. No prior knowledge of the Southeast Asian region is expected. The course involves reading a significant bibliography, preparing a short project and a research paper shaped by the individual student's interests, mid-term and final exams, and class participation.

Mid-term and Final Exams

A one-hour and 15-minute mid-term exam will be given October 20. Final exams are scheduled the week of Dec. 10-16.

Project and Research Paper

Project. Each student will be assigned a project that involves updating a significant issue discussed in the Weatherbee text. The student will provide the instructor with a two-page briefing on the topic with a bibliography of at least three sources beyond the textbook and will make a five-seven minute oral report to the class. The reports will be given at the point during the semester at which the relevant topic is under discussion.

Research paper. The paper should be 12-15 pages in length, plus bibliography. Paper topics must be agreed upon with the instructor no later than September 22 and papers will be due December 1. Any student wishing the instructor to comment on a first draft must submit it no later than November 10. Each student is expected to have at least one paper conference beyond the scheduling conference with the instructor.

Style. Bibliography and footnotes or endnotes in both the project and research paper must follow either Style A or Style B as given in Turabian. Proper bibliographic usage will be counted in the grading, as will proofreading for spelling and grammatical errors. Written work must be submitted in hard copy, double-spaced with one-inch margins in 12-point type.

Class Participation

Attendance at every class session is expected. Any student who is too ill to attend should notify the instructor in advance.

All students are expected to bring for class discussion at least one item concerning an important Southeast Asian current event each week. For current events purposes, the class will be divided into two sections, with one half concentrating on events in continental Southeast Asia and one half on events in maritime Southeast Asia. After the mid-term exam, the two sides will switch concentrations.

Grading

Grading standards are set in the Undergraduate Catalogue. For this course, letter grades translate numerically as follows:

A+ 97-99	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F below 60
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Grading distribution:

Class participation	10%
Project	15%
Mid-term exam	20%
Final exam	25%
Research paper	30%

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is an extremely serious offense and will be dealt with accordingly. At the first class meeting the instructor will explain plagiarism in detail and provide written examples. The School of Diplomacy policy is quoted in part here:

All forms of dishonesty, whether by act or omission including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism and knowingly furnishing false information to the university are prohibited. Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, research or administrative proceedings is prohibited. University sanctions may extend to suspension and dismissal.

COURSE CALENDAR AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. **September 8--Introduction**

Explanation of syllabus

Discussion of Weatherbee, Ch. 1—why study Southeast Asia, levels of analysis, theoretical argument

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 1; Neher, Ch. 1 and 2

2. **September 15—Actors in Southeast Asian IR (Part 1)**

The state as primary actor

Regional state actors—Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 2, pp. 24-35; Neher, Ch. 5, 6, 8, 11 and 12; Cotton, "The Emergence of an Independent East Timor," Contemporary Southeast Asia (CSA) 22, no. 1 (April 2000)

3. **September 22—Actors in Southeast Asian IR (Part 2)**

Regional state actors—Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

Extra-regional state actors and non-state actors

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch.2, pp. 35-56; Neher, Ch. 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10

4. September 29—The Historical Context of Southeast Asian IR

Legacies of precolonial and colonial Southeast Asia

The Cold War in Southeast Asia

The Second and Third Indochina Wars and the role of ASEAN

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 3; McCloud Ch. 5 and 6; Narine, Ch. 2 and 3; Jarasa, "The ASEAN Troika on Cambodia," in The 2nd ASEAN Reader

5. October 6--Regionalism in Southeast Asia (Part 1)

Concept of regionalism

Background, structure and operational code of Asean

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 4; seminal ASEAN documents at ASEAN home page www.asean.or.id; Ramcharan, "ASEAN and Non-interference: A Principle Maintained," CSA 22, no. 1 (April 2000); Nischalke, "Insights from ASEAN's Foreign Policy Cooperation: The 'ASEAN Way,' a Real Spirit or a Phantom?" CSA 22, no. 1 (April 2000); Katsumata, "Why is ASEAN Diplomacy Changing? From 'Non-interference' to 'Open and Frank Discussions'," Asian Survey 44, no. 2 (March/April 2004)

6. October 13—Regionalism in Southeast Asia (Part 2)

Impact of ASEAN expansion

Wider regional frameworks

Southeast Asian subregionalism

Reading: Narine, Ch. 5, pp. 113-25; Ferguson, "ASEAN Concord II," CSA 26, no. 3 (December 2004); Smith, "ASEAN's Ninth Summit," CSA 26, no. 3 (December 2004); James, "Myanmar's International Relations Strategy," CSA 26, no. 3 (December 2004); Than and Than, "ASEAN Enlargement and Myanmar" in The 2nd ASEAN Reader; McKay, "APEC: Successes, Weaknesses, and Future Prospects," Southeast Asian Affairs 2002; Weatherbee, "Indonesian Foreign Policy: A Wounded Phoenix," Southeast Asian Affairs 2005; Siriluk Masviriyakul, "Sino-Thai Strategic Economic Development in the Greater Mekong Subregion (1992-2003)," CSA 26, no.2 (August 2004); Vatthana Pholsena, "Laos in 2004: Towards Subregional Integration: 10 Years On," Southeast Asian Affairs 2005; Hund, "ASEAN Plus Three: towards a new age of pan-East Asian regionalism? A skeptic's appraisal," Pacific Review 16, no. 3 (September 2003); Dent, "The Asia-Europe Meeting and Inter-Regionalism," Asian Survey 44, no. 2 (March/April 2004)

7. October 20—Mid-term Exam and Conflict in Southeast Asia (Part 1)

The ASEAN Way

Territorial disputes and maritime disputes (the South China Sea)

Ethnic Conflict
The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 5; Narine, Ch. 5, pp. 101-13; Emmers, Ch. 1; Heller, "The Relevance of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) for Regional Security in the Asia-Pacific," CSA 27, no. 1 (April 2005); Collins, Ch. 2, "Societal Security and Ethnic Tensions," Nathan, "Malaysia-Singapore Relations: Retrospect and Prospect," CSA 24, no. 2 (August 2002); Ringuet, "The Continuation of Civil Unrest and Poverty in Mindanao," CSA 24, no 1 (April 2002); DeCastro, "The Revitalized Philippine-U.S. Security Relations," Asian Survey 43, no. 6 (November/December 2003); Sukma, "The Achenese Rebellion: Secessionist Movement in Post-Suharto Indonesia," in Tan and Boutin, eds., Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia; Croissant, "Unrest in South Thailand," CSA 27, no. 1 (April 2005)

8. October 27--Conflict in Southeast Asia (Part 2)

Reading: Amer, Ch. 3, "Claims and Conflict Situations," and Ch. 8, "Ongoing Efforts in Conflict Management," in Kivimaki, ed., War or Peace in the South China Sea; Stuart-Fox, "Southeast Asia and China: The Role of History and Culture in Shaping Future Relations," CSA 26, no. 1 (April 2004); Kuik, "Multilateralism in China's ASEAN Policy: Its Evolution, Characteristics, and Aspiration," CSA 27, no. 1 (April 2005); Amer, "Assessing Sino-Vietnamese Relations through the Management of Contentious Issues," CSA 26, no. 2 (August 2004); Rowan, "The U.S.-Japan Security Alliance, ASEAN and the South China Sea Dispute," Asian Survey 40, no. 3 (May/June 2005); Leavitt, "The Lack of Security Cooperation between Southeast Asia and Japan: Yen Yes, Nippon No," Asian Survey 40, no. 2 (March/April 2005); Buszynski, "ASEAN, the Declaration on Conduct, and the South China Sea," CSA 25, no.3 (December 2003); Bristow, "The Five Power Defence Arrangements: Southeast Asia's Unknown Regional Security Organization," CSA 27, no. 1 (April 2005); Wang, "Bridge over troubled waters: fisheries cooperation as a resolution to the South China Sea conflicts," Pacific Review 14, no. 4 (December 2001)

9. November 3—Non-traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia (Part 1)

Definitions

Transnational crime

Terrorism and terrorists

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 6; Emmers, "ASEAN and the securitization of transnational crime in Southeast Asia," Pacific Review 16, no. 3 (September 2003);

Young and Valencia, "Conflation of Piracy and Terrorism in Southeast Asia," CSA 25, no. 2 (August 2003); Gibson and Haselman, "Prospects for Controlling Narcotics Production and Trafficking in Myanmar," CSA 25, no. 1 (April 2003); Low, "Malaysia's Illegal Indonesian Migrant Labour Problem," CSA 25, no. 1 (April 2003); Tagliacozzo, "Border Permeability and the State in Southeast Asia Contraband and Regional Stability," CSA 23, no.2 (August 2001); Bradford, "Japanese Anti-Piracy Initiatives in Southeast Asia," CSA 26, no. 3 (December 2004)

10. November 10—Non-Traditional Security Issues (Part 2)

Reading: Abuza, Militant Islam in Southeast Asia, Ch. 2 and 5; Abuza, "Tentacles of Terror: Al Qaeda's Southeast Asian Network," CSA 24, no. 3 (December 2002); Abuza, "Funding Terrorism in Southeast Asia," CSA 25, no. 2 (August 2003); De Castro, "Addressing International Terrorism in Southeast Asia: A Matter of Strategic or Functional Approach?" CSA 26, no. 2 (August 2004); Chalk, "Militant Islamic Extremism in Southeast Asia," Ch.2 in Smith, ed., Terrorism and Violence in Southeast Asia

11. November 17—The Pattern of Economic Regionalism

International Economic Environment
ASEAN Response
ASEAN and External Arrangements

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 7; Bhaskaran, "The Economic Impact of China and India on Southeast Asia," Southeast Asian Affairs 2005; Cai, "The ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement and East Asian Regional Grouping," CSA 25, no. 3 (December 2003); Wong and Chan, "China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement: Shaping Future Economic Relations," Asian Survey 43, no. 3 (May/June 2003); Daquila and Le, "Singapore and ASEAN in the Global Economy: The Case of Free Trade Agreements," Asian Survey 43, no. 3 (May/June 2003); Pang, "The Financial Crisis of 1997-98 and the End of the Asian Developmental State," CSA 22, no. 3 (December 2000); Nguyen and Luan, "Expectations and Experiences of the New Members: A Vietnamese Perspective," in The 2nd ASEAN Reader

12. December 1—Human Rights in Southeast Asia

International Context
Issue Areas
Human rights as an international interest

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 8; Snitwongse and Bunbongkarn, "New Security Issues and Their Impact on ASEAN," Ch. 8 in Tay, ed., Reinventing ASEAN; Neher, "Democracy, Human Rights, and Security in Asia," Ch. 7 in Simon, ed., The Many Faces of Asian Security; Acharya, "Human Rights and Regional

Order,” in The Second ASEAN Reader; Mohamad, “Towards a Human Rights Regime in Southeast Asia,” CSA 24, no. 2 (August 2002); Seekins, “Burma and U.S. Sanctions,” Asian Survey 45, no. 3 (May/June 2005); Thawngmung, “Preconditions and Prospects for Democratic Transition in Burma/Myanmar,” Asian Survey 43, no. 3 (May/June 2003); Oishi and Furuoka, “Can Japanese Aid Be an Effective Tool of Influence? Case Studies of Cambodia and Burma,” Asian Survey 43, no. 6 (November/December 2003); Robinson, “Human Rights in Southeast Asia: Rhetoric and Reality,” Ch. 5 in Wurfel and Burton, eds., Southeast Asia in the New World Order; Lizee, “Human Security in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia,” CSA 24, no. 3 (December 2002)

13. December 8—Environmental Issues in Southeast Asia and Wrapup

Transboundary concerns
International and ASEAN contexts
East-West debate
Particular issue areas
Course conclusion

Reading: Weatherbee, Ch. 9; Osborne, “The Strategic Significance of the Mekong,” CSA 22, no. 3 (December 2000); Goh, “The Hydro-Politics of the Mekong River Basin,” in Tan and Boutin, eds., Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia; Clad and Siy, “The Emergence of Ecological Issues in Southeast Asia,” Ch. 4 in Wurfel and Burton, eds., Southeast Asia in the New World Order; Elliott, “Environmental Challenges,” in Southeast Asian Affairs 2001

Weatherbee, Ch. 10; Tay, “ASEAN and East Asia: A New Regionalism?” Ch. 11 in Tay, ed., Reinventing ASEAN

4196AA Suggested Research Paper Topics

Non-traditional Security Issues

Narcotics

Women and Children

Piracy

Pandemics

Refugees and illegal immigration

Environmental Issues

Deforestation and illegal logging

Dam building

South China Sea pollution and fisheries

Minority Rights

Vietnam

Myanmar

Law of the Sea Issues

Fisheries

Oil

Jurisdiction

Bilateral Relationships

India and Southeast Asia

Myanmar and sanctions

Japan and Southeast Asia