

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	APSS5209														
<b>Subject Title</b>	Emerging Issues of Social Policy in Asia														
<b>Credit Value</b>	3														
<b>Level</b>	5														
<b>Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	Nil														
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Seminar Report</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Seminar Participation and Presentation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Term paper</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The followings apply to the overall grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;</li> <li>• The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and</li> <li>• Student must pass all components if he/she is to pass the subject.</li> </ul>			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Seminar Report	10%	0%	2. Seminar Participation and Presentation	0%	30%	3. Term paper	60%	0%
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<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This course aims to enhance students' knowledge of social policy in Asia. It is designed primarily as a means to enhance a comparative understanding of social policy in Asia, the emerging and new challenges encountered within and across specific national contexts, and the problems related to the policy making and implementation. A variety of emerging social policy issues in Asia will be covered, including housing problems, aging population, social security and welfare measures, labor conditions, environmental problems and disaster risk reduction policies, gender, education inequality, etc.</p>														
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students are able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be equipped with basic competence and knowledge of how social policy impacts on social development in Asian context;</li> <li>b. Develop independent critical thinking in assessing the connection between responsible social policy and development options in Asian countries;</li> <li>c. Identify critical ethical dilemmas and criteria for policy making in Asia</li> </ol>														

	d. Develop a cross-cultural and cross-national perspective to address social problems and to devise social policy options for Asian societies.																																		
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Context: Changing Policy Context in Asia <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The rise of China and its social and economic impacts in Asia</li> <li>b. Regional socio-economic development in contemporary Asia</li> <li>c. Changing economic and social policy in Asia</li> <li>d. Changing welfare regime and policymaking process in Asia</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Challenges: Selected Emerging Challenges Faced in Asian Societies in a cross-cultural and cross-national perspective <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aging population</li> <li>b. Housing problem</li> <li>c. Labor condition</li> <li>d. Educational Inequality</li> <li>e. Gender Inequality</li> <li>f. Environmental problems</li> <li>g. Disaster Risk</li> <li>h. Others</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Experiences and Lessons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Major global, regional and cross-national policy initiatives and their impacts on national policies</li> <li>b. Major national policy Initiatives and its impacts</li> <li>c. Policy options, values and dilemma in different Asian societies</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Future Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commonality and Diversity of socio-economic developments among Asian countries</li> <li>b. Pathways of civil society and social services developments</li> </ol> </li> </ol>																																		
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	Students will expect to engage in interactive lectures to familiarize themselves with the common frameworks for understanding changing social policy setting and progress in Asia. In seminars, group project activities will enable students to put their knowledge and skills to test when preparing group projects and presentations.																																		
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	<p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>The research paper will allow students to integrate the basic concepts and theoretical frameworks they learn in the subject to demonstrate their knowledge and competence they have achieved through their own research. As well it will allow them to indicate the proficiency of their communication skills, including how to put their ideas together coherently and creatively, exercising critical thinking, displaying insights and making appropriate judgment, and clarifying complex policy and development issues.</p> <p>Their seminar presentation and participation will give them an additional opportunity to display their learning outcomes as described above. However, this will further allow them to make evident their competence as a team player and their performance in an interactive group setting.</p> <p>The short seminar paper will also enable students to show off their ability and capability in presenting their ideas in a succinct form, requiring them to be creative, concise, logical and professional in communicating and organizing their ideas and knowledge as well as making good judgments in selecting the best way for delivering what they have learnt.</p>	
<b>Student Study Effort Required</b>	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lecture</li> </ul>	27 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seminar</li> </ul>	12 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seminar Presentation</li> </ul>	20 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individual Essay</li> </ul>	20 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-study</li> </ul>	33 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	112 Hrs.
<b>Reading List and References</b>	<p><b><u>Essential</u></b></p> <p>Cook, S., &amp; Pincus, J. (2014). Poverty, inequality and social protection in Southeast Asia: An introduction. <i>Journal of Southeast Asian Economies (JSEAE)</i>, 31(1), 1-17.</p> <p>Doucette, J., &amp; Park, B. (2018) <i>Developmentalist Cities? Interrogating Urban Developmentalism in East Asia</i>. Leiden: Brill.</p> <p>Lin, J. Y., &amp; Wang, Y. (2015). China's contribution to development cooperation: Ideas, opportunities and finances. <i>Development</i>, 119.</p> <p>Mok, K.H. &amp; Ku, Y.W. (eds.) (2010). <i>Social Cohesion in Greater China: Challenges for Social Policy and Governance</i>, Singapore: World</p>	

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