

## ASIA90007 Tradition & Change in Contemporary Asia

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. Intensive
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: This subject will be taught intensively in semester 2. 4 hrs x 6 days (Fri, Sat, Sun). Total Time Commitment: Total 120 hours including contact and non-contact hours.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Entry into the Master of International Relations or Executive Master of Arts or Master of Arts Asian Societies Admission into the Masters of International Relations.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	None.
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The Asian region has experienced much rapid political, economic and social change in the past century. This subject aims to interrogate the process of creating and maintaining traditional identities in the Asia Pacific region with close attention to indigenous history, endangered languages, the arts, and local religious practices, laws and customs. This subject will also examine strategies for managing change via policy, legislation, community activism and grassroots movements. The influence of new technologies, media and communication will also be covered.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Develop familiarity with a range of approaches to conceptualising 'tradition' in contemporary Asia</li> <li># Developing a critical understanding of how the concept of 'tradition' is employed to further social and political ends in different Asian societies</li> <li># Developing a critical understanding of the interplay between nationalism, globalisation and ethno-local identity</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written work totalling 5000 words comprising two 1000 word review essays 20% each (one due mid-semester and one due at the end of semester), and a research essay totalling 3000 words 60% (due during examination period).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A Reading Pack will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop.
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	None.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Applying research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry</li> <li># Developing persuasive arguments on a given topic</li> <li># Communicating oral and written arguments and ideas effectively</li> <li># Developing cross-cultural understanding</li> </ul>

<b>Notes:</b>	None.
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Arts (Asian Societies) Master of International Relations