

ASIA90008 Asia and the World

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week. Total Time Commitment: 24 contact hours plus non-contact study hours, estimated total time commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Entry into the Master of International Relations, Master of International Relations or Master of Arts (Asian Societies).
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This is an advanced introduction to international politics in Asia. The subject explores the shift of global power to Asia and provides a broad coverage of the regions relations with the great powers and international/regional institutions, including important issues like democratisation, economic globalisation and security. The course consists of four sections. The first section provides historical reviews of developments in Asia through understanding the roles played by external powers, and how the Asian powers are aligned both vertically (historically) and horizontally (across a specific historical juncture). The second section reviews Asia's governance structure with both global and regional institutions like the UN, WTO, ASEAN, APEC etc. Section Three examines the issue of economic globalisation after the 1990s, particularly the rise of China and India. Special attention is also paid to Japan's bubble economy and the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis. These seminars also cover Asia's responses to economic globalisation by looking at particular reforms at the state level and initiatives at the regional level. The last section investigates topical interests related to Asia: democratisation, nuclear issues, the environment, and energy security.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Developing a critical understanding of the key issues and challenges faced by Asian states in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. # Developing an understanding of the relationship between developments in Asia and international/regional politics, and how to theorise this relationship. # Developing a critical understanding of the debates related to the region, its institutions and important issues in the age of globalisation. # Developing an understanding of Australia's past, present, and future role in Asia.
Assessment:	1 x 1000 word briefing paper worth 20% and 1 x 1000 essay plan (for the long essay) worth 20%, (both due during the semester); and 1 x 3000 essay worth 60% (due during the examination period).
Prescribed Texts:	Reading materials supplied by the Institute.

Recommended Texts:	Muthiah Alagappa (ed.), <i>Asian Security Practice: Material and Ideational Influences</i> (Stanford University Press) Other recommended books include (choose one): Michael K. Connors, Rémy Davison, Jörn Dosch (eds.), <i>The New Global Politics of the Asia-Pacific</i> (Routledge); Mark Beeson, <i>Regionalism and Globalisation in East Asia</i> (Palgrave Macmillan).
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Applying research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry # Developing persuasive arguments on a given topic # Communicating oral and written arguments and ideas effectively # Developing cross-cultural understanding
Notes:	This subject is a compulsory component of the Master of International Relations and the Master of Arts (Asian Societies) (teach-out).
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of International Relations 200 Point Master of International Relations Asian Studies Asian Studies