

Global Asia: economy and politics in East and Southeast Asia

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Autumn 2026, 15 hp

Period 1: Semester part A-B: (31 August – 30 October 2026)

All lectures and seminars are held in [C312](#)

Week 1: (31 August–5 September)

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE: Tuesday 1 September, 1-3 PM

Political and economic transformations in East and Southeast Asia 1978-2026 (JL)

Key topics:

- China's post-Mao market economic reforms
- Regional and inter-regional trends: Vietnam war and Taiwan issue
- China's rise and US-China rivalry

LECTURE 1: Friday 4 September, 10-12AM

Back to the past? Autocratic regression in China under the leadership of Xi Jinping (JL)

Week 2 (7-11 September)

LECTURE 2: Tuesday 8 September, 1-3PM

Autocracies and democracies in East Asia: How did (some) East Asian countries democratize? (YHB)

LECTURE 3: Thursday 10 September, 1-3PM

Democratization and autocratization in Southeast Asia (EH)

Week 3 (14-18 September)

LECTURE 4: Tuesday 15 September, 1-3 PM

The development of hegemonic/dominant/single party regimes in East and Southeast Asia (To be confirmed))

Week 4 (21-25 September)

SEMINAR I: Tuesday 22 September, 1-3PM

Democratization and autocratization in East and Southeast Asia.

See Canvas platform for seminar assignment, due 21 September

LECTURE 5: Thursday 24 September, 10-12AM

The developmental state: contributions and limitations to East Asian development (YHB)

Week 5 (28 September–2 October)

LECTURE 6: Tuesday 29 September 1-3PM

Whose development? Southeast Asia's political economy, labour, and gender (EH)

LECTURE 7: Thursday 1 October, 10-12AM

China's state capitalism: Domestic and transnational consequences (JL)

Week 6 (5 October -9 October)

Seminar II: Thursday 8 October, 1-3PM

The Asian values debate on development models for Asia (YHB and JL)

See Canvas platform for seminar assignment, due 7 October

Week 7 (12 October- 16 October)

LECTURE 9: Tuesday 13 October, 1-3PM

Security, conflict and international relations of East and Southeast Asia (JL and YHB)

LECTURE 10: Friday 16 October, 10-12AM

China in international relations: From passive to active (JL)

Week 8 (19 October-23 October)

LECTURE 11: 20 October, 10-12

International relations and current conflicts in Southeast Asia (EH)

Week 9 (26 October- 30 October)

Examination on campus, four-hour, digital writing: date and time TBC