SE2218 – The Changing Economic Landscape of Southeast Asia

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Description:
The Southeast Asian economies and the region as a whole have experienced a significant change in their economic landscapes in terms of high growth rates, rising income levels, improvement in the standards of living, and the changing structures of production and trade. What accounts for this transformation? We seek to answer this question by examining the experiences and problems of the various Southeast Asian economies in the context of the leading development models and policies that they have pursued in promoting and developing their domestic sectors (agriculture, manufacturing and services) and external sectors (trade, foreign capital and regionalism).

Objectives:
At the completion of this course, students should be able to:
(i) extend their knowledge of the Southeast Asian economies through independent study of books, articles and other materials dealing with these economies,
(ii) understand clearly the nature, characteristics, and development experiences of Southeast Asian economies,
(iii) analyse the different factors explaining Southeast Asia’s economic development, and
(iv) determine the relevance of Southeast Asia’s development to other developing economies.

Assessment:
Assessment for this module is based on 100% Continuous Assessment (CA). It consists of class attendance and participation including Discussion Forum (20%), group presentation (25%), individual response paper (25%), and individual/group research paper (30%).

(i) Class attendance and participation including IVLE forum (20%): Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and participate in various class activities.

(ii) Group presentation (25%) – Students will be divided into smaller groups (depending on student number) and each group will present a pre-assigned article contained in the course pack, for a max of 20 minutes each group.

(iii) Assignment #1: Individual Response Paper (25%). Students will write a reaction/response paper based on a set of questions. Individual work should be based on 2 articles from online newspapers/magazines, and group work, 3 articles.

(iv) Assignment #2: Research Paper (30%) Students can write on any topic covered in this course on an individual or group basis depending on student number.

Structure
Part I - The Three M’s of Economic Development
1 - The Meaning and Measurement of Development
2 - Models of Development
3 - Explaining SE Asian Development
Part II- Domestic Economy of Southeast Asia
4 - Agriculture Sector
5 - Industrial Sector
6 - Financial Sector
7 - Labour Sector

Part III- External Economy of Southeast Asia
8 - Foreign Direct Investment
9 - Foreign Trade
10 - Economic Regionalism

Coursepack:
A set of reading materials, including articles for class presentation, will be made available for purchase by the students from the bookshop.