



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

COSU02, Social Movements in South-East Asia, 7.5 credits

Sociala rörelser i Sydöstasien, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2024-11-11 (U 2024/733). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-11-11 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is offered in collaboration with the Institute of International Education as part of the Myanmar Higher Education Consortium Pilot Capstone Project and funded by USAID.

Language of instruction: English

The course is taught in English and Burmese.

Main field of study *Specialisation*

- G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the participants will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- account for different types of social movements in South-East Asia in relation to the social, political, and economic diversity of the region.
- account for the political and social processes involved in movement development in South-East-Asia
- account for the dynamic relationship between activism, civil society, mobilization, and social movements in South-East Asian societies

Competence and skills

- critically discuss how social movement actors navigate local, regional, and transnational contexts to bring about political, social, and economic change
- identify and analyse the connections that exist between social and political movements at both regional and global levels
- collect, evaluate, and use relevant sources as a basis for a written analysis of a specific issue concerning political and social movements in South-East Asia

Judgement and approach

- analyse and critically assess current social and political movements and their links to social and political issues in South-East Asian societies

Course content

This course provides a comprehensive overview of social movements in South-East Asia. It highlights the development of significant movements in the region and their relationship to protests and issues of social contention. The course will foster typological and comparative understanding of movements in relation to the political regimes and social issues of different countries. The course covers movements dedicated to diverse issues such as human rights violations, state repression, gender and economic inequalities, environmentalism, and lifestyle in contemporary South-East Asian societies. The forms of movements and activism addressed comprise pro-democracy demonstrations, youth movements, memory activism, issue focused advocacy, and multimedia elements used in social mobilisation in South-East Asia.

Course design

The course is offered as a distance learning course with the support of a web-based learning platform and/or digital tools. Participants are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to an Internet connection.

The teaching consists of online lectures, seminars and discussions.

Assessment

The course is examined through an oral group presentation (3 credits) and an individual written home exam (4.5 credits).

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination and a re-sit.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. For the grade of Pass on the entire course, the participant must have been awarded at least a Pass on all assessed credits.

At the start of the course, participants are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

Participants must be participants of the Myanmar Higher Education Consortium's Pilot Capstone Program.

Further information

The course is given at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Department of History, Lund University.