



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Cultures and Societies of Asia

2021-2-F0101R024

Course title

Cultures and societies of Asia

Topics and course structure

The course will deal with two fundamental aspects in the identity-process of modern, local and/or national societies in Southeast Asia: practices of welfare and work relationships. Thanks to Erica Bornstein's theorisation on gift and philanthropy in India, poverty, work-related migration and notions of work will be analysed for the whole of Southeast Asia and, more specifically, in the case of Indonesia.

Objectives

The course aims to develop basic knowledge and understanding of welfare relationships in Asia, with a special focus on Southeast Asia.

The students will be required to connect the different parts of the course and develop a personal standpoint.

This will enable them to use the Asian experience as a general tool in the analysis of similar phenomena in other parts of the world.

Methodologies

Front lessons. Discussion of video or otherwise produced fieldwork materials. Shared readings

Online and offline teaching materials

Programme and references for attending students

Programme and references for non-attending students

see section "attending students" and note:

1) e 3) same as for attending students.

2) Choose TWO of the 4 texts in the list

4) In order to acquire some of the background which is otherwise provided during the lessons, students will also study the following text::

Osborne, M. E. (2010). *Southeast Asia: An Introductory History*. ReadHowYouWant. com.

Assessment methods

Oral exam. Assessment of the students' participation to ethnographies, to discussions about films and texts and to oral presentations.

Office hours

tuesday at 12.

Programme validity

two years

Course tutors and assistants
