

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# **SYLLABUS DEL CORSO**

# Culture e Società dell'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**