



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Cultures and Societies of Asia

2021-2-F0101R024

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#### 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**

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