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Taiwan's Political Development

Lecturer

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Course's Schedule

Date	July 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 2022
Time	01:30 to 04:30 PM

Course's Objectives

This course provides an overview of Taiwan's political development. Specifically, the evolving process of political changes and coming challenges will be discussed. It is expected that students will learn the story of how Taiwan strives for democracy since the Second World War.

Course Description

This lecture and discussion course will introduce a general knowledge of Taiwan's political changes since 1949. Main concerns will focus on how Taiwan transforms herself from an authoritarian regime to a democratic one and deals with the upcoming internal and external political challenges at present time.

Course requirements/ Grading Standards

- Class Participation, 40% (Attendance, 10%; Discussion, 30%)
- Two Short Essays, 60% (3 pages for each essay and plagiarism will not be accepted)

Course Outline and Reading

New materials will be presented when necessary

Session 1 (July 4th): Where Is Taiwan Politically? Backgrounds of Taiwan's Political Development

- Studies of Taiwan's Political Development
- Taiwan's Politics in the early 1950s
- Initial Contacts between the Locals and the New Comers

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 1.

Session 2 (July 5th): What Happen in Early Period? The Consolidation of an Authoritarian Regime in Taiwan

- Nature of Authoritarianism in Taiwan
- Measures and Impacts of Authoritarianism
- Constitutional Complexities

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 2.

Session 3 (July 6th): Where Does Change Occur? Election-Driven Political Transition

- Rule of the Game
- Evolving Electoral Politics
- Electoral Competition after 2000

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 5.

Session 4 (July 11th): Who Are Agents of Change? Parties and Party System

- The Kuomintang (the KMT): Ideologies and Performance
- The Democratic Progress Party (the DPP): Ideologies and Performance
- Party Alliances and Minor Parties

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 6.

Session 5 (July 12th): What Makes Taiwan's Politics Unique? Core Issues

- Identity Issue
- Unification vs. Independence Issue
- New Issues after 2000

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 8.

Session 6 (July 13th): Group Project Presentation

- Referendum in Taiwan
- Citizen's Democratic Values
- Issues to be Concerned

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 11, 14.