



Global Politics & Economics (I): Taiwan's Political Development

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Course Date & Time

9:10 am – 12:00pm, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (7/10/2023 – 7/12/2023)

Course Objectives

This course will provide students 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/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 Outline and Reading

Date 1-1: Where Is Taiwan Politically? Backgrounds of Taiwan's Political

- Studies of Taiwan's Political Development
- Taiwan's Politics in the early 1950s
- Initial Contacts between the Locals and the New Comers
- Nature of Authoritarianism in Taiwan
- Measures and Impacts of Authoritarianism
- Constitutional Complexities

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.

Date 2: Where Does Change Occur? Election-Driven Political Transition

- Rule of the Game
- Evolving Electoral Politics
- Electoral Competition after 2000
- 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 5 and Chapter 6.

Date 3: What Makes Taiwan's Politics Unique? Core Issues

- Identity Issue
- Unification vs. Independence Issue
- New Issues after 2000
- Referendum in Taiwan
- Citizen's Democratic Values
- Issues to be Concerned

Reading: ®Fell (2018), Chapter 8, Chapter 11, and Chapter 14.

Course requirements/ Grading Standards

- Class Participation, 60%, students are expected to attend all lectures and actively

participate in class discussion.

- One Short Essay, 40%, 3 pages and plagiarism will not be accepted.

Reading / Reference Materials

©Fell, Dafydd, 2018 (Second Edition). (Electronic)

Government and Politics in Taiwan. London: Routledge.



***Global Politics & Economics (I):
Taiwan and the Dynamics of Political Economy in
the Indo-Pacific***

Instructors: Dr. Alan Hao Yang

Course Date & Time

July 17 *the shaping of the resilience in the Indo-Pacific configuration: Domestic and International nexus*

July 18 *Decoding Economic Security: challenges and prospects for state survival in comparative perspectives*

July 19 *Soft Power Diplomacy: Contending strategies and practices among Taiwan and regional powers*

This course is designed for international students enrolled in the International Summer School at NCCU with the purpose of systematically introducing Taiwan's positioning and role in the political and economic configuration of the Indo-Pacific region. In addition to unpacking Taiwan's strategic importance and unique contributions to the Indo-Pacific dynamics from the perspective of comparative politics and international relations, the course will also explain Taiwan's secure state survival and good governance. In terms of From the perspective of domestic structure and comparative politics(CP), The themes regarding the tical change, political system, and democratic governance will be highlighted, while from the perspective of international relations (IR), the content will be oriented to addressing the dynamics and development at three different levels as (1)the macro level focus: the shaping of

the resilience in the Indo-Pacific configuration: Domestic and International nexus; (2) meso-level focus: Decoding Economic Security: challenges and prospects for state survival in comparative perspectives, (3) micro-level focus: Soft Power Diplomacy: Contending strategies and practices among Taiwan and regional powers. In addition to academic enlightening, the course will unpack insights from practitioners and think tankers

本課程主要對於國際學生就台灣在印太區域政治經濟結構中的定位與角色進行系統性介紹，教師除了從比較政治與國際關係的角度說明台灣的重要性與特殊貢獻。從國內結構與比較政治的角度來看，政治變遷、政治體制、民主治理將會是重點，而從國際關係的主要內容將包含三個層次：宏觀層次印太國際政治與韌性的建構：國內與國際連結、中觀層次解構經濟安全：國家生存的挑戰與展望 以及微觀層次軟實力的比較觀點：台灣與區域強權的策略與實踐。除了學術的觀點之外，本課程也將提供實務界與智庫的見解。

Course requirements/ Grading Standards

- Class Participation, 30%
- One Short Essay, 70%