# Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies



# **Syllabus**

for course at advanced level

Cultural Flows and Political Relations in East Asia Kulturella flöden och politiska förhållanden i Östasien

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 JK0100

 Valid from:
 Autumn 2015

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 2015-02-25

**Department** Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies

Main field: Asia:s Languages and Cultures

Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

#### **Decision**

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities, 2015-02-25.

#### Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Asia:s Languages and Cultures or the equivalent, including a bachelor's thesis of at least 15 credits. English B/English 6.

#### Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education CreditsDK01Cultural Flows and Political Relations in East Asia7.5

# Course content

The greater part of Asia is currently undergoing a major process of transformation, involving not only individual countries' state-building but also, under new socio-cultural conditions, the need to find new positions in international politics. This course aims to identify historical, cultural and political constellations and analyze how these are reflected in today's conditions. The emergence of new structures at national as well as regional level is studied and the concept of Asia is problematized from several perspectives.

#### **Learning outcomes**

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- identify and analyze socio-cultural and political processes of change in Asia from a contemporary perspective,
- analyze courses of events in East Asia and their consequences for the rest of the world,
- demonstrate in-depth insights into, as well as ability to independently analyze and discuss, the interconnectedness between national, regional and global development in Asia,
- analyze and discuss the concept of Asia from several perspectives.

### Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. All teaching sessions is mandatory. Written assignements are part of the course requirements. The language of instruction is English. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

#### Forms of examination

a) The course is examined on the basis of a case study at the end of the course. The subject of the case study

is chosen together with the examiner. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

- b) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course. A = Excellent, B = Very good, C = Good, D = Satisfactory, E = Adequate, Fx = Inadequate, F = Totally inadequate.
- c) Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.
- d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the case study, hand in all written assignements and meet the attendance requirement of 80%. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the attendance requirements. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignement.
- e) At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contarry. Such requests should be made to the department board.
- f) This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignement in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

#### Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

#### Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

## Required reading

The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts. Please refer to the course website at www.orient.su.se.