

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Contemporary cultural politics and identity in East Asia**  
**Samtida kulturpolitik och identitet i Östasien**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	JK0300
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2018
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2015-09-15
<b>Changed:</b>	2017-09-15
<b>Department</b>	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
<b>Main field:</b>	Asia:s Languages and Cultures
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the board of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies at Stockholm University on 2015-09-15, and revised on 2017-09-15.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Asian Languages and Cultures, including a degree project of at least 15 ECTS credits, or the equivalent. English B/English 6, or the equivalent.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
DK01	Contemporary cultural politics and identity in East Asia	7.5

## Course content

The course discusses the dynamic processes in the cultural politics of East Asian countries and studies how they shape local, regional, national and transnational identities in a given period. The main focus of the course is on current cultural-political strategies undertaken by the East Asian countries to meet the contemporary challenges during a time when culture is regarded as a key dimension of globalization. As background for understanding recent innovations and developments in the cultural politics of Japan, China as well as North- and South Korea the priorities during earlier periods will also be covered.

## Learning outcomes

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

- identify relevant changes in the cultural politics of the East Asian countries during different epochs,
- explain the historical context, the cultural, political and social-economic conditions and institutional background which is used to formulate and implement cultural politics,
- reflect on the complex relationships between cultural politics and identity politics.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. Attendance at all teaching is mandatory. The language of instruction is English.

Course requirements: one oral presentation and written assignments are mandatory elements of the course.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made

available at least one month before the course starts.

### **Forms of examination**

a. The course is examined on the basis of a case study, which is presented orally during the course and in writing at the end of the course. The subject of the case study is chosen in consultation with the examiner. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

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. The communicated grading criteria are binding.

d. In order to pass the course and get a final grade, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the case study, fulfill the compulsory course requirements and meet the attendance requirement of 80 %. The principles for weighting individual course assignments are described in the grading criteria.

Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory instruction. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e. At least one examination opportunity 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 E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

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 contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment 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.

### **Misc**

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**

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at [www.su.se/asia](http://www.su.se/asia). The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.