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As the first and only academic centre in Finland devoted to the study of contemporary East Asia, the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) conducts original research on the region and offers packages of multidisciplinary teaching on several levels. It also coordinates the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies.

This Study guide of the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Turku contains information on the Curriculum 2018–2020 as well as on some general study regulations of the University of Turku.

The CEAS Teaching Schedule is available in the peppi online study guide system: HTTPS://OPAS.PEPPI.UTU.FI/EN/DEGREE-PROGRAMME/2638

CEAS offers a Master’s Degree Programme in East Asian Studies (EAST, 120 credits) a Bachelor-level programme Minor in East Asian Studies (MEAS, 25 credits), and it is also possible to pursue a doctoral degree at CEAS as part of the Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences.


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THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

The academic year runs from 1 August to 31 July.
The autumn semester runs from 1 August to 31 December and the spring semester runs from 1 January to 31 July.
The lecture courses run usually from September to December and from January to May. It is possible to take the (electronic) literature exams throughout the academic year in the online exam system (see below).

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES
Registration for all courses is done in the Nettiopsu online service (https://nettiopsu.utu.fi/index?locale=en) starting on 15 August 2019.

NB: The minimum number of attending students for optional courses to be organised is five. In case a course is cancelled due to lack of attending students, discuss with the course teacher about possible alternative ways to take the course.

LITERATURE EXAMS AND ELECTRONIC EXAMS
The exams are usually organised at the end of a lecture course or as a self-study exam, any time of the year. More information about the different types of exams can be found in the General Instructions for Study at CEAS, available from intranet page: https://intranet.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/studying/resources/Pages/home.aspx.

There are two chances to take the final exam at the end of each course, and in addition, one Last Chance Exam at the end of the semester.

MOODLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
Most of the courses taught at CEAS utilize the Moodle online learning and teaching environment (http://moodle.utu.fi), providing a platform for course syllabi, course readings, lecture materials, and uploading of assignments. Moodle is accessible with an account of the University of Turku or the Finnish HAKA federation of universities.

ASIANET
Students can take courses offered by the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies. The application period for autumn semester courses is in August-September, and application for the spring term courses will be in November. The course information and application details & forms are found on the Asianet website (http://www.asianet.fi/).

GRADING
All courses are graded on a scale 1–5 unless otherwise noted. In some cases, pass/fail is used.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND INTERNET SITES
In addition to this Study Guide and its following updates, be sure to consult the following documents:


SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT INTERNET ADDRESSES
CEAS intranet https://intranet.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/studying/resources
Moodle online learning environment https://moodle.utu.fi/
Nettiopsu study register system https://nettiopsu.utu.fi/
Exam, the online exam system https://exam.utu.fi/
UTUGradu/Electronic thesis process http://libguides.utu.fi/ututhesis/student
Finnish University Network for Asian Studies http://www.asianet.fi/
STUDENT CLUB TAOTAO
Are you interested in East Asia and people sharing the same interests? In that case Taotao is the right student organization for you! We are a happy group of people who warmly welcome new members, whether they are master’s or minor students or others interested in East Asia or Taotao. Taotao organizes various East Asia-related events as well as events related to Finnish student life and traditions.

TAOTAO MAILING LIST
Join the Taotao mailing list to get more information about events in Taotao and CEAS! Also information on other East Asia-related events will be shared through the list. No Taotao membership is required to join the list. Please note that also course feedback links will be shared using this mailing list. Join the list by sending a request to tyy-taotao[at]utu.fi. You can also join the Facebook group Taotao - CEAS Student Club: https://www.facebook.com/ututaotao/

COURSE FEEDBACK
Taotao organizes the collection and administration of course feedback at CEAS courses so that the Center’s staff is given only the results. Course feedback is collected strictly anonymously.
MINOR IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES (MEAS).

By taking the Minor in East Asian Studies (MEAS) (25 ECTS), students will become familiar with the major East Asian (China, Japan, and Korea) societies, politics, and history. Students learn the most important historical, social, and political events and turning points as well as large developments, and they become aware of the topical social and political issues of the East Asian states as well as the whole region.

COMPLETING THE MINOR

Completing the Minor in East Asian Studies, students will be capable of carrying out further studies on East Asia or applying their learning in various professions related to East Asia.

Students majoring in Contemporary History who have selected the East Asia Study Line take Module 1 and Module 2 (21 ECTS) to complete the line. These students are, however, encouraged to take the whole minor by completing also the required language studies.

You can find all MEAS courses in Peppi: https://opas.peppi.utu.fi/fi/turkintohjelma/1835

Some MEAS courses are open to students in the Master’s Degree Programme in East Asian Studies to be registered as Optional Subject Studies. See the Peppi page of the course for more details.

REGISTRATION FOR THE MEAS PROGRAMME

Registration as a minor students is done in the Nettiopsu online service https://nettiopsu.utu.fi/courses/Y/PTL/list.html?en (Faculty of Social Sciences > Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science>East Asian Studies Minor).

Students need to register separately for the courses organised by the Language Centre: https://nettiopsu.utu.fi/courses/F/KIELIK/list.html?locale=en.

When you have completed the required courses and credits, contact the Educational coordinator Anna Väre (anna.vare@utu.fi) to have the MEAS Programme registered.

MEAS ACADEMIC DIRECTOR AND STUDY ADVISOR
The academic director for the Minor in East Asian Studies 2019–2020 is Silja Keva (silja.keva@utu.fi).

THE COURSES IN MINOR IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE MODULES LISTED BELOW. ALL COURSES ARE MANDATORY AND SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE DESIGNATED ORDER.

IN MODULE 3 (LANGUAGE STUDIES), STUDENTS MAY TAKE LANGUAGE COURSES AT THE CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION OR AT CEAS, DEPENDING ON THE LANGUAGE AND LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION.

The courses in the MEAS programme can be taken during one academic year. The MEAS programme starts in the beginning of autumn semester. Register for each course separately in Nettiopsu in August. Read more from MEAS webpage: https://www.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/meas/Pages/home.aspx

Students who have taken MEAS courses earlier from a different Curriculum can contact Silja Keva or Anna Väre to make a new study plan to complete the minor.

MODULE 1: CONTEMPORARY EAST ASIA (6 CR)
MEAS1042 Contemporary East Asia (Autumn 2019, online) (3 cr)
MEAS1028 Media Reading Course (Autumn 2019, online) (3 cr)

MODULE 2: HISTORY AND SOCIETIES OF EAST ASIA (15 CR)
MEAS1107 Korean Contemporary History and Society (Autumn 2019) (5 cr)
MEAS1106 Introduction to Chinese History (Spring 2020) (5 cr)
MEAS1043 Japanese History and Contemporary Society (Spring 2020) (5 cr)

MODULE 3: LANGUAGE STUDIES (4/5 CR)
Language courses at the UTU Language Centre (4 cr)
Language courses at CEAS (5 cr)

In addition to the compulsory courses totalling a minimum of 25 credits, students can have additional East Asia related studies taken elsewhere, for example in exchange, registered as Minor in East Asian Studies courses with codes MEAS1037–MEAS1041 Other Studies on East Asia.

IN MODULE 1, STUDENTS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE BASICS OF THE CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES, POLITICS AND ECONOMIES OF EAST ASIA. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES ARE FURTHER ANALYSED THROUGH EAST ASIAN MEDIA TOGETHER WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA CULTURES IN CHINA, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA. ALL COURSES IN THIS MODULE ARE COMPULSORY.

MEAS1042 CONTEMPORARY EAST ASIA (ONLINE) (3 CR)
Teacher: Silja Keva
Online lectures and readings cover the basic social, political, and economic situation of contemporary China, Japan and South and North Korea and their regional relations. Focus is on post-war societies: the key developments, major actors, contemporary and future challenges.

Online course in Moodle, with online lectures, readings, discussion assignment and a written media analysis essay.

MEAS1026 MEDIA READING COURSE: CHINA, JAPAN, AND KOREA (ONLINE) (EAST) (3 CR)
Teacher: Silja Keva
This course introduces students to newspapers and the media culture of China, Japan and Korea. Topics covered in this course include censorship, government control, media ownership, press clubs, reporters and politicians’ connections etc. The course material consists of online lectures, articles, e-newspapers and other reading material. The students conduct an independent media analysis on a current East Asian news topic of their own choice by following the English-language media in China, Japan or Korea.

Reading materials and lecture presentations, short assignments, discussion assignment and a written media analysis essay.
Module 2: History and Societies of East Asia (15 CR).

In the Module History and Societies of East Asia, students are introduced to the history and contemporary societies of the major East Asian nations. By completing the module, students know both important phases and developments of the history of the area and are familiar with the major issues and aspects of the Japanese, Chinese, and Korean societies in contemporary East Asia.

MEAS1107 Korean Contemporary History and Society (Autumn 2017) (5 CR)
Teacher: Sabine Burghart

The aim of this course is to discuss important junctures in Korean history that had a long-lasting impact on Korean societies. Political, economic, ideological and religious factors have profoundly shaped the societies of South and North Korea. Among the significant events and developments are the promotion of Neo-Confucianism during the Chosŏn era, the arrival of the West, Japanese colonial rule, liberation and division, and decades of authoritarian rule in both Koreas. The different paths on which the two Koreas – sometimes forcibly – departed led to a democratic society in the South and a militarised society in the North, and culture of the two Korean states within the context of the peninsula and the world.

Interactive lectures (24h), final exam

MEAS1043 Japanese History and Contemporary Society (East) (5 CR)
Teacher: Silja Keva

First half of the course introduces the general history of Japan from prehistory to present day by covering the key periods, major events and trends. Focus is given to political development of the state and Japan’s position in Asia. The latter half of the course introduces the key political, economic and social aspects of the contemporary Japanese society by covering issues such as politics, economy, media, gender and demographic crisis.

Lectures 20 (hours), readings, mid-term exam and final exam.

For EAST students it is possible to take only the first half of this course concentrating on Japanese history (5 lectures and mid-term exam) for 2 ECTS.

MEAS1106 Introduction to Chinese History (5 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa

The course introduces students to Chinese history from the Stone Age to the present. The focus is on the political development and change of the Chinese state, classical Chinese political philosophy and statecraft, dynastic political system, the dynamics of the interaction between ‘barbarians’ and the Chinese civilization as well as Western influence in China. Also the modern and contemporary histories of China are introduced and the historical roots of the modern Chinese society discussed during the course.

Lectures 24h, exam on lectures and literature.

Students will learn the basics
MODULE 3: LANGUAGE STUDIES (4/5 CR).

OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE MAJOR EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES (CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND KOREAN) OR CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES ON A MORE ADVANCED LEVEL FOR AT MINIMUM ONE SEMESTER WITH 4 OR 5 CREDITS.

LANGUAGE STUDIES (4/5 CR).
Teaching in Basic to Intermediate level Chinese and Japanese is organised at the Centre for Languages and Communication. The Advanced level courses in Chinese and Japanese are organised at CEAS. All courses in Korean language are organised at CEAS. See Module 7: Language Studies of the Master’s Programme in East Asian Studies in this leaflet for more detailed information on the language courses given at CEAS.

INTEGRATED MINOR IN ASIAN STUDIES
Students who complete both the Minor in East Asian Studies at CEAS and the Asian Programme provided by the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies can combine these into an Integrated Minor in Asian Studies (min. 50 cr). Please find more information on MEAS webpage: https://www.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/meas/Pages/home.aspx

MASTER’S IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES (EAST)
MASTER’S PROGRAMME IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES.

BY TAKING THE 120-CREDIT MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES (EAST) STUDENTS BECOME SPECIALISTS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES OF EAST ASIA.

Students will acquire wide-ranging knowledge of national and regional issues in East Asia and research and writing skills to conduct individual social science research. Through their Master’s thesis projects they obtain expertise and specific in-depth knowledge on a specific East Asian topic. Students also master at least one East Asian language at an Intermediate level or higher at the time of their graduation.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AND LECTURES, AND SUBSTITUTING STUDIES

Late amendments and additions to the teaching schedule and additional courses will be announced on the CEAS website (https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences/ceas), and on student’s Taotao mailing list.

Students may substitute parts of their studies with courses taken in other departments and units, or universities. Such substitute studies must necessarily be approved in advance by the course teacher or by the academic director of the Master’s and Minor programmes.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE DEGREE

The Master’s Degree in East Asian Studies consists of a minimum of 120 credits (cr) of studies. The studies in the Programme are divided thematically into seven modules:

[01] STUDY AND RESEARCH SKILLS

[02] HISTORIES OF EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES

[03] CONTEMPORARY POLITICS, SOCIETIES, AND ECONOMIES OF EAST ASIA

[04] EAST ASIA IN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CONTEXT

[05] MASTER’S THESIS

[06] WORK LIFE COMPETENCIES

[07] LANGUAGE STUDIES

The courses in these modules are structured into Methodology; Obligatory Subject Studies; Optional Subject Studies; Research Seminar and Master’s Thesis; and Language Studies as follows:

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Students may substitute parts of their studies with courses taken in other departments and units, or universities. Such substitute studies must necessarily be approved in advance by the course teacher or by the academic director of the Master’s and Minor programmes.

courses from the Minor in East Asian Studies Programme (MEAS) marked with (EAST), Asianet, relevant courses from other programs and departments at the University of Turku (to be agreed by the academic director), and credits from exchange studies.

NB: The minimum total of credits for Obligatory and Optional Subject Studies is 36 (10+16).

LANGUAGE COURSES

Module 1: Academic writing in English (4cr): The two compulsory courses - English: Academic Writing Skills and English Language Support for Thesis Writing - are offered by the Centre for Language and Communication Studies.

A waiver for the two courses can be obtained from the Language Centre. Contact the teacher in charge.

Module 7: Language studies in East Asian languages (10–20 cr): A minimum of 10 cr of East Asian languages is required, and a maximum of 20 cr counts towards the degree. Students are required to take at least 5 cr of Intermediate courses or higher of East Asian Languages by the time of graduation. See the Module 7 more details.

Students who opt to take less than 20 cr of East Asian languages need to add the remaining credits from Optional Subject Studies.

Based on the language teacher’s assessment, a waiver for the language studies can be given to a student who masters an East Asian Language (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean) on an advanced level. If a waiver is given, an equal amount of credits from other courses needs to be taken.

English on level 2 or 3 and Finnish courses on any level provided by the Language Centre can be included in the degree. These studies are recommended for students who have received a waiver from the English writing courses.

The courses marked with (*) in the listing below are obligatory for students who begin their EAST program this academic year (2019–2020). If the same courses are not available next year, students will be instructed how to substitute obligatory courses with other studies so that degree requirements can be met. If the unavailability of a course threatens to delay your graduation, please contact the academic director in charge.

APPLYING

The application period to the Master’s Programme is at the turn of each year from December to January, and the yearly intake is 15 students. For more information on how to apply, please see http://www.utu.fi/en/units/en/units/ceas/studying/mpas/applying/Pages/home.aspx

Students at the University of Turku can take individual EAST courses without admission to the programme.

THE COURSES IN THE EAST PROGRAM HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO BE TAKEN IN TWO YEARS. THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE IS A RECOMMENDATION; IT INCLUDES 20 CREDITS OF EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES.

1ST YEAR, AUTUMN SEMESTER (31 CR)
- Academic Skills and Competencies* (2 cr)
- Academic Writing Skills in English* (2 cr)
- Research Seminar I* (2 cr)
- Understanding East Asia* (5 cr)
- Japanese Politics and Society* (5 cr)
- Korean Politics and Society* (5 cr)
- Optional Courses (5 cr)
- Language studies (5 cr)

1ST YEAR, SPRING SEMESTER (28 CR)
- Methodology in East Asian Studies* (6 cr)
- Methodology Selective Studies* (2 cr)
- Methodology in East Asian Studies Literature exam* (2 cr)
- Chinese Politics and Society* (5 cr)
- Research Seminar II* (2 cr)
- Optional Courses (6 cr)
- Language studies (5 cr)

1ST YEAR TOTAL: 59 CR

2ND YEAR, AUTUMN SEMESTER (12 CR)
- Research Seminar III* (2 cr)
- Optional Subject Studies (5 cr)
- Language studies (5 cr)
- (Writing the Master’s Thesis)

2ND YEAR, SPRING SEMESTER (49 CR)
- Research Seminar IV* (2 cr)
- English Language Support for Thesis Writing* (2 cr)
- Language studies (5 cr)
- Master’s Thesis (40 cr)
- Graduation

2ND YEAR TOTAL: 61 CR

HOPS

All new students are required to make a personal study plan (in Finnish “Henkilökohtainen opintosuunnitelma” or HOPS) with the academic director of the EAST programme at the beginning of the first semester. A follow-up HOPS meeting is scheduled for the second semester. The HOPS form is available at https://intranet.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/studying/resources/Pages/home.aspx.

SUPERVISORS AND THESIS SUPERVISION

All EAST students have a designated Master’s Thesis supervisor, appointed from among the teaching staff. The supervisor’s main responsibility is to provide the student with personal advice in thesis research and writing.

The supervisor also acts as the first examiner for the thesis once it is completed. Another teacher will participate in commenting the student’s thesis research and writing in Research Seminars, and this teacher is also likely to be appointed as the second examiner of the thesis.

It is strongly recommended that during each semester the student sets up at least one appointment with the supervisor. It is especially important that the student discusses with the supervisor before starting a new phase in thesis work, such as collection of data or field research abroad, or if the student is considering changing the research topic or facing difficulties in research or writing. Supervisor’s responsibility is to advise, but it’s the student’s responsibility to contact the adviser.

EXCHANGE STUDIES

MPAS students are encouraged to use the exchange study opportunities at the University of Turku’s partner universities in East Asia. The exchange period, usually one semester, is also an opportunity to carry out field research for the master’s thesis. Apart from East Asia, students can go on an Erasmus exchange in Europe; e.g. The universities of Vienna and Duisburg-Essen offer MA programmes in East Asian Studies.

International office intranet pages on exchange places and programmes:
https://intranet.utu.fi/index/exchange-places-and-programmes/Pages/default.aspx

CEAS Resources for Studying page has a section on International Affairs:
https://intranet.utu.fi/en/units/soc/units/ceas/studying/resources/Pages/home.aspx
MODULE 1: STUDY AND RESEARCH SKILLS (24 CR).

AFTER COMPLETING MODULE 1, STUDENTS MASTER THE BASIC SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODS OF RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC WRITING IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES AND ARE ABLE TO UTILIZE THEM IN THEIR OWN RESEARCH PROJECTS.

EAST0047 ACADEMIC SKILLS AND COMPETENCES (*) (2 CR)
Teacher: Annamari Konttinen, Silja Keva, Sabine Burghart
This course provides students with basic and important information about studying at CEAS ranging from practical matters to academic issues such as how to turn an interesting question into a feasible research project, finding resources, and academic writing. Students will discuss their thesis topics and ideas and will also receive an introduction to the library databases and other resources.
Lectures, assignments and demonstrations. Book exam.

MPAS2050 METHODOLOGY IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES (*) (6 CR)
Teacher: Annamari Konttinen
The course introduces students to the process of preparing, conducting and reporting their research in the field of East Asian studies. It deals with the practical methods of acquiring and analysing data from different sources. The main sections of the course cover selecting a suitable approach, methods of data acquisition and data analysis.
Lectures and workshop, assignments, exams.

MPAS2125 METHODOLOGY IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES LITERATURE EXAM (*) (2 CR)
Teachers: Lauri Paltemaa, Annamari Konttinen and Sabine Burghart.
The self-study course contains literature on conducting fieldwork in Japan, China and Korea. The contents are designed to help student to plan their own fieldwork in East Asia by introducing and explaining relevant methodological, ethical and practical issues in planning and organising fieldwork visits.
Literature exam (electronic exam). The exam can also be taken during the summer period.

METHODOLOGY SELECTIVE STUDIES (2CR)
MPAS2141 METHODOLOGY SELECTIVE STUDIES(*) (2 CR)
Teacher: varies
Courses organized by CEAS and other units of UTU to give the student the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the methodological approach of their choice. For courses offered, see Peppi and follow Taotao mailing list.

KIEN2024 ENGLISH: ACADEMIC WRITING SKILLS (*) (2 CR)
Teachers: Jeremy Palmer/ Centre for Language and Communication
By the end of the course, students are able to critically assess themselves as writers; recognise and replicate an appropriate academic style; understand the difference between formal and informal language in an academic context; be aware of differences between academic and other styles; know how to paraphrase and reference; and accurately use academic grammar.
Lectures, group teaching, participation in classroom work, exercises.
There is also an online version of this course (54 hours of independent work).

KIEN3021 ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT FOR THESIS WRITING (*) (2 CR)
Teacher: Jeremy Palmer/Centre for Language and Communication
This course, in which content and language are integrated, offers language support in the form of teacher-led instruction, guided self-study, and individual consultations with the English tutor and teacher.
Content: Students will submit sections of their thesis to the teacher for review. Students will meet with the teacher face-to-face on two occasions to discuss and improve their writing. Based upon the students’ writing, the teacher will direct them to appropriate exercises and materials for self-study work. Course content also includes participation in online forums for writing practice and peer-support.
Participation in feedback sessions, exercises.
This course will mainly be taught online, through Moodle, with group sessions and individual sessions with the teacher arranged as needed throughout the course.

MPAS2002 RESEARCH SEMINAR I (2 CR)
Teachers: Lauri Paltemaa, Sabine Burghart and Silja Keva
This course is the first of a total of four research seminars aimed at supporting students’ Master’s thesis research and writing. In this seminar, students are going to draft a literature review that constitutes the basis of the research for their thesis. Detailed
information about the specific tasks will be provided during the introductory meeting that students must attend.

Study methods: Presenting a seminar paper, attending all seminar sessions including the introductory meeting, acting as discussant to one paper, and providing feedback to a number of other papers. Attendance in all presentation sessions is compulsory. Absentee participation is accepted only for academic reasons (exchange study, overseas study, field research) or for health reasons.

MPAS2022 RESEARCH SEMINAR II (2 CR)
Teachers: Lauri Paltemaa, Sabine Burghart and Silja Keva
This course is the second of a total of four research seminars aimed at supporting students’ Master’s thesis research and writing. In this seminar, students are going to draft a research plan that constitute the basis of their thesis. Detailed information about the specific tasks will be provided during the introductory meeting that students must attend.

MPAS2032 RESEARCH SEMINAR III (2 CR) (3 CR FOR STUDENT WHO STARTED IN 2017 OR EARLIER)
Teachers: Lauri Paltemaa, Sabine Burghart, Silja Keva and Annamari Konttinen
This course is the third of a total of four research seminars aimed at supporting students’ Master’s thesis research and writing. In this seminar, students are going to present a research paper or a progress report (3000-4500 words). Students are expected to submit a paper which reports their progress towards the end of the writing process of the thesis. The paper must be a different chapter and more conclusive and complete than the one presented in the previous seminar (MPAS2032).

Study methods: Research paper, presentation of research paper, acting as discussant to one paper, and providing feedback to a number of other papers. Attendance in all seminar sessions is compulsory! Absentee participation is accepted only for academic reasons (exchange study, overseas study, field research) or for health reasons.

MPAS2042 RESEARCH SEMINAR IV (2 CR) (3 CR FOR STUDENT WHO STARTED IN 2017 OR EARLIER)
Teachers: Lauri Paltemaa, Sabine Burghart, Silja Keva and Annamari Konttinen
This course is the last of a total of four research seminars aimed at supporting students’ Master’s thesis research and writing. In this seminar, students are going to present a research paper or a progress report (3000–4500 words). Students are expected to submit a paper which reports their progress towards the end of the writing process of the thesis. The paper must be a different chapter and more conclusive and complete than the one presented in the previous seminar (MPAS2032).

Study methods: Seminar paper, presentation of seminar paper, acting as discussant to one paper, and providing feedback to a number of other papers. Attendance in all seminar sessions is compulsory! Absentee participation is accepted only for academic reasons (exchange study, overseas study, field research) or for health reasons.
MODULE 2: HISTORIES OF EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

MPAS2106 MODERN HISTORIES OF EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES LITERATURE EXAM (5 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa

The literature provides general history of the major events and developments of the region since the 19th century until current times and should therefore be taken as early on in studies as possible. The course is especially recommended for those new students who do not have background in studying East Asian history.

Literature exam (to be taken as electronic exam). The exam can be taken during the summer period.

EAST0040 INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE CONTEMPORARY HISTORY (4 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa

The course introduces students to Chinese contemporary history from the revolution to the present. The central theme in the course is to follow the folding and unfolding of the Communist experiment in China and the emergence of a new aspiring economic and political superpower by the early 21st century. Questions such as the nature of the communist revolution, Mao Zedong and his legacy, the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, Deng Xiaoping and the reform era policies as well as developments in more recent past are discussed and analyzed from the historical point of view. The course is essential for those who want to gain deeper understanding of the great social, economic and political transformation of China in contemporary history.

Online lectures (18 h) and research literature, home exam with essay type of questions on lectures and literature.

MODULE 3: CONTEMPORARY POLITICS, SOCIETIES, AND ECONOMIES OF EAST ASIA.

COURSES MARKED (*) ARE COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MASTER’S PROGRAMME IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES.

EAST0048 CHINESE POLITICS AND SOCIETY (*) (5 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa, Outi Luova

The course deals with the contemporary Chinese politics and society. Students will be introduced to the formal and informal politics in China, the role of the Communist Party in Chinese society and the issues of governance, state-society relations, minorities, and media, as well as the questions of social equality, social change and urbanisation.

Lectures (24 h), lecture exam, team work presentations, writing assignments

EAST0049 SOUTH KOREAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY (*) (5 CR)
Teacher: Sabine Burghart

In the first part of this course, critical junctures and central actors of the democratization process are discussed. Particular attention is paid to the driving forces of South Korea’s successful democratization, its impressive economic development and the legacies of authoritarian rule. The second part looks into specific features of South Korea’s political system, political culture and the role of the media. Moreover, demographic challenges that the country faces are analysed.

Lectures (20h), class discussions, learning diaries, final essay. A list of readings will be made available on Moodle at the beginning of the course.

EAST0050 JAPANESE POLITICS AND SOCIETY (*) (5 CR)
Teacher: Silja Keva

The course focuses on contemporary Japanese political, economic and social issues and provides an analysis of the major changes in Japan’s post-war decades to the present day. The course comprises of the topics such as: the “uniqueness” of Japan, political trends and actors, economic trends and major challenges, Japan’s foreign relations, media, environmental disasters, civil society, labor, gender and demographic issues.

Lectures (20 hours) and readings, reflective written assignments, group presentation on a selected topic and final exam. Compulsory attendance 80% of the lectures.

EAST0028 URBAN EAST ASIA (3 CR)
Teacher: Outi Luova

Urbanization is one of the main global trends in the current world. At the same time, cities are becoming important actors vis-à-vis states. For example, cities play an increasingly central role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. This course addresses issues that relate to cities and sustainable urbanization in China, Japan and South Korea. The key themes are: dynamics of urbanization, urban governance, eco and smart city experiments, and international city networks.

Lectures (8 h), reading materials, three short assignments, exam (lectures & reading
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EAST0026 CHINA’S URBAN GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY (2 CR)
Teacher: Outi Luova
Chinese cities are changing in a tremendous pace. The course deals with the major issues related to the sustainable development of Chinese cities, and addresses various ways how the local governments try to provide livable environments for residents.

Book exam (electronic)

MPAS2019 CHINESE ECONOMY (ONLINE COURSE/ASIANET) (5 CR)
Teacher: Liisa Kauppila
The course is divided into four modules:
I. Legacies and Setting
II. Rural and Urban Economy
III. International Trade and FDI
IV. Financial System

Each module consists of various topical issues, including growth and the legitimacy of the CCP, geographical inequality, regional development plans, the new Silk Road, the growing Chinese outward investments, Ali Baba stocks and shadow banks.

Video lectures, course book, articles, weekly assignments and a final writing task.

MPAS2074 ISSUES IN JAPANESE POLITICS (2/4 CR)
Teacher: Annamari Konttinen
The course deals with the contemporary Japanese political system, its formal and informal structure as well as various topical issues in it. When feasible, visiting lecturers will give talks on specific issues in Japanese politics. The particular theme of the course reflects attention that the issues have been receiving in the media.

Lectures (12 h), supervised reading & workshop, written assignments. The 4 credit option includes also an essay on a topic approved by the teacher.

EAST0027 NORTH KOREAN POLITICS, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY (3-4 CR)
Teacher: Sabine Burghart
This course discusses critical events in the political history of North Korea, regime stability and the role of the Chuch’e idea. Moreover, the course analyses the causes and consequences of the economic crisis and famine in the 1990s and assesses the impact of these developments on the North Korean society.

Lectures (16h), class discussions, written assignments

MPAS2160 INTRODUCTION TO MONGOLIAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY (ONLINE COURSE/ASIANET) (2 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa
This course is designed to help students understand the dynamics of Mongolian politics by exploring major points in Mongolian political history, Central Asian geopolitical location in the 20th century, political democracy, changing political and economic interests towards East Asia since the 1990s democracy. Moreover, structure of Mongolian government, political institutions, and elections will be introduced in the lectures.

Online lectures and a final exam (once a month). You are recommended, but not required, to read the suggested literature.

MPAS2008 ADVANCED COUNTRY STUDIES LITERATURE EXAM (5 CR)
Examiners: Lauri Paltemaa (books on China), Silja Keva (books on Japan), Sabine Burghart (books on Korea).

Students choose a total of ca. 1,000 pages of research literature on one country from one of the three lists of books below: China, Japan, and the two Koreas. It is recommended that students take this exam after having taken MPAS2106 Modern History of East Asian Countries. This exam can be substituted by writing a literature review based on a number of books of the student’s choice after consultation with the examiner.

Literature exam (to be taken as electronic exam). The exam can be taken during the summer period.

MPAS2001 UNDERSTANDING EAST ASIA (*) (5 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Paltemaa
What has East Asia meant for Western people and how have they understood it in history?

The course analyses how and why the West has been interested in East Asia throughout history and how this has influenced different scientific and popular conceptualizations of the region and its societies, peoples, politics and economies. Further, how have the East Asians responded to Western discourses on them and their societies? The course will go through the conceptions on the Orient, Sinocentrism, colonialism, Civilization, racism and the “Yellow Peril”, Pan-Asianism, totalitarianism, the Domino Theory, East Asian Development Models, the “Asian Values” debate and the Japan and China rising debates.

Lectures (24 h), summaries, team debates and exam

EAST0029 NORTH KOREA IN THE HEART OF EAST ASIAN TENSIONS (ONLINE COURSE/ASIANET) (5 CR)
Teacher: Pekka Korhonen (University of Jyväskylä)
The importance of East Asia in the world system has been growing continuously for decades. An element of this importance is the military aspect and the possibilities for a major war breaking out in the region. Small and poor North Korea is in the heart of these tensions, both in its own right as a sovereign and in many ways a surprisingly skilful actor, but also as a cover under which other important regional powers, namely the United States, China, South Korea, Russia and Japan play their own political and military games.

The course makes an interpretation on what kind of state North Korea is, in light of its surprising staying power over several decades in spite of domestic economic mismanagement and international hostility. The theoretical interpretative tools of the course are taken partly from cultural legitimacy theories and partly from very ugly realist theories, as the subject matter of the course is raw military and political competition.

Online lectures, lecture diary

EAST0005 FILM ANALYSIS (2 CR)
Teacher: Shingo Masunaga
This course provides a basis for critically analysing current economic, social and political problems of East Asian countries (China, Japan, and South Korea) through the films and the TV drama series.

Supervised film screenings, group discussions, writing assignments

MODULE 5: MASTER’S THESIS.

MPAS2009 MASTER’S THESIS (*) (40 CR)
Teacher: Designated thesis supervisor. Students are assigned a supervisor at the beginning of their first semester in accordance with their area of interest in contemporary East Asia.

Upon the completion of the Master’s thesis (pro gradu), the student has learned how to develop original scholarly ideas, find sources, analyse and think critically, and write and report research findings. Transferable skills include how to work independently and manage a project, maintain records, formulate and defend arguments in a scientific manner, how to convey complex information to academic audiences, problem-solving skills, and how to assimilate and understand large amounts of new information through empirical work and reading research literature, as well as academic English writing skills.

The Master’s thesis is an independent academic study of approximately 25,000 words written on the basis of student’s own research material under the supervision of an academic advisor. In the thesis, the student demonstrates adequate knowledge and understanding that provides a basis for developing original ideas within the context of East Asian studies. A master’s thesis proves student’s ability in reporting, source-finding, critical thinking and analysis, problem formulation and solving, argumentation, and reasoning. Further, it clearly communicates their research findings to specialists and non-specialists alike.

Study methods: A thesis and a maturity test. For the regulations concerning the maturity test, see graduation information in CEAS intranet.

Learning material: CEAS Writing and Research Guide
MODULE 6: WORK LIFE COMPETENCIES.

Module 6 consists of various optional study units, which students can take to develop themselves academically, culturally, and socially.

EAST0030 PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN EAST ASIA (ONLINE COURSE/ASIANET) (3 CREDITS)
Teacher: Outi Luova, Sabine Burghart
This course introduces students to project management in general and in East Asia in particular. Students learn to design and plan a concrete (notional) project, organize and manage resources to achieve the specific project goals, outcomes and outputs. Lectures on project management are provided by practitioners working in various sectors in East Asia. Students are required to do the readings, watch all lectures and do small exercises. Based on the lectures students draft in groups a project proposal for a project that could be implemented in East Asia. Lecturers will provide individual feedback to student assignments.

Online lectures, reading materials, exercises, final project proposal

MPAS2038 EXCURSION / STUDY TOUR (2 CREDITS)
Teacher: TBA
An excursion arranged by CEAS to an event, institute, company, or exhibition.

Learning diary (submitted to the organiser of the excursion)

EAST0031 TRANSFERABLE SKILLS (2–5 CR)
Teacher: Sabine Burghart
This is a self-study unit, in which students gain credits from various student life activities (for example the Tao Tao Club), acting as student tutor, and from tasks in assisting the organisation of conferences, workshops, and course exercises.

Participation in study-related activities; submitting a self-reflective written report

MPAS2069/2086 LECTURE PASSPORT (2 CR)
Teacher: Lauri Palsiemä
Two credits are given for attending six lectures or events arranged by CEAS or other institutions and writing a 1-2-page learning diary on each attended event.

Attendance in the events is registered in the Lecture Passport (available from CEAS). A 1-2-page learning diary is written on each of the six sessions. All the six learning diaries are submitted together with the full passport with six attendance entries to the teacher in charge.

EAST0007 INTERNSHIP REPORT (5 CR)
Teacher: Sabine Burghart
Students can earn 5 credits by writing a report of ca 1500 words on their internship period. See the CEAS Writing and Research Guide for guidelines. The report is submitted to the academic director of the Master’s Programme.

Report (1,500 words)
See the CEAS Writing and Research Guide for guidelines. The report is submitted to the academic director of the master’s programme.
EAST0018–0022 STUDIES IN ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

EAST0013 0017 LANGUAGE STUDIES IN ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

These course codes are used to register such exchange study courses or courses from other universities or programmes that are not used to substitute existing master’s programme courses but can be included in the degree. The original course titles are also entered so that they appear in the UTU transcript of records. The grades of the courses taken elsewhere are registered with the Finnish 1–5 scale. The CEAS contact person will confirm and calculate the grades from transcripts.

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MODULE 7: LANGUAGE STUDIES

BY THE TIME OF THE GRADUATION, THE STUDENTS MUST MASTER AT LEAST ONE MAJOR REGIONAL LANGUAGE AT INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AND HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR ABILITY TO USE ACADEMIC ENGLISH. THE REQUIREMENTS IS AT LEAST ONE 5 ECTS COURSE OF INTERMEDIATE LEVEL.

Compulsory English courses KIEN1024 English: Academic Writing Skills (2 cr) and KIEN1021 English Language Support for Thesis Writing (2 cr) are included in the Module 1 Study and Research Skills, and organised by the Centre for Language and Communication Studies.

The minimum attendance in language courses is 80%.

Textbooks for all the language courses are purchased through UTUshop, the purchasing service and shop of the University of Turku. After purchase, download or print the receipt. The books will be available from language teachers for the receipt.

MPAS2056/2066 INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Chikako Senge

The aim of this course is to make students’ understanding of basic (JLPT N3-level) grammar solid and to further develop language skills so that they can advance to upper intermediate level.

Conversational practices, exercises (grammar, listening, Kanji), reading comprehension and short essays.

MPAS2152/2153 UPPER-INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Chikako Senge

The aim of this course is to further develop students’ language skills, enabling them to clearly and fluently express their viewpoint on topical issues. Students will also learn JLPT N2-level grammar and vocabulary.

Conversational practices, discussions, exercises (grammar, listening and Kanji), reading comprehension and short essays.

MPAS2080/2081 ADVANCED JAPANESE I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Chikako Senge

The aim of this course is to enable students to read long and complex factual and literary texts, to listen and speak about specialized social and academic topics and to write clear, well-structured texts. Students will also learn JLPT N1-level grammar and vocabulary.

Discussions/debates, exercises (grammar, listening and Kanji), reading comprehension, short essays/summary of texts.
MPAS2157/2158 ADVANCED RESEARCH JAPANESE I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Chikako Senge

The aim of this course is to enable students to read primary sources and conduct their fieldwork projects in Japan using Japanese as their working language.

Reading comprehension, presentation, mock interview, writing summary/research proposal/interview questionnaires, etc.

MPAS2102/2103 ELEMENTARY KOREAN I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Taru Salminen

This course is designed for those who have no previous or very limited knowledge of the Korean language. The objective of the course is to equip students with communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing at a basic level in Korean.

Lessons in basic grammar, listening and speaking of simple language as well as reading of easy texts and writing of basic sentences in Hangeul.

MPAS2150/2151 LOWER-INTERMEDIATE KOREAN I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Taru Salminen

This course is designed for those who have completed Elementary Korean I and II or have equivalent skills of the Korean language. Students improve their communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing learned in the basic course. They can perform basic communication necessary for daily life and also understand Korean culture. They are able to read easy stories and write short texts on their own interests.

Grammar exercises, listening and speaking practices of dialogues in various situations, practices of reading and of composing short texts on different topics.

MPAS2168/2169 INTERMEDIATE KOREAN I & II (5 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Taru Salminen

This course is designed for those who have completed Lower-Intermediate Korean I and II or have equivalent skills of the Korean language. Students can communicate in and understand almost all expressions used in most ordinary situations in the Korean society. They are able to express themselves in Korean without much difficulty and understand spoken language. They can read and write texts on a variety of topics.

Intermediate level exercises in grammar, listening, speaking, and reading, and composition of texts of increasing length and greater variety of topics.

EAST0032 RESEARCH SKILLS IN KOREAN I AND II (3 CR/SEMESTER)
Teacher: Taru Salminen

This course is designed for those students who use Korean as a working language for their research project. The aim of this course is to support and train students in reading primary Korean language sources and to conduct fieldwork projects in Korean. It focuses on academic text reading based on the students’ field of research.

Reading comprehension, writing emails/applications, mock interviews, interview questionnaires, etc.

EAST0023 KOREAN CONVERSATION COURSE (3 CR)
Teacher: Taru Salminen

This course is designed for those who wish to improve their communication skills of the Korean language. Students will improve their speaking and listening skills through regular practice and speaking drills, expanding vocabulary and consolidating pronunciation. They will also learn about various aspects of the Korean culture. They will gain confidence in everyday use of Korean and enhance their conversational skills. The course is suitable for all levels.

Speaking drills and exercises of dialogues in various situations, listening and pronunciation practices, presentations.

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