BOSTON UNIVERSITY
THE PACIFIC CHALLENGE

CAS IR 275/PO 365
Semester I-- 2004/05
Mon., Weds., Fri.: 11:00-12:00
CAS 326

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COURSE CONTENT
This course is intended to provide undergraduates with a broad introduction to the diversity and development of Asia and the various challenges -- economic, political, and cultural -- that Asia poses for the United States and the world. The course will begin with a broad look at the Confucian tradition and the impact of that tradition on the contemporary world, then look at the central countries in East Asia -- China and Japan -- before looking at the rapid changes being brought about by the emergence of the so-called "mini dragons" (South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore) and "new mini dragons" (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand). Finally, the course will turn its attention to the Asian financial crisis to try to understand its impact on the countries of Asia.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
There will be an in-class midterm exam, one paper, and a final exam in the regularly scheduled exam period. The midterm exam will be on Monday, October 25. The paper will be about 10 pages long and will be due on Monday, December 6. Paper topics will be discussed in class. They will require no reading that is not assigned for class. They are intended to give students an opportunity to think systematically about an important topic covered in the course and to hone their writing skills. The final exam will be held Friday, December 17.

NOTE: The paper must be submitted on time. "On time" means the start of class on the day the paper is due. Late papers will be severely downgraded.

COURSE READINGS
The texts for this course are as follows:
Mark Borthwick, Pacific Century: The Emergence of Modern Pacific Asia.
Samuel Kim, ed., Globalization and East Asia (Lanham, MD: Roman and Littlefield, 2000).

All texts are available in the Barnes and Noble bookstore.

POLICY ON ABSENCES
YOU ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL CLASSES. Absences may be excused for medical, religious, official and personal reasons. Absences for illness for more than two days require a medical certificate. Absences for religious observances and for family or personal reasons require documentation. Absence for purposes of representing the University in authorized athletic events or officially sponsored activities are excused by notification from your sponsoring department or activity. The stated University policy reads: "Any student who has been excessively absent from a course may be required to withdraw from that course without credit." I define "excessively absent" for this course to be six absences, excused or not.

POLICY ON "INCOMPLETES"
No incomplete grades will be reported unless the instructor and the student have conferred, the student has presented a sufficient reason why the work of the course cannot be completed on schedule, and the instructor has assigned a date within the succeeding twelve months by which time all course requirements must be completed. This must be in written form. A "contract" must be signed by the instructor and the student. No degree credit for incomplete courses will be granted unless the work is completed by the date assigned, which must be no later than one calendar year from the date on which the incomplete grade was reported. In the event that course work remains incomplete on the assigned date or twelve months after the "I" grade has been awarded, which ever comes first, the "I" grade will be changed automatically and permanently to an F grade.

POLICY ON PLAGIARISM
Plagiarism is the passing off of the ideas or words of another as your own. It is taken very seriously at Boston University as at all institutions of higher learning. Those believed to have committed plagiarism must appear before a university disciplinary board, a procedure that can result in a student's suspension or expulsion. Your papers should contain appropriate citations. It is better to use too many citations than too few. If you have any doubt about what constitutes plagiarism, please talk with me.

GRADING
Grades will be determined on the following basis:

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COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: INTRODUCTION AND THEMES OF COURSE

#1 Wed., Sept. 8: Introduction and Organization
   Introduce the basic outline of the course and expectations of the students.

#2 Fri., Sept. 10: Pacific Asia and China
   Reading:
   Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 1-16.

Week 2: THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONFUCIANISM

#3 Mon., Sept. 13: Confucianism as a Doctrine
   Reading: Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 17-38.

#4 Wed., Sept. 15: Confucianism as a Doctrine, cont.
   Reading: Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 38-55.

#5 Fri., Sept. 17: Confucianism and Political Development

Week 3: THE IMPACT OF THE WEST

#6 Mon., Sept. 20: Southeast Asia
   Reading:
   Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 56-76.

#7 Wed., Sept. 22: The Impact of the West: China
   Reading:
   Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 77-118.

#8 Fri., Sept. 24: The Impact of the West: Northeast Asia
   Reading:
   Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 119-160.

Week 4: NATIONALISM, COMMUNISM, AND CONFUCIANISM

#9 Mon., Sept. 27: Nationalism and Communism
   Readings:
   Reading: 
   Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 190-212.

#11 Fri., Oct. 1: The Impact of World War II in Asia
   Reading: 

Week 5: TOWARD A MODEL OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT

#12 Mon. Oct. 3: The Japanese Resurgence
   Reading: 

#13 Wed., Oct. 5: An Overview of the “Asian Model”
   Reading: 
   “Introduction,” in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth

#14 Weds., Oct. 7: The Japanese Model
   Reading: 
   Chapter on Japan in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

Week 6: THE VARIETY OF EAST ASIAN EXPERIENCE

NOTE: NO CLASS, MONDAY, OCT. 11

#15 Wed., Oct. 13: Taiwan
   Reading: 
   Chapter on Taiwan in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth

#16 Fri., Oct. 15: Taiwan
   Reading: 
   Chapter on Taiwan in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

Week 7: EAST ASIA EXPERIENCE, Cont.

#17 Mon., Oct. 18: Korea
   Reading: 
   Chapter on Korea in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

#18 Wed, Oct. 20: Korea
   Reading:
Chapter on Korea in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

#19 Wed., Oct. 22: China
Reading:
Chapter on China in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

Week 8: FROM CHINA TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

#20 Mon., Oct. 25: MIDTERM EXAM

#21 Weds., Oct. 27: China
Reading:
Chapter on China in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

#22 Fri., Oct. 29: Singapore
Reading:
Chapter on Singapore in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

Week 9: MORE SOUTHEAST ASIA

#23 Mon., Nov. 1: Malaysia
Reading:
Chapter on Malaysia in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth

#24 Weds., Nov. 3: Thailand
Reading:
Chapter on Thailand in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

#25 Fri., Nov. 5: Indonesia
Reading:
Chapter on Indonesia in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.

Week 10: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

#26 Mon., Nov. 8: Philippines
Reading:
Chapter on Philippines in Morley, ed., Driven By Growth.
#27 Weds., Nov. 10: **The Causes of Political Change**
Reading:
Chapter in Morley, ed., *Driven By Growth*.

#28 Fri., Nov. 12: **East Asia and Democracy**
Reading:

Week 11: **GLOBALIZATION AND FINANCIAL CRISIS**

#29 Mon., Nov., 15: **What Is Globalization?**
Reading:

#30 Weds., Nov. 17: **Globalization and the Asian Financial Crisis**
Reading:

#31 Fri., Nov. 19: **Thailand**
Reading:

Week 12: **THE IMPACT ON EAST ASIA**

#32 Mon., Nov. 22: **South Korea**
Reading:

FALL RECESS: NOV. 24-NOV. 28

Week 13: **CONTRASTING IMPACTS**

#33 Mon., Nov. 29: **Indonesia**
Reading:
#34 Weds., Dec. 1: Malaysia
   Reading:
      Bridget Welsh, “Mayalsia and Globalization: Contradictory Currents,”

#35 Fri., Dec. 3: Taiwan
   Reading:
      Lynn T. White III, “Taiwan and Globalization,” in Kim, ed., East Asia
      and Globalization, pp. 151-186.

Week 14: THE IMPACT OF THE AFC, Cont.

#36 Mon., Dec. 6: China
   Reading:
      Thomas G. Moore, “China and Globalization,” in Kim, ed., East Asia
      and Globalization, pp. 105-132.

PAPERS DUE

#37 Weds., Dec. 8: Japan
   Reading:
      William W. Grimes, “Japan and Globalization: From Opportunity to

#38 Fri., Dec. 10: Some Comparisons

Week 15: EAST ASIA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

#39 Mon., Dec. 13: A Summing Up

FINAL EXAM: Friday, December 17, 12:30-2:30.