

**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).

James W. Morley, ed., Driven By Growth (Armonk, NY: ME Sharpe, 1998).

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:

Midterm exam	30%
Paper	35%
Final Exam	35%

## 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:  
Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 161-189.

#10 Wed., Sept., 29: Nationalism and Communism, Cont.  
Reading:  
Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 190-212.

#11 Fri., Oct. 1: The Impact of World War II in Asia  
Reading:  
Borthwick, Pacific Century, pp. 213-240.

Week 5: TOWARD A MODEL OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT

#12 Mon. Oct. 3: The Japanese Resurgence  
Reading:  
Borthwick, The Pacific Century, pp. 241-271.

#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:  
Borthwick, The Pacific Century, pp. 323-365.

Week 11: GLOBALIZATION AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

#29 Mon., Nov., 15: What Is Globalization?  
Reading:  
Samuel Kim, "East Asia and Globalization: Challenges and Responses," in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 1-30.

#30 Weds., Nov. 17: Globalization and the Asian Financial Crisis  
Reading:  
Lowell Dittmer, "Globalization and the Asian Financial Crisis," in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 31-54.

#31 Fri., Nov. 19: Thailand  
Reading:  
Natasha Hamilton-Hart, "Thailand and Globalization," in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 187-208.

Week 12: THE IMPACT ON EAST ASIA

#32 Mon., Nov. 22: South Korea  
Reading:  
Barry K. Gills and Dong-Sook S. Gills, "South Korea and Globalization: The Rise to Globalism?" In Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 81-104.

FALL RECESS: NOV. 24-NOV. 28

Week 13: CONTRASTING IMPACTS

#33 Mon., Nov. 29: Indonesia  
Reading:  
Ann Marie Murphy, "Indonesia and Globalization," in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 209-232.

#34 Weds., Dec. 1: Malaysia

Reading:

Bridget Welsh, "Malaysia and Globalization: Contradictory Currents,"  
in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 233-254.

#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  
Restraint," in Kim, ed., *East Asia and Globalization*, pp. 55-80.

#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.

