

International Studies 150

An Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies

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Monday & Wednesday: 4-530 pm (PST)

Office Hours: MW 330 pm or by appointment

Tutorials: TBD



OVERVIEW

INTS 150, An Introduction to Southeast Asian Studies, provides a multidisciplinary glimpse into one of the most diverse regions of the world. No other region features the range of faiths, cultures, languages, economic development, and regime types found in Southeast Asia.

For 2020, especially given the global pandemic, I have rewritten the course syllabus. This has entailed updating readings, including new themes (such as Southeast Asian diasporas), and adapting to online instruction. I hope you enjoy the course and welcome feedback throughout the semester!

The course begins with a week of introduction and overview, then moves into a week of history before introducing the countries of Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, and the Philippines. This section ends with a look at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and a midterm. Having laid some foundations, we then move on to discuss themes that cut across the region. I see this as a sampler of different scholarly fields: Diaspora and Asian American studies, economic development, political science, conflict and peace studies, gender studies, urban studies, indigenous studies, and then a look at music and film. We will also have a class where students will vote on the last substantive class of the semester.

The primary objective of this course is to stimulate your interest in the region. If it totally satisfies your interest in Southeast Asia, I have failed. The course should make you want to visit the region and study it in greater detail (Learning Clusters?). Other learning objectives include developing an appreciation of the region's diverse cultures (they are living cultures and are not 'exotic'), a nuanced understanding of colonialism and its legacies, and a clearer picture of some of the many barriers to development.

We acknowledge and celebrate the Acjachemen Nation on whose traditional lands we inhabit at Soka University of America. We pay our respect to Acjachemen communities past, present, and emerging.

POLICIES

Above all, you must communicate. This is imperative in the best of times, let alone around the world through Zoom. Introduce yourself, participate in class, let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns. If you must miss a class, tell me beforehand, and if you are struggling, let me know.

Attendance and Participation: I place great emphasis on constructive participation. The classroom is a place to share ideas / opinions and to challenge each other, but always respectfully: listen to other students; communicate effectively regarding assignments; arrive on time; avoid gender, racial, or religious insensitivities; and complete the required readings. The best participation tends to come in the form of insightful questions. Quantity is not always the same thing as quality. For Zoom classes, I understand that time zones may at times make attendance difficult; if you need to miss classes, please communicate and try to make up for lost classes, as I do generally expect you to be present and attentive in class.

In the event of an illness or personal emergency, you must contact me before a given deadline. Late assignments will be deducted 5% per day, including weekends, beginning at the end of class.

I expect professionalism in written assignments. Avoid casual internet sources (i.e. wiki), avoid contractions, include page numbers, and present a clear argument. Essays should include a clear, formal research question. Students should consult with the instructor regarding the research question, argument, and organization of major written assignments.

The course has a considerable online presence via Brightspace. Here, you will find the syllabus (which may be updated), a course calendar, and links to useful pages. Under the 'Material' tab, you will find links to all readings as well as my lecture notes (not PPTs...the file size is large and I do not own the images). All assignments should be submitted through the dropbox on Brightspace (and it never hurts to email me as well, in case there are hiccups).

Finally, plagiarism is a serious academic offense, and I have seen lots of it at Soka. Plagiarism is understood broadly as forms of academic dishonesty, including stealing words, ideas, and references from others. The Brightspace dropbox will automatically put your paper through Turnitin, a tool I do not like, but feel is necessary. Do not let this scare you though- just try not to cut corners, ask me about grey areas as you write your assignments.

GRADING

97-100	A+	4.0	87-89	B+	3.3	77-79	C+	2.3	67-69	D+	1.7
94-96	A	4.0	84-86	B	3.0	74-76	C	2.0	64-66	D	1.3
90-93	A-	3.7	80-83	B-	2.7	70-73	C-	1.7	60-63	D-	1.0

READINGS

Southeast Asia in a New Era: Ten Countries, One Region in ASEAN, edited by Rodolfo C. Severino, Elspeth Thomson, & Mark Hong (Singapore: ISEAS, 2010).

This textbook provides brief country overviews and will be used in the first part of the course. It is getting a bit dated, but I appreciate its organization and it being from Southeast Asia. Our library has kindly made the textbook available through our website, so you will not need to purchase it: <https://soka.on.worldcat.org/oclc/751688379>



Academic Journal Articles

Students will also read articles assigned from academic journals. Articles are typically detailed and hypothesis-driven, and are thus more difficult reading than course textbooks, which tend to be descriptive. If you find an article to be particularly challenging, bring your questions to class. Articles links are provided on Brightspace (under 'Content', where you will also find lecture notes).

EVALUATION

Participation	20%	Ongoing
Country Presentations	10%	28 September – 26 October (9 classes)
Midterm	15%	Wednesday, 28 October
Postcard	5%	Send before Friday, 30 October
Theme Presentations	10%	02 November – 07 December (10 classes)
Essay Proposal	10%	Friday, 27 November
Essay: 6-9 pages	30%	Monday, 14 December

Participation: 10% of your grade will be based on respectful participation. This means asking insightful questions, engaging with classmates, punctuality, attendance, attentiveness, and communicating with me regarding assignments. Basically, be a good, active citizen of your classroom, learning and helping others to learn. **Evaluation ongoing**

Country Presentations: 10% of your grade will be from a brief, 10-minute presentations in the country section of the course. Present on something you want to learn about, maybe something fun. Imagine your presentation is a cool little info box within my lecture. I am serious with the 10-minute maximum. In terms of format, it is your call if you want to use PPT, Prezi, or just speak, and if you prefer to prerecord it or present live via Zoom. Students will select their countries in the first week of the course (no more than two students per day please, first come, first serve) and will let me know what they wish to present on by 23 September.

Due on day of relevant class (28 September – 26 October)

Midterm: 15% of your grade will be earned through a midterm exam. Since we are not actually in class, I guess it has to be a take-home exam? I think the best thing to do will be to email you the exam just before class starts, and you will have 90 mins to write it (I would also be okay with giving you 24 hours instead). The exam will feature several short answer questions, with students choosing which one(s) they wish to answer. Details to follow...

Postcard: 5% of your grade will involve you sending me a postcard from a Southeast Asian location of your choice. Okay, you won't really send it from there, I know. This is my effort to encourage some creative art and writing. You can design or buy a postcard from Southeast Asia, and then actually mail it to me at Soka. Have fun with this, be weird, be creative with the design and writing. Students are also required to send a postcard to a grandparent or someone else they love. Because why wouldn't you? **Send (postmark) before Friday 30 October**

Theme Presentations: 10% of your grade will be from a brief, 10-minute presentation in the theme section of the course. One way to think of this second presentation will be like the inverse of the first- you select the theme, and then provide a case study from a particular country (you can also explore a certain aspect of a given theme though). Again, stick to under 10 minutes, your call on format. I will ask students to select their themes early on in the course (you can claim your theme at any time, no more than two students per day). **Due on day of relevant class (02 November – 07 December)**

Essay Proposal: 10% of your grade will be based on a proposal that outlines your prospective essay for the class and lists key scholarly resources. Students should consult with the instructor early on. Proposals should include a topic, a tentative research questions and hypothesis, basic outline, and 3-5 scholarly references with brief annotations. The most thought you put into the outline the more feedback you will get and the stronger your final paper will be! **Due Friday, 27 November (4pm PST)**

Research Essay: 30% of your grade will be earned through a 6-9 page research essay. Students have some room to determine their topic in consultation with the instructor, but it should link their two presentations in some way. **Due Monday, 14 December (4pm PST)**

CALENDAR

14 September Monday Session 01	Introduction About the Course; How we will handle online teaching, norms and etiquette <i>Introductions; syllabus; attendance; participation; tutorials; Q&A</i>
Peter Zsombor, "China Plows Ahead with High-Speed Rail Line for Southeast Asia," <i>Voice of America</i> (28 June 2020)	
AND	
Eustance Huang, "Outbreak of Dengue Fever in Southeast Asia is 'Exploding' amid the Coronavirus Fight," <i>CNBC Asia</i> (09 July 2020)	
AND	
Clarissa Wei, "Southeast Asia Celebrates Durian at Parties, Festivals, and Buffets," <i>Nikkei Asian Review</i> (15 July 2020)	


16 September Wednesday Session 02	What is Southeast Asia? The countries, edges, and identities of Southeast Asia as a world region <i>Kaboot Quiz on the Syllabus and the Region (not graded!); Mainland versus Maritime; Wallace Line</i>
Daljit Singh, "Southeast Asia: An Overview," in <i>Southeast Asia in a New Era: Ten Countries, One Region in ASEAN</i> , Rodolfo C. Severino, Elspeth Thomson, and Mark Hong, eds. (Singapore: ISEAS), 3-24	



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

21 September Monday Session 03	Precolonial Southeast Asia What did precolonial Southeast Asia look like? <i>Mandala; Mon, Cham, Khmer; Sri Vijaya; Majapahit; Hinduism</i>
Anthony Reid, "An Age of Commerce in Southeast Asian History," <i>Modern Asian Studies</i> 24:1 (1990); 1-30	

23 September Wednesday Session 04	Colonial Southeast Asia How did colonialism redefine Southeast Asia? <i>Portugal; Dutch East Indies; Raffles; Indochina; Indonesia</i>
Tamara Loos, "A History of Sex and the State in Southeast Asia: Class, Intimacy, and Invisibility," <i>Citizenship Studies</i> 12:1 (2008); 27-43	

COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

28 September Monday Session 05	Vietnam <i>Cham; Hanoi; Indochina; Ho Chi Minh; Doi Moi</i>		
Le Dang Doanh & Pham Hoang Ha, "Vietnam", 223-240			
AND			
Jonathan London, "Vietnam in 2019: The Politics of Growth, Progress, & Pollution," <i>Asian Survey</i> 60:1; 93-99 (skim)			

30 September Wednesday Session 06	Cambodia & Laos <i>Angkor Wat; Sihanouk; Khmer Rouge; Hun Sen</i> <i>Vientiane; Hmong; Pathet Lao</i>		
Sorpong Peou, "Cambodia," 47-63			
AND			
Martin Stuart-Fox, "Laos," 97-109			

05 October Monday Session 07	Thailand <i>Bangkok; Siam; Chulalongkorn; Thaksin; Patani</i>		
Pavin Chachavalpongpun, "Thailand," 201-220			

AND

James Ockey, "Thailand in 2019: An Election, A Coronation, and Two Summits," *Asian Survey* 60:1; 117-124 (skim)

07 October
Wednesday
Session 08

Myanmar (Burma)

Yangon; Aung San Suu Kyi; Rohingya



Tin Maung Maung Than & Kyaw Yin Hlaing, "Myanmar," 135-156

AND

Min Zin, "Myanmar in 2019: Deepening International Pariah Status and Backsliding Peace Process at Home," *Asian Survey* 60:1; 140-145 (skim)

12 October
Monday
Session 09

Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur; UMNO; Mahathir; NEP



Johan Saravanamuttu & Ooi Kee Beng, "Malaysia," 113-130

AND

Mustafa Izzuddin, "Malaysia in 2019: Enduring Stability in a Chaotic Year," *Asian Survey* 60:1; 100-108 (skim)

14 October
Wednesday
Session 10

Singapore & Brunei

*Raffles; Lee Kwan Yew; People's Action Party
Sultan Hassan-al Bolkiyah*



Ho Khai Leong, "Singapore," 181-198

AND

P. Thambipillai, "Brunei," 27-43

19 October
Monday
Session 11

Indonesia

Java; Dutch East Indies; Sukarno; Suharto; Jokowi



J. Soedradjad & Leonard C. Sebastian, "Indonesia," 67-91

AND

Meredith Weiss, "Indonesia in 2019: Democracy and Its Critics," *Asian Survey* 60:1; 109-116 (skim)

21 October
Wednesday
Session 12

Philippines

Manila; Rizal; Marcos; OFW; Duterte



Noel M. Morada, "The Philippines," 161-177

AND

Maria Ela L. Atienza, "The Philippines in 2019: Consolidation of Power, Unraveling of the Reform Agenda," *Asian Survey* 60:1; 132-139 (skim)

26 October
Monday
Session 13

ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEAN Declaration (1967); ASEAN Charter



Rodolfo C. Severino, "The Association of Southeast Asian Nations," 241-265

28 October
Wednesday
Session 14

Midterm

****Send Postcard: Friday 30 October****

SOUTHEAST ASIAN DIASPORAS

02 November Monday Session 15	Southeast Asia in the World How do understand Southeast Asian diasporas? <i>Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs); brides; Sino-Vietnamese communities; Canada and Australia</i>
Lee, Euna, Seung-Kyung Kim, and Jae Kyung Lee, "Precarious Motherhood: Lives of Southeast Asian Marriage Migrant Women in Korea," <i>Asian Journal of Women's Studies</i> 21:4 (2015), 409-430	

04 November Wednesday Session 16	Southeast Asia America Why has Southeast Asia largely resisted democracy? <i>Ethnic studies; Filipino; Thais; Vietnamese; Hmong; Little Saigon; Sino-Southeast Asians</i>
Erica S. Allen-Kim, "Exile on the Commercial Strip: Vietnam War Memorials in Little Saigon and the Politics of Commemoration," <i>Buildings and Landscapes</i> 21:2 (2014), 31-56.	
AND	
KaYing Yang, "Southeast Asian American Children: Not the 'Model Minority'," <i>The Future of Children</i> 14:2 (2004), 127-133	

THEMES

09 November Monday Session 17	Development Why have some Southeast Asian countries become rich, while others remain poor? <i>Singapore and the Philippines Compared; Asian Developmental State; doi moi (Vietnam)</i>
W.G. Huff, "What is the Singapore Model of Economic Development?" <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> 19 (1995); pp. 739-759	
OR	
John T. Sidel, "Philippine Politics in Town, District, & Province: Bossism in Cavite and Cebu," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> 56:4 (November 1997); pp. 947-966	

11 November Wednesday Session 18	Politics Why has Southeast Asia largely resisted democracy? <i>Regimes; soft authoritarianism; oligarchy; populism</i>
Sorpong Peou, "The Limits and Potential of Liberal Democratization in Southeast Asia," <i>Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs</i> 33:3 (2014), 19-47	
Guest Speaker: Duy Trinh, PhD Candidate, University of California San Diego	

16 November Monday Session 19	Armed Conflict Why has Southeast Asia seen so many wars and how can they be overcome? <i>Communist revolutions; ethnic conflicts; secessionism; communal conflicts; riots</i>
Shane J. Barter, <i>Fighting Armed Conflicts in Southeast Asia</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)	
*Students read two chapters: Ch2 (Revolutionary Conflicts), Ch3 (Secessionist Conflicts), Ch4 (Communal Conflicts), Ch5 (Peacebuilding)	

18 November Wednesday Session 20	Gender and Sexuality Is Southeast Asia more open towards LGBTQI? <i>Transgender; kathoey; varia; pride; code pink; Singapore natalism</i>
Michael G. Peletz, "Transgenderism and Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia since Early Modern Times," <i>Current Anthropology</i> 47:2 (2006), 309-325	
AND	
Nareerat Wiriyapong, "Marriage for Everyone," <i>Bangkok Post</i> (13 July 2020)	

23 November Monday Session 21	Urban Southeast Asia Why are Southeast Asian cities marked by the extremes of slums and skyscrapers?
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	<i>Singapore; Jabodetabek; gated communities; slums; street children</i>
Harriott Beazley,	“Voices from the Margins: Street Children’s Subcultures in Indonesia,” <i>Children’s Geographies</i> 1:2 (2003); pp. 181-200

25 November Wednesday Session 22	Hill Tribes and Indigenous Peoples Should we understand ‘hill tribes’ as indigenous peoples? <i>Hmong; Karen; Batak; Papuans; James Scott</i>
Micah Morton and Ian G. Baird, “From Hill Tribes to Indigenous Peoples: The Localisation of a Global Movement in Thailand,” <i>Journal of Southeast Asian Studies</i> 50:1 (2019), 7-31	
Special Guest Lecturer: Tony Paridi Bagang, UTM Sabah, Malaysia	

****Essay Proposals Due: Friday 27 November****

30 November Monday Session 23	Music, Theatre, and Dance in Southeast Asia Should regional artists be anchored by tradition? <i>Taman Dance; Wayang; Vietnamese Water Puppets; Gamelan; Iwan Fals; MTV; K-Pop; Nasyid</i>
Bart Barendregt, “Pop, Politics, and Piety: Nasyid Boy Band Music in Muslim Southeast Asia,” in <i>Islam and Popular Culture in Indonesia and Malaysia</i> , ed. A.N. Weintraub (Leiden: KITLV, 2011), 235-256	
AND	
Anri Ichimura, “How Frank Sinatra’s Song ‘My Way’ Triggered Filipino Karaoke Killings,” <i>Esquire</i> (17 October 2019)	

02 December Wednesday Session 24	Art & Film in Southeast Asia Should regional artists be anchored by tradition? <i>Batik; Pangrok Sulap; Indonesian Horror; Thai epics; Filipino dramas</i>
Amporn Jirattikorn, “Suriyothai: Hybridizing Thai National Identity through Film,” <i>Inter-Asia Cultural Studies</i> 4:2 (2003), 296-308.	
AND	
Fatima Bhutto, “Crazy Rich Asians is no Racial Triumph. It’s a Soulless Salute to the 1%” <i>The Guardian</i> (12 September 2018)	

07 December Monday Session 25	Student Vote on Final Class Apologies- We cannot fit everything we want to do into this course! <i>Civil Society; Diversity, Race, and Multiculturalism; East Timor; Ecology; Ethnic Chinese in Southeast Asia; Fiction; Food; International Relations; Language; Papua New Guinea; Religion; Tourism</i>
Readings TBD	

CONCLUSIONS

09 December Wednesday Session 26	Conclusions and Review What is Southeast Asia and what lies ahead?? <i>China and the US; democracy; ASEAN; covid</i>
Don Emmerson, “Southeast Asia: What’s in a Name?” <i>Journal of Southeast Asian Studies</i> 15:1 (1984), 1-21	

****Essays Due: Monday 14 December****

RESOURCES FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

This list is based on one originally compiled by my mentor, Diane Mauzy, at the University of British Columbia. I have updated it over the years. It is intended to help you with your assignments and to help sustain your interest in Southeast Asia long after the course is complete.

The below list of printed work is limited to books (it would take forever to add articles) and is also limited to English-language work (*mintu ma'af!*). I have organized roughly according to the INTS 150 syllabus, although it is somewhat haphazard. I am always happy to receive suggestions for more.

History

- Alatas, Syed Hussein. 2013. *The Myth of the Lazy Native: A Study of the Image of the Malays, Filipinos and Javanese from the 16th to the 20th Century and Its Function in the Ideology of Colonial Capitalism*. London: Routledge.
- Cady, John F. 1974. *The History of Post-War Southeast Asia*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- Gin, Ooi Keat, ed. 2004. *Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia from Angkor Wat to East Timor*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
- Goto, Ken'ichi. 2003. *Tensions of Empire: Japan and Southeast Asia in the Colonial and Postcolonial World*, Paul H. Kratoska, trans. Singapore: National University of Singapore.
- Hall, D.G.E. 1981. *History of Southeast Asia*. London: MacMillan.
- Reid, Anthony. 2010. *Imperial Alchemy: Nationalism and Political Identity in Southeast Asia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Reid, Anthony. 1993. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce 145-1680: Volumes I and II*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- SarDesai, D.R. Multiple Editions. *Southeast Asia: Past and Present*. London: Westview Press.

Vietnam

- Duiker, William J. 2012. *Ho Chi Minh: A Life*. London: Hachette.
- Duiker, William J. 1995. *Sacred War: Nationalism and Revolution in a Divided Vietnam*. New York: McGraw Hill.
- Karnow, Stanley. 1994. *Vietnam: A History*. London: Random House.
- Kerkvliet, Benedict J. Tria. 2019. *Speaking Out in Vietnam: Public Political Criticism in a Communist Party-Ruled Nation*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Kolko, Gabriel. 1985. *Anatomy of a War: Vietnam, the United States, and the Modern Historical Experience*. London: Pantheon.
- Le Hoi Hep. 2017. *Living Next to the Giant: The Political Economy of Vietnam's Relations with China under Doi Moi*. Singapore: ISEAS.
- Long, Nguyen and Harry H. Kendall. 1981. *After Saigon Fell*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Race, Jeffrey. 1972. *War Comes to Long An: Revolutionary Conflict in a Vietnamese Province*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Taylor, Philip, ed. 2011. *Minorities at Large: New Approaches to Minority Ethnicity in Vietnam*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Tran, Nhung Tuyet. 2018. *Familial Properties: Gender, State, and Society in Early Modern Vietnam, 1463-1778*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- Vu, Tuong. 2017. *Vietnam's Communist Revolution: The Power and Limits of Ideology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Woodside, Alexander. 1976. *Community and Revolution in Modern Vietnam*. London: Houghlin Mifflin.

Cambodia

- Chandler, David P. *The Tragedy of Cambodia History: Politics, War, and Revolution since 1945*. 1991. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Chau-Pech, Ollier Leakthina and Tim Winter, eds. 2016. *Expressions of Cambodia: The Politics of Tradition, Identity, and Change*. London: Routledge.
- Kiernan, Ben. 2002. *The Pol Pot Regime: Race, Power, and Genocide in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge, 1875-79*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- Osborne, Milton. 1994. *Sihanouk: Prince of Light, Prince of Darkness*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- Peou, Sorpong. 1997. *Conflict Neutralization in the Cambodian War: From Battlefield to Ballot Box*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Peou, Sorpong. 2000. *Intervention and Change in Cambodia: Towards Democracy?* Singapore: ISEAS.
- Sothirak, Pou, Geoff Wade, and Mark Hong, eds. 2012. *Cambodia: Progress and Challenges since 1991*. Singapore: ISEAS.
- Un, Kheang. 2019. *Cambodia: Return to Authoritarianism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Laos

- Bouté, Vanina and Vattana Pholsena, eds. 2017. *Changing Lives in Laos: Society, Politics, and Culture in a Post-Socialist State*. Singapore: NUS Press.
- Evans, Grant, ed. 2000. *Laos: Culture and Society*. Singapore: ISEAS.
- Hamilton-Merritt, J. 1993. *Tragic Mountains: The Hmong, the Americans, and the Secret War for Laos, 1942-1992*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Ngaosivat, Mayuri and Kennon Breazeale. 2002. *Breaking New Ground in Lao History: Essays on the Seventh to Twentieth Centuries*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- Pholsena, Vattana, ed. 2006. *Post-War Laos: The Politics of Culture, History, and Identity*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Stuart-Fox, Martin. 1997. *A History of Laos*. Cambridge University Press.

Thailand

- Bowie, Katherine A. 1997. *Rituals of National Loyalty: An Anthropology of the State and the Village Scout Movement in Thailand*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Connors, Michael K. 2003. *Democracy and National Identity in Thailand*. London: Routledge.
- Handley, Paul M. 2006. *The King Never Smiles: A Biography of Thailand's Bhumibol Adulyadej*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Keyes, Charles. 1995. *The Golden Peninsula: Culture and Adaptation in Mainland Southeast Asia*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- Marshall, Andrew M. 2014. *A Kingdom in Crisis: Thailand's Struggle for Democracy in the Twenty-First Century*. London: Zed Books.
- McCargo, Duncan. 2000. *Politics and the Press in Thailand: Media Machinations*. London: Routledge.
- McCargo, Duncan, ed. 2006. *Rethinking Thailand's Southern Violence*. Singapore: NUS Press.
- McVey, Ruth, ed. 2000. *Money and Power in Provincial Thailand*. Copenhagen: NIAS Press.
- Phongpaichit, Pasuk and Sungsidh Piriyanarangsarn. 1994. *Corruption and Democracy in Thailand*. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- Phongpaichit, Pasuk and Chris Baker. 2002. *Thailand: Economy and Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Riggs, Fred W. 1966. *Thailand: The Modernization of a Bureaucratic Polity*. Honolulu: East-West Center.
- Samudavanija, Chai-Anan. 1982. *The Thai Young Turks*. Singapore: ISEAS.
- Somboon Suksamran. 1982. *Buddhism and Politics in Thailand: A Study of Socio-Political Change and Political Activism of the Thai Sangha*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Winichakul, Thongchai. 1994. *Siam Mapped: A History of the Geo-Body of a Nation*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Wyatt, David K. Various editions. *Thailand: A Short History*.

Myanmar

Brenner, David. 2019. *Rebel Politics: A Political Sociology of Armed Struggle in Myanmar's Borderlands*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Cheesman, Nick, ed. 2018. *Interpreting Communal Violence in Myanmar*. London: Routledge.

Cheesman, Nick, Monique Skidmore, and Trevor Wilson, eds. 2010. *Ruling Myanmar: From Cyclone Nargis to National Elections*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Egreteau, Renaud and Larry Jagan. 2014. *Soldiers and Diplomacy in Burma: Understanding the Foreign Relations of the Burmese Praetorian State*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Leach, Edmund R. 1954. *Political Systems of Highland Burma*. Boston: Beacon Press.

Lintner, Bertil. 1990. *Outrage: Burma's Struggle for Democracy*. Bangkok: White Lotus Press.

Lintner, Bertil. 1990. *The Rise and Fall of the Communist Party of Burma*. Ithaca: Cornell SEAP Publications

Maung, Mya. 1992. *Burma's Road to Poverty*. London: Praeger.

Myint-U, Thant. 2001. *The Making of Modern Burma*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Oung, Kin. 1993. *Who Killed Aung San?* Bangkok: White Lotus.

Pye, Lucian W. 1962. *Politics, Personality, and Nation Building: Burma's Search for Identity*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Smith, Martin. 1991. *Burma: Insurgency and the Politics of Ethnicity*. London: Zed Books.

Thawngmung, Ardeth Maung. 2012. *The 'Other' Karen in Myanmar: Ethnic Minorities and their Struggle without Arms*. London: Lexington Books.

Thawngmung, Ardeth Maung. 2008. *The Karen Revolution in Burma: Diverse Voices, Uncertain Ends*. Honolulu: East-West Center Policy Studies 45.

Wade, Francis. 2017. *Myanmar's Enemy Within: Buddhist Violence and the Making of a Muslim 'Other'*. London: Zed Books.

Malaysia

Chee, Ang Min. 2014. *Institutions and Social Mobilization: The Chinese Education Movement in Malaysia, 1951-2001*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Lim, Regina. 2008. *Federal-State Relations in Sabah*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Mahathir bin Mohamad. 1970. *The Malay Dilemma*. Singapore: Asia Pacific Press.

Mauzy, Diane K. and R.S. Milne. 2002. *Malaysian Politics under Mahathir*. London: Routledge.

Pillai, Patrick. 2015. *Yearning to Belong: Malaysia's Indian Muslims, Chitties, Portuguese Eurasians, Peranakan Chinese, and Baveanese*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Scott, James C. 1977. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Teik, Khoo Boo. 2003. *Beyond Mahathir: Malaysian Politics and its Discontents*. London: Zed Books.

Weiss, Meredith L. 2006. *Protest and Possibilities: Civil Society and Coalitions for Political Change in Malaysia*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Weiss, Meredith L., ed. 2013. *Electoral Dynamics in Malaysia: Findings from the Grassroots*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Weiss, Meredith L. and Arnold Puyuk, eds. 2017. *Electoral Dynamics in Sarawak: Contesting Developmentalism and Rights*. Singapore: ISEAS.

Singapore

Borschberg, Peter. 2015. *The Singapore and Melaka Straits: Violence, Security, and Diplomacy in the 17th Century*. Singapore: NUS Press.

Mauzy, Diane K. and R.S. Milne. 2002. *Singapore under the People's Action Party*. London: Routledge.

- Milne, R.S. and Diane K. Mauzy. 1990. *Singapore: The Legacy of Lee Kwan Yew*. New York: Westview.
- Rodan, Garry, ed. 1993. *Singapore Changes Guard: Social, Political, and Economic Directions in the 1990s*. New York: St. Martin's Press.
- Vasil, Raj. 1995. *Asianizing Singapore: The PAP's Management of Ethnicity*. Singapore: Heineman Asia.

Brunei

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Films

Sorry, this is not my niche...this is very much a ragtag list, to be developed further. Let me know if you have suggestions!

Vietnam: Well, there are many films about the American War: *The Quiet American*; *Apocalypse Now*; *Born on the Fourth of July*; *Good Morning Vietnam*; *Full Metal Jacket*; *Miss Saigon*; *Platoon*. More about Vietnam itself: *Buffalo Boy* (French film about rural farming families, directed by Nguyen Vo Nghiem Mnh)

Cambodia: *New Year Baby* (about a family fleeing genocide to live in the United States, directed by Socheata Poeuv); *The Killing Fields* (a British film with many movie stars, about Khmer Rouge mass killings, directed by Roland Joffe); *First They Killed My Father* (about an orphan who becomes a Khmer Rouge child soldier, directed by Angelina Jolie); *Life and Death at Preah Vihear* (documents a violent border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand, directed by David A. Feingold, available on Kanopy: <https://soka.kanopy.com/video/life-and-death-preah-vihear>)

Laos: *Banana Pancakes and the Children of Sticky Rice* (about the arrival of tourism to a remote Lao village, directed by Daan Veldhuizen, available in Kanopy <https://soka.kanopy.com/video/banana-pancakes-and-children-sticky-rice>)

Thailand: *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* (artsy Thai film exploring reincarnation, directed by Apichatpong Weerasethakul); *Ong Bak* (famous Thai martial arts film, directed by Prachya Pinkaew); *Shutter* (famous Thai horror film, directed by Banjong Pisanthanakun and Parkpoom Wingpoom); *Tropical Malady* (also artsy, a two part film about gay love and a haunted jungle, directed by Apichatpong Weerasethakul). Thailand also has several very long historical nationalist epic films, usually fighting the Burmese: *The Legend of Suriyothai* and the six-part *Naresuan* series.

Myanmar: *Burma VJ* (about a journalist NGO capturing footage of a brutal military crackdown, directed by Anders Østergaard); *Venerable W* (about the extremist monk Wirathu, directed by Barbet Schroeder)

Malaysia: *The Big Durian* (about ethnic tensions and a mass shooting, directed by Amir Muhammad); *Sepet* (about a mixed relationship in an ethnically divided society, directed by Yasmin Ahmad); Popular Malaysian cinema includes so-so computer animated films such as *BoBoiBoy*, horror films such as *Hantu Kak Limah*, and military-funded action film *PASKAL*.

Singapore: *Crazy Rich Asians* (conspicuous capitalism in Singapore, but it also broke ground for Asian casts in Hollywood, directed by Jon M. Chu)

Brunei: One time I watched Kung Fu Panda in Brunei.

Indonesia: *Act of Killing* (interviews with gangsters responsible for killings in 1965-66, directed by Joshua Oppenheimer); *The Year of Living Dangerously* (starring Mel Gibson, about the chaos of the final years of the Sukarno era, directed by Peter Weir); *The Raid* (popular martial arts action film, directed by Gareth Evans)

Philippines: *Ulam: Main Dish* (about modern Filipino American cuisine, directed by Alexandra Cuerdo); *No Other Woman* (accidentally hilarious, over the top Filipino drama, directed by Ruel Santos Bayani); *Out Run* (about LGBTQ politics, directed by Johnny Symons and S. Leo Hang, available on Kanopy <https://soka.kanopy.com/video/out-run>); *Stateless* (about stateless Vietnamese refugee communities in the Philippines, available on Kanopy <https://soka.kanopy.com/video/stateless>)

Southeast Asia Fiction Film Lab: <https://www.seafictionlab.com/sea-cinema>

Dated by kitsch Australian Film Board Southeast Asia country profiles: Indonesia (<https://soka.kanopy.com/video/asian-insight-indonesia-unity-diversity>); the Philippines (<https://soka.kanopy.com/video/asian-insight-philippines-furthest-cross>); Malaysia

<https://soka.kanopy.com/video/asian-insight-malaysia-sparrow-sparrow-raven-raven>); Thailand
(<https://soka.kanopy.com/video/asian-insight-thailand-do-good-receive-good-do-evil-receive-evil>)

Southeast Asian Artists (this section is radically incomplete)

Thailand: Araya Rasdarmrearnsook (famous for installation art, with Thai farmers critiquing European classics); Vasan Sitthiket (seeks to shock with his anti-capitalism); Jirapat Tatsanasomboon (playfully inserts Thai Buddhist figures in Western art and culture); Maitree Siriboon (paints on and about Thai agriculture); Navin Rawanchaikul (visual artist that makes retro film posters); Manit Sriwanichpoom (famous for adding a man in a pink suit to various backdrops)

Indonesia: A.D. Pirous (Acehnese painter known for modern calligraphy); Muhamad 'Ucup' Yusuf (member of the collective Taring Padi, known for activist Batik prints)

Malaysia: Pangrok Sulap (Sabah-based collective of anarchist batik printers / punk musicians)

Southeast Asian Musicians (even more incomplete)

Indonesia: Iwan Fals (their Bob Dylan, old-school political troubadour); Padi (major alternative band); Radja (rock band); NOAH / PeterPan (leading 2000s rock band, lead singer Ariel once dominated the tabloids); Ratu (top female bands of the 2000s); Rafly (Acehnese Islamic pop); Nyawoung (Acehnese Islamic)

Thailand: Kamachon (Thai leftist folk, popular in Isan in the 1970s and 80s); Bird Thongchai McIntyre (singer of the class "sabai sabai", Thailand's answer to "Don't Worry, Be Happy");

Cambodia: Sinn Sisamouth (king of Cambodian pop, killed by Khmer Rouge); Pen Ran (she was a pop culture icon in the 1960s, disappeared by the Khmer Rouge); Ros Serey Sotha (another important pop star killed by the Khmer Rouge); Dengue Fever (California-based band that seeks to revive classic Cambodian pop disco)

Philippines: Where do I even begin?

General Resources on Southeast Asia

Websites

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University has a great web page that provides resources for each country of Southeast Asia. For each country, NIU provides resources about language, government institutions, human rights, maps, news, and more.

<https://www.niu.edu/clas/cseas/resources/countries.shtml>

The libraries at Australian National University have assembled a library guide that provides links and information for most Southeast Asian countries. It includes links to language resources, economic data, and more.

<https://anulib.anu.edu.au/find-access/subject-guides/asia-pacific>

New Mandala is a really great site for semi-academic glob posts on various issues facing the peoples and countries of Southeast Asia. Hosted by the Australian National University, this blog / journal provides quick takes on a range of topics.

<https://www.newmandala.org/>

The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) is based in Leiden, in the Netherlands. They publish triennial newsletter that has really great articles on Asian studies, internships, and activism. IIAS is also linked to newbooks Asia, a website dedicated to reviewing books on Asian studies.

www.iias.asia/the-newsletter

<https://newbooks.asia/>

SUA alumnus Mark Chia shared this page with me- a master list of readings for Singapore studies used by Singapore government and scholars.

<https://cape.commons.yale-nus.edu.sg/2019/06/12/cape-reads/#melayu>

Scholarly Journals

In addition to these webpages, there are several scholarly journals that specialize in Southeast Asian studies. For those who are unclear, scholarly journals are some of the best resources for research, as they are double blind peer reviewed (meaning that all articles go through a rigorous review process in which reviewers do not know for sure who the author is, the author does not know the reviewer). Here are some of the top journals:

Asian Ethnicity: A cross-disciplinary journal focusing on issues related to identity in Asian countries. Published by Taylor and Francis: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/caet20/current>

Asian Journal of Political Science: Published from Seoul, this AJPS publishes articles on politics in countries across Asia, with a partial mandate to elevate scholars from and working in Asian countries. It also has a really good book review section: www.tandfonline.com/toc/rasi20/current

Asian Journal of Social Science: Published by the National University of Singapore through the Dutch publisher Brill, AJSS focuses on research on Asian societies: <https://brill.com/view/journals/ajss/ajss-overview.xml>

Asian Security: Focused on security issues across Asian countries: www.tandfonline.com/toc/fasi20/current

Asian Studies Journal of Critical Perspectives on Asia is a Philippine-based journal with an expressed anti-colonial, progressive mission: www.asj.upd.edu.ph/index.php

Asian Survey: Published by the University of California Press and dating back to 1932, this journal focuses on ethnicity, politics, development, diplomacy, and more across Asian countries. Especially useful is the annual issue that provides brief annual year in review summaries by leading authors for each country in South, East, and Southeast Asia (issue 1 of each volume).

<https://online.ucpress.edu/as> J-Stor: <https://www.jstor.org/journal/asiansurvey>

Contemporary Southeast Asia is the third of the ISEAS journals, focusing on political science and international relations: www.iseas.edu.sg/flagship-publications/contemporary-southeast-asia/contemporary-southeast-asia/

Critical Asian Studies: Formerly the *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, this is the premier journal of scholar activism, critical studies, and humanism: <https://criticalasianstudies.org/>

Indonesia: Published by Cornell, this multidisciplinary journal is focused on the Republic of Indonesia, offering insights into history, culture, media, politics, and more: <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/52499>

Indonesia and the Malay World: Focuses on the arts and humanities in Southeast Asia: www.tandfonline.com/toc/cimw20/current

Journal of Asian Studies: With a 75 year history, JAS is connected to the professional organization, the Association for Asian Studies. It publishes articles related to history, literature, and social sciences. www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-asian-studies

Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs is a German-based journal focused on contemporary social scientific issues in Southeast Asian countries: <https://journals.sub.uni-hamburg.de/giga/jsaa/index.html>

Journal of Southeast Asian Economics is the fourth of the ISEAS journals, focusing on, well, economics. www.iseas.edu.sg/flagship-publications/journal-of-southeast-asia-economies/

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies: Published by Cambridge and edited out of National University of Singapore, JSEAS publishes articles from the humanities and social sciences related to Southeast Asia: www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-southeast-asian-studies

Pacific Affairs: Published at the University of British Columbia, focuses on social, political, and economic issues across Asian countries and the Pacific more broadly. Each issue contains 5-6 articles as well as numerous reviews of new books.

<https://pacificaffairs.ubc.ca/> J-Stor: <https://www.jstor.org/journal/pacificaffairs>

The Pacific Review focuses on international politics (defined broadly) across the entire Pacific Basin. www.tandfonline.com/loi/rpre20

Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia: Also published by ISEAS, this journal is published three times per year and focuses on themes such as migration, urbanization, identity, and development: www.iseas.edu.sg/flagship-publications/sojourn/sojourn/

Southeast Asian Affairs: Published from Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) since 1974, this is an annual review of issues and trends in Southeast Asian countries as well as the region as a whole: www.iseas.edu.sg/flagship-publications/southeast-asian-affairs

South East Asia Research: Published by the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London (this is why it is *South East* instead of *Southeast*), SEAR publishes articles from any field, including art, archeology, language, literature, history, and law: www.tandfonline.com/toc/rsou20/current

Southeast Asian Studies is published by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University. Published since 1963, SEAS also has a Japanese-language sibling journal. SEAS at Kyoto also has a good newsletter on their events and publications, providing a Japanese view on Southeast Asian Studies. <https://englishkyoto-seas.org/>

TRaNS: Trans-Regional and National Studies of Southeast Asia seeks to challenge conventional borders and boundaries in the study of Southeast Asia. It seeks to compare across borders and disciplines. www.cambridge.org/core/journals/trans-trans-regional-and-national-studies-of-southeast-asia

Book Series

For a nice, constantly growing series of brief books on Southeast Asia, check out the Cambridge University Press *Elements* series edited by Ed Aspinall and Meredith Weiss. The Elements in Politics and Society in Southeast Asia features brief books written by case and thematic experts.

www.cambridge.org/core/what-we-publish/elements/politics-and-society-in-southeast-asia

Countries: Indonesia (by Jamie Davidson), Singapore (Kenneth Paul Tan), Cambodia (Kheang Un), Vietnam (Thaveeporn Vasavakul), East Timor (Douglas Kammen)

Themes: Armed Conflicts (Shane Barter), Rural Development (Jonathan Rigg), Sophisticated Authoritarianism (Lee Morgenbesser), Media and Power (Cherian George and Gayathry Veniteswaran), Populism (Paul Kenny), ASEAN (Matthew Davies), Civil-Military Relations (Aurel Croissant)

English-Language Newspapers

Jakarta Post (Indonesia): www.thejakartapost.com

Jakarta Globe (Indonesia): <https://jakartaglobe.id/>

Bangkok Post (Thailand): www.bangkokpost.com

The Nation (Thailand): www.nationthailand.com/

New Straits Times (Malaysia): www.nst.com.my

Malaysiakini (Malaysia): www.malaysiakini.com/

The Star (Malaysia): www.thestar.com.my

Straits Times (Singapore): www.straitstimes.com/global

Inquirer (Philippines): www.inquirer.net

Myanmar Times (Myanmar): www.mmtimes.com

The Phnom Penh Post (Cambodia): www.phnompenhpost.com

Borneo Bulletin (Brunei): <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/>

Vientiane Times (Laos): www.vientianetimes.org.la/

Vietnam News (Vietnam): <https://vietnamnews.vn/>

VNews Express (Vietnam): <https://e.vnexpress.net>

SOUTHEAST ASIA: KEY INDICATORS

Country	Capital	Population	HDI	Area (km ²)
Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	437,500	0.845	5,765
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	16,719,000	0.581	181,035
Indonesia	Jakarta	267,670,500	0.707	1,904,569
Lao PDR	Vientiane	7,061,500	0.604	236,800
Malaysia	Putrajaya / Kuala Lumpur	31,528,000	0.804	329,847
Myanmar	Nay Pyi Taw	53,708,000	0.578	676,578
Philippines	Manila	106,651,500	0.712	300,176
Singapore	--	5,757,500	0.935	720
Thailand	Bangkok	69,428,500	0.765	514,000
Vietnam	Hanoi	95,546,000	0.693	331,210
Southeast Asia	--	655,298,000		4,545,792

