

POL214 Belt and Road in Southeast Asia

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

POL214 Belt and Road in Southeast Asia facilitates dialogue between students and industry players to develop students' understanding of the modus operandi of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Southeast Asia, one of the key destinations for BRI investments. Students will learn how ASEAN member states, including Singapore, have engaged with China under the BRI, and find out about the economic and geopolitical impact of the initiative on the region. The course begins with a background to the BRI and an overview of Southeast Asia's infrastructure needs. Through case studies of ASEAN member states, students will gain insight into how domestic and regional issues pose challenges to the implementation of BRI projects and, ultimately, how Southeast Asia's relations with China may evolve with the growing trade and connectivity afforded by the BRI.

Topics:

- Understanding the Belt and Road Initiative
- Comparative Case Studies: Singapore and Brunei
- Comparative Case Studies: Malaysia and Indonesia
- Comparative Case Studies: Vietnam and Philippines
- Comparative Case Studies: Cambodia and Laos
- Comparative Case Studies: Thailand and Myanmar

Textbooks:

POL214 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS)

ISBN-13: SG-1960

Learning Outcome:

- Explain the scope, modus operandi and significance of the BRI.
- Comment on the diversity of Southeast Asian states.
- Apply knowledge of Southeast Asian politics, economics and international relations to BRI case studies.
- Assess the opportunities and risks that BRI presents to Southeast Asian states.
- Propose how Southeast Asian states may mitigate the risks of BRI projects.
- Analyse the impact of BRI on regional relations and on ASEAN.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	15
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.