

POL358 Comparative Development of Hong Kong and Taiwan

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

POL358 Comparative Development of Hong Kong and Taiwan compares the political economy of development in Taiwan and Hong Kong from the end of the 1940s to the present. The development trajectory of both Taiwan and Hong Kong was affected by western powers during the cold war era. Since the 1990s, the two economies' development has mainly been impacted by China's economic rise and Chinese policy changes. Despite the same source of influence over the past few decades, the consequences on Taiwan's and Hong Kong's economic structure, political system and industrial expansion are different. The different models of development demonstrate that the development of any Chinese society is not linear. Instead, there are developmental permutations and they arose out of specific historical, economic and political circumstances.

Topics:

- What Do We Mean by Development
- Theories of Development
- US Aid in Taiwan's Post-War Development
- Sino-US Reconciliation and Taiwan's Industrialization
- Economic Convergence versus Political Divergence
- Taiwan's Economic Stagnation despite Improved Political Relations with China
- Remaking British Hong Kong after WWII
- From an Industrial City to an International Financial Centre
- The Governance Crisis in Post-1997 Hong Kong
- Sustaining Hong Kong's Services after a Hollowing out of Manufacturing Production
- Changing Economic Relations between Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mainland China
- Greater China in the Dynamic Regional Architecture

Textbooks:

POL358 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS)

ISBN-13: SG-1961

Hong Kong's Governance under Chinese Sovereignty Fong, Brian C.H. Taylor & Francis

ISBN-13: 9781317813798

Taiwan: Nation-State or Province? 7th Copper, John F Taylor & Francis

ISBN-13: 9780429808319

Learning Outcome:

- Examine the economic development pathways of Taiwan and Hong Kong;
- Contrast Taiwan's relations with the US during the cold war era and with China after the 1990s;
- Discuss how relations with the US and China contributed to Taiwan's development in different periods;
- Compare Hong Kong's relations with the UK during the cold war era and with China after the 1997;
- Analyze how relations with the UK and China contributed to Hong Kong's development in different periods;
- Appraise China's influence on the economies of Taiwan and Hong Kong;
- Apply the theories of development to greater China;
- Organize information from different societies.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.