

**NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL**  
**Department of National Security Affairs**

**NS3601**  
**History & Culture of Southeast Asia**

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**Course Objective:**

To identify important cultural patterns and historical events and processes up to WWII which are necessary to understand current politics, both domestic and international, in Southeast Asia. Focus will be on the formation of nations and states: the transformation of traditional notions of authority relations, legitimacy, political identity, and state-society relations.

**Evaluation:**

Course grades will be based mainly on two take-home exams, a midterm and a final, and class participation. The instructor will provide the exam questions. Exam answers should be written in the form of an essay designed to support an argument that answers the assigned question. Essays that earn the highest grades will formulate a challenging and original argument and will exhibit good organization, tight coherence, and persuasive reasoning and use of historical evidence. The instructor will give more details on the exams later in the quarter.

Each student will make several class presentations on the assigned readings. Student should present a one-page précis of the reading, give a 10-minute presentation in class, suggest discussion topic based on reading, and guide the class discussion on the materials. Students must review the readings critically (not merely summarizing them, but evaluating them), focusing on both the theoretical arguments presented in the materials and evidence offered in support of them. The précis should briefly summarize the main points of the author's argument, highlight the insights and weaknesses in the material, and link it to other readings where appropriate.

### **Textbooks:**

Anthony Reid, Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 1.  
Nicholas Tarling, Cambridge History of Southeast Asia, vol. 2, from 1500 to 1800; vol. 3, from 1800 to 1930s.

Clive Christie. Southeast Asia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: A Reader.

Additional materials in binder at the library

### **Topics for classroom lectures/discussions:**

#### ***Southeast Asian Society: Pre-European Impact***

Introduction to subject matter; Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam  
Lustful Maidens & Ascetic Kings, "King, Teacher/Priest, Courage, Purity, Self-Sacrifice"

Film: "Great Tales in Asian Art"

Southeast Asian Material and Social Life 1450-1680

Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 1 Lands Below the Wind, Chap. 1-3

Film: "Hinduism"

"Walking with the Buddha"

Southeast Asian Material and Social Life 1450-1680

Reid. Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, vol. 1 Lands Below the Wind, Chap. 4-5

Film: "In the Shadow of Angkor Wat"

"Islam and Pluralism"

#### ***European Intrusion***

The Impact of Trade on Southeast Asian Pol. Development, 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> c.

Tarling. Cambridge Hist. of Southeast Asia, vol. 2, Chap. 1-2

Economic, Social, Religious Changes

Tarling. Cambridge Hist. of Southeast Asia, vol. 2, Chap. 3-5

#### ***Colonial Interlude***

The Southeast Asian Colonial Regime

Tarling. Cambridge Hist. of Southeast Asia, vol. 3, Chap. 1-2

Southeast Asia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Reader, Chap. 1-2

Film: "Riding the Tiger: Kings & Coolies"

#### ***Social, Economic & Political Change***

Tarling. Cambridge Hist. of Southeast Asia, vol. 3, Chap. 3

Film: "Sentimental Imperialists: America in Asia"

#### ***Revolution and Resistance***

Anti-Colonial Movements, Emergence of National Consciousness

Tarling. Cambridge Hist. of Southeast Asia, vol. 3, Chap. 4-5

Southeast Asia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Reader, Chap. 3  
Ileto. Filipinos and their Revolution, Chap. 1-2  
Film: "From the Barrel of a Gun"

### ***The Japanese Challenge to the European Order***

The Impact of Japanese Intervention and Its Aftermath  
Christie. Southeast Asia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Reader, Chap. 4  
Film: "Riding the Tiger: Freedom or Death"

### ***Post-WWII Independence Movements***

Christie. Southeast Asia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Reader, Chap. 5-7  
Christie. "Decolonization and Separatism in the Muslim Regions of Southeast Asia," in A Modern History of South East Asia, Chap. 6-10.  
Film: "Riding the Tiger: The New Order"

### ***The Multiple Paths to Nationhood***

Tarling. Nations & States in Southeast Asia, Part 1