

HUM-278

Social changes in Hong Kong and Taiwan

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Humanities and Social Sciences	BA4	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	During the semester
Workload	60h
Weeks	14
Hours	2 weekly
Courses	2 weekly
Number of positions	80

Remark

Une seule inscription à un cours SHS+MGT autorisée. En cas d'inscriptions multiples elles seront toutes supprimées sans notification

Summary

Hong Kong and Taiwan have experienced significant social changes in the last decades. This course aims to provide students a broad knowledge foundation to understand the two East Asian societies from their historical origins to current situations in multiple dimensions.

Content

The course will explore several dimensions of the societies of Hong Kong and Taiwan, namely in historical evolution, economic development, social transformation, cultural changes and political modernization.

The following lecture themes (tentative) will be discussed:

1. "Borrowed Place, Borrowed Time" - Hong Kong's political history and development with United Kingdom and China
2. Negotiating democracy: Political and electoral transformation and social movements in post-handover Hong Kong
3. Financialization, economic development, inequality and poverty in Hong Kong
4. Culture and power relations: Films, languages and consumerism in Hong Kong
5. Becoming Taiwan: Historical overview of the Formosa island
6. Taiwan's democratic transition: Political parties, electoral politics and social movements
7. Emerging diversities and equalities: Inclusive welfare reform in Taiwan
8. Gender politics: Same-sex marriage legalization in Taiwan
9. Indigenous people, ethnicity and migration in Taiwan
10. E-Taiwan: Technological innovation, economic development, digital democracy and transformation
11. Culture, cinema and identities of Taiwan

Keywords

Hong Kong
Taiwan

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of major developments of Hong Kong and Taiwan in historical, social, economic and cultural dimensions
- Analyze the current social situations of Hong Kong and Taiwan and their causes and significances

Transversal skills

- Communicate effectively, being understood, including across different languages and cultures.
- Give feedback (critique) in an appropriate fashion.
- Make an oral presentation.
- Summarize an article or a technical report.
- Plan and carry out activities in a way which makes optimal use of available time and other resources.
- Access and evaluate appropriate sources of information.

Teaching methods

Lecture, class discussion, group work

Expected student activities

Pre-class readings, class participation, group debates

Assessment methods

1. A group presentation
2. An individual written report on a book/ an article/ a film related to Hong Kong or Taiwan of the student's choice

Supervision

Office hours	Yes
Assistants	No
Forum	Yes