

CCS252e Belt and Road in Southeast Asia

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

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:

- The Political Economy of BRI in Southeast Asia
- Case Study: Singapore
- Case Study: Indonesia
- Case Study: Malaysia
- Case Study: Thailand
- Case Study: Philippines
- Case Study: Vietnam
- Case Study: Cambodia
- Case Study: Laos
- Case Study: Myanmar
- Case Study: Brunei
- BRI, ASEAN and International Relations

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:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	15
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
ECA	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**