

CCS351e Comparative Development of Hong Kong and Taiwan

Level: 3

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:

CCS351 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:

John F. Copper: Taiwan: Nation-State or Province? 2013, 6th Edition Westview Press
ISBN-13: 9780813346922

Brian C. H. Fong: Hong Kong's Governance under Chinese Sovereignty 2015 Routledge
ISBN-13: 9780415738286

Learning Outcome:

- Examine the economic development pathways of Taiwan and Hong Kong;
- Compare Taiwan's relations with the US during the cold war era and with China after the 1990s;
- Analyze 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:

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

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

Weightage Total **100**