

COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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MA Programme: South, East and South-East Asia

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester	ECTS	Number of hours			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
						Lectures	Exercises/ Seminars	Practical work		
ML Z070	East Asia and the Pacific: key to the global future	English	MA	Summer	5	30			Prof. A. Alexiev, PhD	a.alexiev@uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course "East Asia and the Pacific: Key to the Global Future" aims to show that successful resolving of problems in East Asian (EA) and Asia-Pacific (AP) region as the new world economic center of the 21-st Century is key to the global future. EA and AP countries bear an important responsibility with respect to national governments and global institutions on the planet to successfully address the challenges of global governance: unprecedented demographic, economic, technological, social, ecological and other mega-tendencies with potentially existential consequences for the whole of mankind. The only chance for success is to attract all countries around the world to participate in global governance and avoid the stalemate of a bipolar world (G-2, China-US). This thesis is defended by initially tracking the specific features of governments in EA and Southeast Asia, formed under the influence of Chinese civilization: Confucian traditions of a single centralized state with a meritocratic administration. The subsequent cultural and civilizational clash with the West in the period from the 16-th to the mid-20th century fundamentally undermines the traditional countries of Eastern and South Asia, but also promotes successful reform and modernization in countries such as China (including Taiwan), Hong Kong under British rule, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, etc. in the second half of the 20-th century. Hence, the rise of China and its transformation, together with Japan and the aforementioned "Asian Tigers" into the largest economic and political power in the region and second in the world, has led to the transformation of the whole EA&AP into a new global economic center, with powerful global institutions - the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); with a new, third in relative weight reserve currency in the World Bank and IMF - the Chinese yuan; with a new global reformation plan - "The New Silk Road" of the PRC or the double project "Economic Belt. Maritime Road" (OBOR, BRI).

Requirements for enrollment: YES

If any, please describe the specific requirements: Some proficiency in Chinese is an advantage.