

Module code	AZ-4304		
Module Title	Politics and Law in Comparative Perspective		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Option/Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
<p>Aims To familiarize students with contemporary issues in politics and law in Southeast Asia. To equip students with sociological theories and analytical skills to be able to respond to topical issues and cases in Southeast Asia and, largely, in Asia.</p>			
<p>Learning Outcomes: <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i></p>			
Lower order :	30%	- Understand sociological and anthropological concepts pertaining to politics and law.	
Middle order :	50%	- Apply sociological and anthropological concepts relating to politics and law; - Communicate ideas and analysis orally and, through their group project visually, on topical issues on politics and law in Southeast Asia, and in Asia.	
Higher order:	20%	- Evaluate and compare two or more countries in Southeast Asia; - Work collectively and independently in a team shown in project presentation; - Engage in analytical and theoretical discussions concerning politics and law; - Write an analytically in-depth paper on Asian societies from a (political) sociological and/or anthropological lens.	
<p>Module Contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politics and the State – A Historical Overview - Modern State and Nationalism - Legitimacy and the Exercise of Power - Kinship and Political Systems - The Politics of Identity in Malay Society - The Middle Class and Religion-based Politics - Constructing Image(s) of the State - The State and Borders in Borneo - Comparative Studies in Asia – Burma - Comparative Studies in Asia – Thailand - Comparative Studies in Asia –Timor Leste - Social Order and Nusantara Concept in Southeast Asia 			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly assessment and feedback	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50% Coursework: 50% - Written assignment (25%) - A written group research project (25%)	