

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3027 Comparative Regional Security Institutions: From Asia to Africa

Pre-requisites : HA1001

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

Power is the defining feature of international politics and security. As such, international relations scholars focus on great power-led regional institutions, such as the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), for their research, because those institutions possess “power” in shaping international politics. However, there are so many other regional political/security institutions in the world, which begs an important question: what kind of power do regional security institutions that are not led by great powers have? This seminar aims to understand material and non-material power of non-great power-led regional institutions possess in shaping international and regional politics. To this end, the seminar offers you the in-depth knowledge of non-great power-led regional security institutions in the world, ranging from Asia to the Middle East to Latin America to South America. More specifically, the seminar explores their institutional history, objectives, and functions, exploring the applicability of the existing theoretical frameworks in the IR field. This seminar is geared toward those who are interested in secondary powers in international politics and security institutions.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the basic theoretical frameworks to analyze regional institutions;
2. Summarize the historical development of the regional institutions;
3. Identify institutional similarities and differences existing among the regional institutions;
4. Explain the weakness and strength of the non-great power-led regional institutions; and
5. Classify types of power that the non-great power-led regional institutions possess in shaping international regional politics.

Course Content

The seminar course is divided into 4 sections: (1) introduction, (2) theories of regional institutions, (3) cases of regional institutions, and (4) conclusion. Using several analytical frameworks, the course will explore historical, political, and functional dimensions of regional institutions.

Course Assessment

CA1 Class Participation	: 20%
CA2 Presentation	: 20%
CA3 Critique (Discussant)	: 10%
CA4 Group Exercise	: 20%
CA5 Final Paper	: 30%
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	100%