

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4036 Power in International Relations: Order and Transition

Pre-requisites : HA1001, HA2004

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

“Power” is the most important, defining concept in international politics. Nevertheless, it has yet to be consensual definitions among scholars. This seminar aims to offer students the in-depth, comprehensive knowledge of the concept of “power”. Through class discussions, students will learn the historiography of the concept, the debates over the concept in the International Relations field, the subfield of power (e.g. material and ideational power), and its operationalization and measurements. Applying these conceptual frameworks, you will analyze how the ongoing and past power transitions have shaped international politics. This course is more relevant for those who are interested in graduate studies in International Relations.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

- 1) Describe the basic concept of power and the basic theory of power transition;
- 2) Summarize the past and ongoing debates over the concept of power in the international relations field;
- 3) Describe the theoretical linkage between power and power transition;
- 4) Identify the characteristics, process, and consequence of power transition; and,
- 5) Explain the ongoing or past power transition in detail by applying both a concept of power and a power transition theory.

Course Content

The seminar course is divided into 4 sections: (1) introduction, (2) concepts of power, (3) theories of power transition, and (4) the ongoing and past power transition. Using several analytical frameworks, including IR theories, the course will explore historical, political, and functional dimensions of power transition.

Course Assessment

CA1 Class Participation : 20%

CA2 Mid-Term paper : 25%

CA3 Simulation : 20%

CA4 Final Paper : 35%

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100%