



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

TU124 Society and Economy

Semester 1/2012 (August 14 – December 1, 2012)

Number of credits: 3 credits

Lecture Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11.00 – 12.30 hrs.

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Course Description:

Study various approaches for and analysis of society and economy as a social science on evolution of society and economy in the world and in Thailand with an emphasis on the impact of culture and institutions on society and economy.

Prerequisites: -

Recommended Reading Materials:

1. Akira, Suehiro, Capital Accumulation in Thailand 1855-1985, Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, June 1999 (HC445.S93)

2. Attavavutichai, Sukum, Tambon Council: Grass Root Organization for Rural Dev. With Special Reference to Bueng Krajub Tambon Council, Vichein Buri District, Petchaboon Province, 1995 (HC79.P6M432)
3. Babara Harris-White, Globalization and Insecurity, Political, Economic and Physical Challenges, Palgrave, New York, 2002 (JZ1318.G577)
4. Chayabutra, Chovwong. Local Government in Thailand. C1997 (JS7403.A8B46)
5. Direk Pattamasiriwat, Abstract Concerning the Evaluation of Decentralization in Thailand, Thammasat Economic Journal, Vol. 23, No. 3, September 2005
6. Eisenstadt, Shmuel Noah, Patrons, Clients, and Friends: Interpersonal Relations and the Structure of Trust in Society, Cambridge: University Press, 1984 (HM132.E34)
7. George Solos, The Crisis of Global Capitalism (Open Society Endangered), Public Affairs, New York, 1998 (HB3722.S67 C.3)
8. Heilbroner, R.L. and W. Milberg, The Making of Economic Society, 12th Edition, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2008 (HC51.H4)
9. Higgins, Benjamin H., Economics Development: Principles, Problems, and Policies, New York, Norton, 1968 (HD82.H495 1968)
10. Hunt, Elgin F. and David C. Colander, Social Science, An Introduction to the Study of Society, 12th Edition, Pearson Education Inc. 2005 (H83, HB 1993)
11. Ingram, James, C., Economic Change in Thailand since 1980-1970, Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1971 (HC497.T6149)
12. Krongkaew, Medhi (ed.), Thailand's Industrialization and Its Consequences, New Zealand. MacMillan Press Ltd., 1995
13. McGregor, J. Allister, Wellbeing, Development and Social change in Thailand, Thammasat Economi Journal, vol. 26 No. 2, June 2008
14. National Institute of Development Administration, Economic Development of Thailand: Under the First national Economic Development Plan 1961-1966 and Important Features of the Second National Economic and Social Development Plan 1967-1971, Bangkok, 1967 (HC497.T6N34)
15. Nartsupha, Chattip, The Thai Village Economy in the Past, Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 1999 (Pridi Bhanomyong Library HC445.C366)
16. Panic, M., Globalization and National Economic Welfare, Basingstoke (English): Palgrave MacMillan, 2003 (HF/418.5.P35)
17. Phongpaichit, Pasuk and Chris Baker, Thailand: Economy and Politics, Oxford University Press, 1995 (HC445.P38 2002)
18. Phongphit, Seri, Back to the Roots: Village and Self- Reliance in Thai Context, Bangkok: Rural Development Document Centre, 1986 (HN700.55Z9C61986c)
19. Pranee Tinakorn, Priority Issues and Policy Measures to Alleviate Rural Poverty: The case of Thailand, Manila, Asian Development Bank 1991 (HC79.P6M435)
20. Rabibhadana, Akin, M.R., "The Organization of Thai Society, and the Process of Change in the Early Bangkok Period 1782-1873, Cornell University (HN750.5A8A413)
21. Schumacher, E.F., Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered, New York, Haper&Row, 1973 (HB171.S3)
22. Siamwalla, Ammar, Agricultural Pricing Policies in Thailand: 1960-1985, Bangkok, Thailand, Thailand Development and Research Institute 1987 (HD2080.55A622)
23. Tisdell, Clement Allan, Sustainable Agriculture and Environment: Globalization and the Impact of Trade Livialization, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elagar, c1999 (S589.76D44I584)
24. Turtan, Andrew, Thailand Roots of Conflict, Nothingham, Spokesman, 1978 (JQ1745.A1T8)

25. Witt, Brown, Dunbar, Tirro, Witt, The Humanities, Volume 1, 5th Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997

Course Outline:

Chapter 1 Social Science and Its Methods

- 1.1 Scope and Meaning of Social Science
 - 1.1.1 What is Social Science?
 - 1.1.2 Relationships among different branches of Social Science
 - 1.2 Methods of Analysis of Social Science
 - 1.2.1 Scientific Methods
 - 1.2.2 Alternative Methods: Historical Method, Case Method, Comparative and Cross-Cultural Method
 - 1.2.3 Limitations of Scientific Method in Social Science
 - 1.3 Relationships between Society and Economy
 - 1.3.1 Meanings of Society and Economy
 - 1.3.2 Economics: Meaning and Importance
 - 1.3.3 Fundamental Economic Problems
 - 1.3.4 Alternative Economic Systems and the Ways to Solve Fundamental Economic Problems
 - 2 Evolution of Various Societies and Economies
 - 2.1 Agricultural Societies and Feudal Economic Systems
 - 2.2 Commercial Societies and the Birth of Capitalism
 - 2.3 Industrial Societies and the Growth of Capitalism
 - 2.4 The Emergence of Socialist Economies
 - 2.5 Economics of the Third World
 - 3 Government and the Economy
 - 4 International Economics
 - 4.1 International Trade: Meaning and Importance
 - 4.2 Gains from Trade
 - 5 Thai Society Emphasizing on Social, Political, and Economic Structures and Consequences
 - 6 Evolution of Thai Economy
 - 6.1 Structure of Thai Society and Thai Economy Prior to and After Bowring Treaty in 1855
 - 6.2 Structure of Thai Economy after 1932 Revolution - 1960
 - 6.3 Thai Economy since 1961 to the Present Time
- Globalization and Effects on Thai Society, Politically, Economically, and Socially

Instruction and Evaluation Methods:

The main technique of instruction for this course is class lecturing by the instructor. The students are encouraged to do some more research in addition to what are recommended in the outline to widening the students understanding.

The evaluation of this course consists of two parts as the following:

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| 1. Midterm Examination | 30% | (Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 11.00 - 12.30 hrs) |
| 2. Final Examination | 70% | (Saturday, December 15, 2012, 13.30 - 16.30 hrs) |

Important Dates:

Classes Begins	August 14, 2012
Adding and Dropping Courses	August 14 – 28, 2012
Midterm Exam Period	October 1 – 6, 2012 (No Lectures)
Course Withdrawal with “W”	October 17 – 22, 2012
Class Ends	December 1, 2012
