This course is designed to introduce the security issues and dynamics of international relations in Southeast Asia since the end of the Second World War. It studies regionalism and regional cooperation in Southeast Asia and examines how the ASEAN and its individual members have coped with various security challenges and managed regional order and stability. The ten week course will cover the following themes.

(1) Introduction to Southeast Asian International Relations
(2) Transformation of Regional Security Order in Southeast Asia
(3) Regionalism in Southeast Asia and the "ASEAN Way"
(4) Indochina in Southeast Asia
(5) Cooperation and Tension in Intra-ASEAN Relations
(6) ASEAN Regional Forum and Asia-Pacific Security
(7) Southeast Asia and Rising China
(8) Japan and Southeast Asia Relations
(9) Southeast Asia and Other Great Powers
(10) ASEAN beyond Southeast Asia

Each class will be divided into two; lecture will be followed by paper presentation and class discussion. Students should be aware that class participation is important and every student is required to engage in paper presentation. An essay of 1000-1500 words on a topic relevant to the course will be assigned. There is a final examination at the end of the term. Students will be graded as follows:

Class participation - 40%
Essay - 30%
Final Examination - 30%

Reading List for Weekly Discussion
(Week-1) Introduction to Southeast Asian International Relations
No presentation and Discussion

(Week-2) Transformation of Regional Security Order in Southeast Asia


(Week-3) Regionalism in Southeast Asia and the "ASEAN" Way


(Week-4) Indochina [wars] in Southeast Asia

Ang Cheng Guan. "Singapore and the Vietnam War", Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (Vol. 40, No. 3; October 2009)


(Week-5) Cooperation and Tension in Intra-ASEAN Relations


(Week-6) ASEAN Regional Forum and Asia-Pacific Security
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Jurgen Haacke. "The ASEAN Regional Forum: from dialogue to practical security cooperation?", *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* (Vol. 22, No. 3; September 2009)

(Week-7) Southeast Asia and Rising China
Sigfrido Burgos and Sophal Ear. "China's Strategic Interests in Cambodia: Influence and Resources" *Asian Survey* (Vol. 50, No. 3; May-June 2010)
Le Hong Hiep. "Vietnam's Hedging Strategy against China since Normalization" *Contemporary Southeast Asia* (Vol. 35, No. 3; 2013)

(Week-8) Japan and Southeast Asia Relations
James Llewelyn, "Japan's Cold War Diplomacy and its Return to Southeast Asia", *Asia-Pacific Review* (Vol. 21, No. 2; 2014)
Sorpong Peou, “Japan, ASEAN and Regional Security: From a Southeast Asian Perspective” in Lee Ph Ping & Md Nasrudin Md Akhir (ed.) *Japanese Relations with ASEAN since the Fukuda Doctrine* (KL: Department of East Asian Studies, University of Malaya, 2009)
(Week-9) Southeast Asia and Other Great Powers


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Tyner, James A. America's Strategy in Southeast Asia: From the Cold War to the Terror War (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2006)


Young, Adam J. *Contemporary Maritime Piracy in Southeast Asia* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007)


Day, Tony and Maya H. T. Liem (ed.). *Cultures at War: The Cold War and Cultural Expression in Southeast Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University SEAP, 2010)

