Description: Asian Literature and Society

STAFFING
Examiner: Peter Wicks
Moderator: Brian Ridge

SYNOPSIS
This course introduces students to a selection of Asian literature in English translations. The majority of works will usually be selected from the work of contemporary Asian authors, with particular reference to South-east and East Asia. Attention will be given to introducing processes of textual analysis and critical reading. Students will be guided by structured questions in the analysis of social, ideological and political themes and characterisation in the works nominated for study.

OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this course students will be expected to be able to:

- appreciate and respond critically to a selection of Asian literature;
- identify and discuss critically, Asian writers’ concern with social, ideological and political themes in their works;
- demonstrate in their written assignments a basic knowledge of methods of analysing literary texts;
- demonstrate relationships between literary works and the wider cultural context.

TOPICS

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<td>1. Introduction to the Course</td>
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4. Twilight in Jakarta 15.00
5. The Serpent's Tooth 15.00
6. Short Stories from China: Lapse of Time 15.00
7. The Return 15.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

All texts should be available in paperback editions.

Ahmad, S 1972, No Harvest but a Thorn, Oxford University Press, Kuala Lumpur.
(Available in specially reproduced format from USQ Bookshop by permission of the publishers.)


Pramoedya, A T (trans Max Lane) 1981, This Earth of Mankind, Penguin Australia, Ringwood.


REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


Kintanar, T B 1988, Self and Society in Southeast Asian Fiction, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

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<th>ACTIVITY</th>
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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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<td><strong>1000 WORD ESSAY ON NOVEL</strong></td>
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**NOTES:**

1. 1000 Word Essay on Novel/Short Stories
2. Essay 2 is a 2000 word essay on novel/short stories
3. Exam dates will be advised when the timetable has been finalised.

**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1 Attendance requirements:
   There are no attendance requirements for this external course. However, it is the student's responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a
penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each
of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative
assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in
relation to the objectives of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the
examination and assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted
marks for all summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in
the course.

6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a RESTRICTED EXAMINATION, and candidates are
allowed access to * writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which
could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); * Translation
dictionary. With the Examiner's approval, candidates may take an appropriate
non-electronic translation dictionary into the examination. This will be subject to
perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the
candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession
until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will be held during
the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch
the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the
despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (b) Students must retain a copy of
each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if
required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension
Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the
due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented
ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the
course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course
within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM
(Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of
the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the
course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).