Political Science 133D: Political Institutions of East Asia

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Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00-9:20am
Cognitive Science Building #005

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Grades:
Your grade will be based on an in-class midterm examination (40% of your grade), and an in-class final examination (60% of your grade). The midterm will be in class on May 1st, 2012, and the final will be June 14th, 2012, location TBD at 8am.

There will be no make-up exams given. If you cannot make either exam, please drop the course. In the case of extreme emergencies, exceptions may be made.

Academic Honesty:
Students are expected to do their own work. Any student caught cheating on an exam or plagiarizing an answer will receive a failing grade for that exam and will be referred to the university administration for sanction.

Re-grade Policy:
After the midterm, if you feel that you an error was made on your exam you may appeal. However, you must do so in writing. In the written appeal, you must include:

- Your original assignment
- Which question you are contesting
- An evaluation of your answer where you objectively state why your answer was more complete that we gave it credit for.
- What grade you would like to receive.

Note that your entire exam will be re-graded, and your grade may go down. Please give the written appeal to me. The deadline will be one week after you exams have been returned.

Readings:
There is one required text that is available for purchase at the UCSD bookstore: Stephan Haggard’s The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis.

Readings marked with an *** are available on e-reserves.

The remaining readings will be found on the course website at: ted.ucsd.edu.

You are responsible for all of the material in class and the readings. Some of the material does not overlap, but you are still responsible for knowing the material.
Part I: Theoretical approaches to thinking about growth and performance

Week 1: Political Regimes and Performance

April 3: Class Introduction; Democracy and Economic Performance

April 5: Policy Architecture and Performance

Week 2: Economic Growth

April 10: Economic Policies and Growth

April 12th: NO CLASS

Week 3: Economic Growth Continued

April 17th: Asian Economic Miracle

Part II: Country Cases

Week 3: South Korea

April 19th: Political Economy of Economic Reform

Week 4: South Korea Continued

April 24th: Features of South Korean Economic Institutions: Chaebol
*** Reading: Wonhyuk Lim (2003). The Emergence of the Chaebol and the Origins of the Chaebol Problem. in Economic Crisis and Corporate Restructuring in Korea

April 26th: Corruption
*** Reading: Kang, David. 2002. Crony Capitalism: Corruption and Development in South Korea and the Philippines. Chapter 1 and 4

**Week 5: Midterm and China**

May 1st: IN CLASS MIDTERM

May 3rd: Chinese Political Institutions


**Week 6: China Continued**

May 8th: Chinese Economic Policy


May 10th: Chinese Financial System


**Week 7: Japan**

May 15th: Japanese Political Institutions Pre-reform


May 17th: Japanese Political Institutions: Post-reform


**Week 8: Japan**

May 22nd: Features of Japanese Economic Institutions: MITI


May 24th: OPEN DATE. Catch up on material and review
Part III: Crisis and Reform

Week 9: Economic Crises

May 29th: Asian Financial Crisis

May 31st: Japanese Economic Crisis

Week 10:

June 5th: OPEN DATE. Catch up on material and review

June 7th: Conclusion

Final Exam: June 14th, 8am