

**Syllabus**  
**334. 001**  
**Law**  
**Introduction to Asian Legal System**  
**(2010-2011)**  
**Monday 3:00-4:30 & Wednesday 3:00-**  
**4:30**

*Room U176*

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Course 3 CREDITS

**The Basic Purpose of the Course**

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to acquire basic knowledge on Asian legal system. This course will be taught by four professors: Professors Shigenori Matsui (Japan), Tae-Ung Baik (Korea), Ian Townsend-Gault (Vietnam), and Pitman Potter (China). We will deal with the history of legal development, structure of government, legal system in general, judicial system, and peculiar characteristic of the legal system and its response to economic development in each of the four countries. We will then wrap up the similarities and differences among four countries in the last class. Students will be able to learn the different legal traditions in Asia and could be able thereby better to understand the Canadian law.

This is an introductory course and students who wish to learn more on individual country should take the Japanese Law, Korean Law, and Chinese Law, Trade and Investment in China courses or seminars.

**Course Materials**

Japanese materials could be purchased at the bookstore.

The reading materials for Korea portion will be distributed or available at WebCT (<http://ecourses.ubc.ca>). Students can download the readings with CWL id and password.

Chinese materials will be available on line or in the library.

Vietnam materials will be handed out.

**Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated based on examination and final paper.

The examination will ask you to compare four countries with respect to one of the specific topics covered in the course. All the materials you need are provided in the class or distributed as teaching materials.

The final paper should be written on any of the topics you choose and should involve the comparison of at least two or more countries covered in the class.

You can write a paper on any subject, even a subject not covered in the course.

We will be happy to provide any input on your paper. The suggested minimum length of paper is 15 pages, double spaced, using 12 fonts.

The examination will occupy 30% and the final paper will occupy 70% of the total grade.

### **Questions**

The coordinator for this course this year is Professor Matsui.

If you have any questions, offices for Professor Matsui and Professor Baik are located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Swing Space Building, the office for Professor Townsend-Gault is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Choi Building (Rm. 227) and the office for Professor Potter is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Choi building (Rm. 347). If you need to have an appointment, please send each professor an e-mail. If we are away or if you need to take contact with us for emergent issues, you can contact with our secretary, Megan Coyle, on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Swing Space Building.

### **Course Outline (subject to change)**

Sept. 8 W overview and introduction Matsui, Baik, Townsend-Gault, and Potter

Sept. 13 M guest lecture (Professor Colin Jones of Doshisha University Law School, Japan)

Sept. 15 W Korea 1 Baik

Sept. 20 M Korea 2

Sept. 22 W Korea 3

Sept. 27 M Korea 4

Sept. 29 W Korea 5

Oct. 4 M Japan 1 Matsui

Oct. 6 W Japan 2 guest talk (Justice Koji Miyakawa of the Supreme Court of Japan)

Oct. 11 thanksgiving day no class

Oct. 13 W Japan 3

Oct. 18 M Japan 4

Oct. 20 W Japan 5

Oct. 25 M Vietnam 1 Townsend-Gault

Oct. 27 W Vietnam 2

Nov. 1 M Vietnam 3

Nov. 3 W Vietnam 4

Nov. 8 M Vietnam 5

Nov. 10 W China 1 Potter

Nov. 15 M China 2

Nov. 17 W China 3

Nov. 22 M China 4

Nov. 24 W China 5

Nov. 29 M & Dec. 1 W wrap-up sessions Matsui, Baik, Townsend-Gault, Potter