

Syllabus
334. 001
Law
Introduction to Asian Legal System
(2009-2010)
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 course.

Course Materials

Japanese materials could be purchased at the bookstore.

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

Vietnam materials will be handed out.

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated based on examination and final paper. The examination will occupy 30% and the final paper will occupy 70% of the total grade.

Questions

If you have any questions, Professors Matsui, Baik, and Townsend-Gault are located in the 5th floor of the Swing Space Building and Professor Potter is located in the 2nd floor of the same building. If you need to have an appointment, please send each professor an e-mail.

Course Outline (subject to change)

Sept. 9 W guest lecture (Professor Andrew Harding, University of Victoria)
Sept. 14 M overview and introduction Matsui, Baik, Townsend-Gault, Potter
Sept. 16 W Japan 1 Matsui
Sept. 21 M Japan 2
Sept. 23 W Japan 3
Sept. 28 M Japan 4
Sept. 30 W Japan 5
Oct. 5 M Korean 1 Baik
Oct. 7 W Korea 2
Oct. 12 thanksgiving day no class
Oct. 14 W Korea 3
Oct. 19 M Korea 4
Oct. 21 W Korea 5
Oct. 26 M Vietnam 1 Townsend-Gault
Oct. 28 W Vietnam 2
Nov. 2 M Vietnam 3
Nov. 4 W Vietnam 4
Nov. 9 M Vietnam 5
Nov. 11 remembrance day no class
Nov. 16 M China 1 Potter
Nov. 18 W China 2
Nov. 23 M China 3
Nov. 25 W China 4
Nov. 30 M China 5
Dec. 2 W wrap-up session Matsui, Baik, Townsend-Gault, Potter