

## **CAS400 – Module: Political Order and Disorder in the Asia-Pacific (Fall 2019)**

In this module, we will explore how states impose political order and the consequences that can emerge from these efforts. Using select cases from the Asia-Pacific, this module specifically revolves around four related questions. First, when and how do states impose order? Second, are these efforts inherently problematic? Third, what can happen when political orders are perceived to be unjust? Finally, how can political orders be made more just? By beginning to answer these questions, students can begin to understand some of the recurring issues and conflicts in the region today.

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### **Class 2 – The Dark Side of Imposing Order: Violence in Communist Regimes**

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### **Class 3 – Disorder out of Order: Nationalist Movements in Asia**

Edward Aspinall. 2007. “From Islamism to nationalism in Aceh, Indonesia.” *Nations and Nationalism*, vol. 13, No. 2: 245-263.

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### **Class 4 – Towards a (More) Just Order? Institutional Strategies for Managing Difference**

Baogang He. “Minority Rights with Chinese Characteristics” in *Multiculturalism in Asia*, edited by Will Kymlicka and Baogang He, pp. 57-80.

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