Political Economy: "Leviathan" Power

A core course on classical and contemporary theories of social and economic change in the Pacific and Asia region. The particular focus is on political economy and world-systems' theories and how models represent and explain structure and long-term change. Case materials are drawn from China, Japan, Southeast Asia and Oceania areas as a basis for theorising and generalisation.

Lectures and readings summarise several theoretical approaches: comparative world-systems, continuity of capital, historical and dialectical materialism, theory of the gift, commodity exchange and commodity-chain analysis, local-global structures, global class theory, subcultures of capitalism, world transformation theory, and more, and compare these, for students to see which approaches match their philosophies.

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