**Autumn School on Political, Economic and Security Aspects of East Asia**

**Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb**

**Short description of the Autumn School**

During the academic year 2020/2021, winter semester, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb will organize the Autumn School on Political, Economic and Security Aspects of East Asia. The aim of this Autumn School is to provide students a broad knowledge base concerning political, economic, and security issues in various East Asian countries, namely China, Japan, South and North Korea, and Taiwan. The School will enhance the information and knowledge about political history of East Asia, its political and economic development, and regional security challenges among the students of political science and journalism. It is the first interdisciplinary school dedicated to the issues of politics, history, economy, international relations, diplomacy, and security of East Asia in Croatia. The School is offered to undergraduate and graduate students of political science and journalism.

**The School shall include three modules of 20 teaching hours**, each covering political history, political economy and international relations, security and diplomacy of the East Asia region. Each module shall be taught within the frame of one week (Monday to Friday) and shall be divided in 10 hours of lecture and 10 hours of discussion. Teaching schedule includes one week in October, one week in November and one week in December.

The School is offered to undergraduate and graduate students but also to the exchange students studying at the Faculty of Political Science. The students who successfully complete the School and fulfill all requirements (class attendance, assigned literature reading, and submitting short essays) **shall be nominated for 5 ECTS points**. The Course Convenors will provide literature for the students.

**Teaching modules**

The first module (**26-30 October, 2020**) will introduce theories of international relations and regionalism, and address the issues of political and economic development in East Asia. The Course Convenor of this module is **Dr. Chun-Yi Lee**, Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham.

Topical issues covered by this module are:

1. Economic Geography of East Asia’s regionalization and globalization
2. Emergence of China and its impact on East Asia
3. The Free-Trade Agreement in Southeast Asia and the Role of China
4. Impact of Belt and Road Initiative on Southeast Asian countries
5. Impact of ‘Asian Drivers’ on the Developing World

The second module (**16-20 November 2020**) will cover the topics of political history of East Asia. The Course Convenor of this module is **Dr. Dario Kuntić**, Head of Crisis Management Support Department at the Ministry of Defense, Republic of Croatia and Project Coordinator of the Autumn School, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb.

Topical issues covered by this module are:

1. The Age of Western Imperialism in East Asia
2. The Demise of the Middle Kingdom and the Birth of the People’s Republic of China
3. The Chinese Civil War and the fate of Taiwan
4. The Rise and Fall of Imperial Japan
5. East Asia in the Cold War

The third module (**7-11 December 2020**) will address the issue of international relations, security and diplomacy of the Asia-Pacific region. The Course Convenor of this module is **Dr. Dario Kuntić**.

Topical issues covered by this module are:

1. The Rise of China and Security of East Asia
2. U.S. Geostrategic Rebalance to the Indo-Pacific Region
3. Cross-strait Relations: China, Taiwan and the United States
4. The East and South China Seas Dispute
5. Threat of North Korea to Regional Security

**Applications are open till 23th of October 2020!** Please send your letter of motivation to Dr. Dario Kuntić at: dkuntic@yahoo.com.

**Short biography of course convenors**

**Dr. Chun-Yi Lee** is Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. She is also the director of Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham. Currently, Dr. Lee is working on a public policy research project, to compare Taiwan and UK government’s strategies to counter Covid-19. Meanwhile Dr. Lee is working her second monograph on the topic of ‘China’s New Normal: The Impact of China’s Rise on the Global Political Economy’.

**Dr. Dario Kuntić** is Head of Crisis Management Support Department at the Ministry of Defense, Republic of Croatia and Project Coordinator of the Autumn School on Political, Economic and Security Aspects of East Asia at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb. Formerly, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and Visiting Fellow at the European Centre in Taiwan, National Taiwan University. Dr. Kuntić received his Ph.D. from Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb.