



**Code: GSPS-04/D**

**Credits: 9**

**Subject: History and Institutions of Asia**

**Main language of instruction: Italian**

**Other language of instruction: English**

## **Teaching Staff**

### **Head instructor**

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### **Prerequisites**

Basic knowledge of Contemporary History and History of International Relations.

### **Objectives**

The course in History and Institutions of Asia aims to provide students with a basic understanding of the major phases that characterised the evolution of Asian dynamics after 1945.

### **Competencies:**

The course will be divided into lectures dedicated to the examination of some of the most significant aspects related to the major phases that characterised the evolution of Asian dynamics after 1945, including *e.g.* contemporary Asia; the history of Japan after 1945; the history of China under Communism; Korean issues; Indian partition and contemporary India; the Vietnam War; and relations between Italy and the People's Republic of China (1949-1976).

### **Syllabus**

*Programme:*

**Topic 1.** Asia: Between Imperialism and Post-Colonisation

**Topic 2.** Key Political Issues

**Topic 3.** Japan: Between Crisis and Rebirth

**Topic 4.** The Giant of the East: China

**Topic 5.** The Korean Peninsula

**Topic 6.** The Other Asian Giant: India

**Topic 7.** The Vietnam War: A Dramatic Aspect of Decolonisation in Indochina

**Topic 8.** Future Perspectives

**Topic 9.** Relations between Italy and Communist China (1949-1976)



### **Evaluation system and criteria**

Lectures of History and Institutions of Asia are held in Italian (English only under request). Erasmus+ students may however take the oral examination in English. The examination programme, which involves the use of texts available in the university library, must be agreed directly with the Professor through a student reception (online or in person). Erasmus+ students are advised to make contact with the Professor by email before embarking on the study of the subject.

### **Bibliography and resources**

#### *1. Materials to consult:*

For students intending to take the exam in Italian, the reference materials are available in the respective course folders uploaded to the platform. All teaching materials have been prepared by Prof. Napolitano.

#### *2. Recommended bibliography:*

**Burbank J., Cooper F.**, *Post-imperial possibilities. Eurasia, Eurafica, Afroasia* (PUP 2023).

**Casolari M.**, *In the shadow of the swastika. The relationships between Indian radical nationalism, Italian fascism and nazism* (Routledge 2020).

**Zhang Y.**, *Story of the silk road* (China Intercontinental Press 2005).