KC3023 Contemporary Global Issues A - The State and NGOs in Asia -

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【Course Aim】
Understand salient features of NGOs in Asian countries
Understand how and why NGOs take different forms in different local contexts.
Learn about the academic discourses on civil society, social capital and the third sector.

【Contents of Course】
This course will give overview about the salient features of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in some Asian countries. Related concepts such as “civil society” and “social capital” are also discussed.

【Course Schedule】
1 Introduction: The Third Sector in the economic, social, and political system
2 Civil society and social capital discourse (1)
3 Civil society and social capital discourse (2)
4 Development of civil society and its discourse in Japan
5 NGO and NPO: An overview
6 Comparative perspectives: Bangladesh and Singapore
7 Comparative perspectives: Thailand and the Philippines
8 Comparative perspectives: China and Vietnam
9 Comparative perspectives: Pakistan and Sri Lanka
10 Comparative perspectives: South Korea and Taiwan
11 Comparative perspectives: Malaysia and Indonesia
12 Comparative perspectives: India and Hong Kong
13 NGO sector in the state structure: A perspective from Asia
14 NGO/NPOs in Japan an the United States: Their development and salient features
15 Summarizing the class: Critical appraisals of NGO

【Preparation / Advice】
Read materials that are provided by the instructor.
Review the class to find out a topic that may be studied for the term end report.

【Texts】
No text. Reading materials will be distributed in the class.

【Reference】

【Grading】
Class contribution (30%), Presentation(30%), Term paper(40%)

【Other】
The students are required to make a case study of an NGO in Asia. The findings should be presented in the class and reported as the term paper.