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Course Unit Program
Asia (political, economic and social issues)

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Asia (political, economic and social issues) (07430)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	30,00
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor VITOR MANUEL RAMON FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The main objective of this course unit is to frame the Asian continent and its main political players within the overall contemporary international politics in a way that enables the study of a region that has acquired a geopolitical weight that cannot be ignored.

15. Specific Objectives

Given the geographic extension and political diversity of the Asian continent one of the fundamental objectives of this course unit is to try to analyse the political, security, economic and cultural matters that are specific to the different regional contexts.

16. Skills to be acquired

The objective is to facilitate the acquisition of the necessary instruments for a detailed and comparative analysis of the different political, security, economic and social issues that are most relevant within the region.

17. Teaching Methodology

To center the teaching and learning process according to the integrated participation of the students and an interaction between the lecture and the students according to the paradigm underlined within the Bologna Process.

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1. Introduction
2. Legacies and theories
3. Regional powers
3.1. The role of the USA in Asia
3.2. China
3.3. Japan
3.4. India.
4. Sub-regional actors
4.1. South Korea
4.2. North Korea
4.3. Taiwan
4.4. The states of Southeast Asia
4.5. The states of Central Asia
4.6. Australasia. The specific case of Australia
5. Transregional linkages and dynamics
6. Looking to the future

19. Assessment Methods

According to the University regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

Recommended bibliography.
Digital resources.
Analysis of academic articles and other sources considered adequate.

21. Sustainability Objectives

This course unit wishes to contribute to sustainability in the following manner:
1. Ensure equality on what concerns access to a good quality technical education.
2. Guarantee equal level of opportunity in high level education.
3. To promote dematerialisation regarding the process of learning and teaching in a gradual way.

22. Keywords

Theoretical perspetives
Regional powers.
Sub-regional actors.
Regional dynamics.

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	David Shambaugh (Ed.)		
Title:	International Relations of Asia		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Lanham, Maryland		
Publisher:	Rowman and Littlefield		

Author(s):	Michael Yahuda		
Title:	The International Politics of the Asia-Pacific		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2019
Local:	New York, NY		
Publisher:	Routledge		

Author(s):	Amitav Acharya		
Title:	Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia: ASEAN and the Problem of Regional Order		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	2014
Local:	New York, New York		
Publisher:	Routledge		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Asle Toje (Ed.)		
Title:	Will China's Rise Be Peaceful?: Security, Stability, and Legitimacy		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2018
Local:	New York, New York		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

Author(s):	Saadia M. Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (Eds.)		
Title:	Oxford Handbook of International Relations of Asia		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2014
Local:	Oxford and New York		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

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