

SE2218: Changing Economic Landscape of Southeast Asia
FASStrack 2026

Schedule: AM Session (10am-1pm, Singapore Time)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Course Description

The Southeast Asian economies and the region as a whole have experienced a significant change in their economic landscapes in terms of high growth rates, rising income levels, improvement in the standards of living, and the changing structures of production and trade. What accounts for this transformation? We seek to answer this question by examining the experiences and problems of the various Southeast Asian economies in the context of the leading development models and policies that they have pursued in promoting and developing their domestic sectors (agriculture, manufacturing and services) and external sectors (foreign trade, foreign capital and regionalism).

Preclusion/ Prerequisite

Nil

Lecturer

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Course Assessment

Assessments		Assessment deadlines
(i) Short Quizzes	15%	MCQ Quiz during lectures
(ii) Forum Participation	20%	Student responses due 3 days after posting of questions
(iii) Seminar Presentation	30%	Class 5 to Class 12
(v) Research Paper	35%	Class 12 – 17 July 2026
Total for CA:	100%	

- **(i) Short MCQ Quizzes (15%):**

MCQ quizzes will be administered online during lectures using Canvas Quiz to determine the students' knowledge and understanding of relevant theories and concepts introduced in the lectures.

- **(ii) Discussion Forum participation (20%):**

Students are also expected to contribute to the Discussion Forum created in Canvas by posting messages, questions, responses, and other information that are relevant to the module.

- **(iii) Seminar presentation (30%):** The size of each group depends on student number. Seminars are held from Class 5 to Class 12. Students will present a pre-assigned article available online from Library Resources link of this module. Students are strongly encouraged to conduct additional research including recent data and information to substantiate the

assigned articles. Group presentations will be conducted for a max of 20 minutes each group followed by Q&A. Students will be required to analyse and discuss the following points in their presentation: (a) highlights of the assigned article, (b) lessons learned, and (c) relevance to the country of origin or to a country students are familiar with.

- **(iv) Individual Research Paper (35%)**

Students can write on any topic covered in this module. However, they need to obtain the lecturer's approval on their chosen topic by submitting a 1-2page outline indicating the research question, hypothesis/main argument, objectives of the paper, methodology, structure of the paper, and a list of sample references. Word limit: 2,000 words excluding footnotes and references. Deadline: Class 12 on 17 July 2026

Check the following link for sample references: <https://scholar.google.com>

Course Topics

Week	Day	Topic	Session Activities
Week 1		Introduction and organization	Overview & organization
Part 1: The 3 Ms of Development			
Week 1	Class 1 Tuesday 30 June	(i)The Meaning and Measurement of Development	Lecture
	Class 2 Wednesday 1 July	(ii) Models of Development – Part 1	Lecture
	Class 3 Thursday 2 July	(ii) Models of Development- Part 2	Lecture
	Class 4 Friday 3 July	(iii) Explaining Southeast Asian Development	Lecture
Part 2: The Domestic Economy			
Week 2	Class 5 Tuesday 7 July	(i) Agricultural Sector	Lecture & Seminars
	Class 6 Wednesday 8 July	(ii) Industrial Sector	Lecture & Seminars

	Class 7 Thursday 9 July	(iii) Banking & Finance Sector	Lecture & Seminars
	Class 8 Friday 10 July	(iv) Labour Sector	Lecture & Seminars
Part 3: External Economy			
Week 3	Class 9 Tuesday 14 July	(i) International Trade – Part 1	Lecture & Seminars
	Class 10 Wednesday 15 July	(i) International Trade – Part 2	Lecture & Seminars
	Class 11 Thursday 16 July	(ii) Foreign Direct Investment	Lecture & Seminars
	Class 12 Friday 17 July	(iii) Multilateralism & Regionalism	Lecture & Seminars

Reading List

Reading materials will consist of selected book chapters, journal articles and other references. These will be made available and downloadable from Canvas through the Course Readings tab in the Navigation Panel of Canvas.