

Regionalism, Global Governance and State Building

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Reading Materials

- Sutherland, Claire (2009) 'Reconciling Nation and Region: Vietnamese Nation Building and ASEAN Regionalism', *Political Studies*, Vol. 57, pp.316-336.
- Summaries
- Evaluation

Deconstructing the state

- ▶ Legitimacy
 - ▶ Representation: normative, legal, institutional
 - ▶ Welfare enhancing: utilitarian
- ▶ Sovereignty
 - ▶ Internal sovereignty
 - ▶ External sovereignty
- ▶ Nation
 - ▶ National identity → nationalism
 - ▶ Ethnicity: majority and minority
 - ▶ Language(s)
 - ▶ Religion(s)

Deconstructing the state

- ▶ State-society relations
 - ▶ Government-business relationship
 - ▶ Other Societal groups
 - ▶ Civil society
- ▶ Strong state vs. weak state
- ▶ State-building in Southeast Asia
 - ▶ Post-colonial nation and state building
 - ▶ Development and state building
 - ▶ Globalization and state building

Deconstructing regionalism

- ▶ State-led ideology of regionalism
 - ▶ The political and *rhetorical* dimension
- ▶ Macro-level process of regionalism
 - ▶ The policy and *functional* dimension
- ▶ ASEAN regionalism
 - ▶ Coping with external threat, ensuring internal stability, and achieving economic development
 - ▶ Territorial (external) sovereignty, the ASEAN Way, boosting international standing, and resisting international pressures

How to reconcile the state and the region?

- State identity, government-business relations, state legitimation, and state security
- Reconciling the state and the region in East (and Southeast) Asia
 - Northeast Asia vs. Southeast Asia
- Reconciling the state and the region in Europe
 - West Europe vs. Eastern Europe

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- ▶ Helen E.S. Nesadurai (2005) 'The Global Politics of Regionalism: Asia and the Asia-Pacific', in M. Farrell, B. Hettne and L. Van Langenhove (eds.) *Global Politics of Regionalism: Theory and Practice*, London: Pluto Press.
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Regionalism and the World Order

- ▶ Assessing the World Order
 - ▶ Structure
 - ▶ Mode of governance
 - ▶ Form of legitimacy
- ▶ Regionalism
 - ▶ Multipolar world order or core-periphery division?
 - ▶ Regional fortress and segmented governance?
 - ▶ Regional representation and advocacy?

Understanding global governance

- ▶ Global governance in different arenas
 - ▶ Global economic governance
 - ▶ International trade
 - ▶ International finance
 - ▶ Global governance of environment, human rights, etc.
- ▶ Actors of global governance
 - ▶ International institutions: UN, WTO, IMF, World Bank...
 - ▶ Influential countries: US, EU, Japan...
 - ▶ Non-governmental groups: ISO, environmental groups, political (e.g., human rights) groups, etc.

Dealing with the challenges of global governance at the regional level

- ▶ Participating in global governance
 - ▶ Trade liberalization
- ▶ Adjusting to the influences of global governance
 - ▶ Eco-labelling
- ▶ Resisting the overlay/imposition of global governance
 - ▶ IMF loan and its conditionality
- ▶ Regionalism reconsidered (reformed) in order to meet the demand of global governance

Discussion

- ▶ Responding to global governance: at the level of region or regional states?
- ▶ How do regional states *collectively* cope with the challenges of global governance?
- ▶ Under what circumstance does global governance (issue) encourage regional cooperation or split regional countries?