Course Description

The course introduces main thematic foundation of human geography. The focal point is about human culture on the earth including regions, distribution, pattern, ecology and landscape. Topical divisions are arranged along major sub-fields of human geography ranging from population, agriculture, economic, culture, religion, language, ethnicity, politics, urban, and development. The main purpose is to help students to understand geography as a social science.

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### Basic requirement and evaluation

1. Students must read the reading assignment before coming to the class.
2. Students have to attend at least 80 percent of the class meeting session to be eligible for final evaluation.

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### Basic textbooks

- **Stoddard, Robert H., Brian R. Blouet and David J. Wishart, 1986**  
- **Daniels, Peter, Michael Bradshaw, Denis Shaw and James Sidaway, 2008**  
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- **Rubenstein, James M., 1994**  
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- **Cloke, Paul, Philip Crang and Mark Goodwin (eds.), 1999**  
- **Rigg, Jonathan, 2003**  
- **Rigg, Jonathan, 2007**  
- **Giok-Ling Ooi, Kalyani Chatterjea, Chew-Hung Chang and Kenneth Y.T. Lim, 2007**  