

Asian Universities Alliance

AUA Lecture Series 2021: Young Asian Economists

Online Program

September to December, 2021

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About the Program

On 29 April 2017, the Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) was formally launched at Beijing. The founding of AUA marks a significant milestone in Asian higher education. It is a product of the common needs and shared expectation of the 15 founding universities.

In September 2021, AUA will launch a joint online lecture series as an attempt and first step towards the long-term goal of an online shared course. At the suggestion of all member universities, the theme of the lecture series will be "The challenges and opportunities of Asian economies in the COVID-19 and post COVID-19 era".

The aim of the lecture series is to have both students and audience members gain a level of understanding about different Asian economies and offer the AUA students an opportunity to study from and have discussions with other students of Asia.

The duration of the lecture series is 15 weeks, one lecture per week. Each lecture is conducted by a member university and will consist of the following 2 parts: Part A) a 50-minute lecture introducing the challenges and opportunities of their country's economy during the COVID-19 or post COVID-19 era; Part B) a 40-minute freely-designed teaching session, which may include case analyses, multi-panelist debates, interviews, discussion groups, a combination of any two components, and/or any other innovative interactive teaching method.

There are two ways students can participate in the program:

- Students can apply to be the regular participant nominated by the AUA member universities. They constitute as the main body of students, participating and interacting with the lectures. Attendance will be recorded and the regular participants will earn a certificate of completion if they complete ≥80% of the lectures, and academic assignments.
- 2) Students can also register for a particular lecture or a number of lectures. As an audience member, they may sit in on the lectures and ask questions, but their attendance will not be recorded and a certificate will not be awarded. The information of each lecture will be released on AUA's official website <u>www.asianuniversities.org</u> later.

The AUA Secretariat will record all lectures, or at least Part A of the lectures, and upload them along with the respective slides on AUA's official website. It is hoped that the lecture series could serve as a public education product made by AUA.



Eligibility of participants

- 1) Undergraduate or postgraduate students from AUA member universities in any field of study
- 2) Students who have an interest in the challenges and opportunities of Asian economies

Schedule

- Date: Every Thursday, September 2nd to December 16th, 2021
- Time: 19:00-20:30 (UTC+8)

University	Local Time
Universiti Malaya	19:00-20:30
University of Colombo	16:30-18:00
The University of Tokyo	20:00-21:30
University of Yangon	17:30-19:00
Chulalongkorn University	18:00-19:30
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	19:00-20:30
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	16:30-18:00
King Saud University	14:00-15:30
National University of Singapore	19:00-20:30
Nazarbayev University	17:00-18:30
Peking University	19:00-20:30
Seoul National University	20:00-21:30
Tsinghua University	19:00-20:30
United Arab Emirates University	15:00-16:30
Universitas Indonesia	18:00-19:30

Tentative Agenda

	Date	Hosting University	Title of the Lecture	Lecturer(s)	Platform
1	2 September	Universiti Malaya	Capital, COVID-19 and the New Inequality	Prof. Dr. M Niaz Asadullah, Faculty of Economics & Administration	Zoom
2	9 September	University of Colombo	TBD	 Prof. H. D. Karunaratne, Director, Institute of Human Resource Advancement & Professor, Faculty of Management and Finance Dr. Indrajith Aponsu , Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics 	TBD
3	16 September	The University of Tokyo	"COVID-19 and Output in Japan"	Associate Prof. Taisuke NAKATA, Graduate School of Economics and Graduate School of Public Policy	Zoom
4	23 September	University of Yangon	TBD	Dr. Zin Nwe Myint, Professor, Department of Geography	Zoom
5	30 September	Chulalongkorn University	ASEAN Community amidst Post-COVID Indo-Pacific Conflict: Thailand Perspective	Asst. Prof. Dr. Piti Srisangnam, Director of Academic Affairs at ASEAN Studies Center and Director of the International Economic Center at the Faculty of Economics	Zoom
6	7 October	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Asian leadership and solidarity in green economic recovery from COVID-19	Prof. Ye Qi, Director, Institute for Public Policy	Zoom

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7	14 October	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Covid 19 and Livelihood challenges in Rural India	Prof. Krishnan Narayanan, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences	ClassIn
8	21 October	King Saud University	Challenges and Opportunities for Saudi Arabian Economy in the era of COVID-19 and post COVID-19	Dr. Mezyad Alterkawi, Director International Cooperation	Zoom
9	28 October	Nazarbayev University	What is the development and what factors can accelerate development in Asian countries? Natural resource-rich economy and challenges for development in Kazakhstan	Dr. Serik Orazgaliyev, Assistant Professor (Graduate School of Public Policy)	Zoom
10	4 November	Peking University	TBD	Associate Prof. CHEN Kai, Department of Risk Management and Insurance	TBD
11	11 November	Seoul National University	Lead and Disrupt: Business Strategies in Asia after COVID- 19	Prof. SUN HYUN PARK, College of Business Administration	Zoom
12	18 November	Tsinghua University	In Promoting Reglobalization - The Post-Pandemic Development of Chinese Economy	Prof. HE Ping, Chair, Department of Finance, School of Economics and Management	ClassIn

13	25 November	United Arab Emirates University	Management of Higher Education and Faculty Well-being Under COVID-19 Pandemic in the UAE	Dr. Tatiana Karabchuk, Associate Professor, Department of Government and Society, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.	Zoom
14	2 December	Universitas Indonesia	TBD	Dr. Muhammad Chatib Basri, Department of Economics	Zoom
15	16 December	AUA	Closing Session	/	ClassIn

About Communication

Announcements regarding the program will be posted on ClassIn virtual classroom when necessary. If there is any other important information, the AUA Secretariat will email the students. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their email account works properly in order to receive emails.

If students are having trouble with accessing the lecture or learning material, please contact the AUA Secretariat via email at aua@tsinghua.edu.cn .

The students are encouraged to discuss with other participants on ClassIn's virtual classroom before, during, and after lectures.

Technological Requirements

Online lectures will be conducted through Zoom or ClassIn upon the request of each lecturer. Therefore, students must have access to the Internet to attend and participate in lectures. Both Zoom and ClassIn accounts are required.

To participate in learning activities and complete assignments, students will need:

- Access to a working computer with the most current operating system and updates installed, and speakers or headphones to hear lecture presentations;
- Reliable Internet access and an email account;
- To download the Zoom and ClassIn app and register an account prior to September 2nd, 2021;
- Microsoft Word; and
- Reliable data storage for your work, such as a USB drive.

If students do not have Zoom or ClassIn already downloaded, please download the app on the OFFICIAL websites (Zoom: <u>https://zoom.us/download</u>, ClassIn: <u>https://www.eeo.cn/en/</u>).

Assignments and Evaluation

Essays

An important goal of the lecture series is for students to develop the capacity for independent, analytical, and interpretive thought. Each lecturer will be invited to create one essay-question. Students will choose 2 of the 14 essay-questions and



develop two 1000-word essays in response to those questions. Both essays are required to be submitted to <u>aua@tsinghua.edu.cn</u> due by 24:00 (UTC+8) on December 9th, 2021.

All written assignments should adhere to the following style guidelines in addition the content requirement from each lecturer:

- Spacing: one and a half;
- Font: either Times New Roman or Arial in 12 point (size);
- Title of assignment centered on first page, followed by student name and university in next line;
- Documentation for all references and quotations using APA style; and
- Accurate spelling and grammar.

Evaluation and Certificate

Upon completion of the program (final essays and an attendance of \geq 80% of lectures), students will receive a certificate of completion. Certificates will be sent online to student's emails and the hard copies will be mailed upon requests.

A select number of lecturers from the lecture seminars will be invited to evaluate student's essays and pick the top five essays. Once chosen, the respective students will receive acknowledgements and an additional certificate of excellence during the closing session.

We look forward to your participation!