**COSM33 2021 Human Rights in Asia Course Outline**

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Total Pages: 1536.500 pages are optional readings to give the students more choice on case study countries for exploring particular human rights topics in their countries of interests. There may be an additional 150 pages of optional readings added to give students a wider variety of East Asian and Southeast Asian cases for each topic.

For some of the class sessions, for example, the class on minority rights, students are free to choose from a variety of readings covering ethnic, religious, and SOGIE minorities and indigenous peoples. Students can either choose to read 3-4 articles on the topic that interests them, or one article from each topic.

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