Cross-Strait Relations between Mainland China and Taiwan: Theories and Practice

Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m.
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Relations between the mainland China and Taiwan have been marked by a seemingly endless confrontation and competition in the past. However, recent years witnessed a drastic change involving more cooperative measures taken by the two sides of the Taiwan Strait. The aims of this course are two-folded: first, to revisit the major concepts in IR theories and its contending approaches as how to provide a framework for analysis on issues relating to cross-Strait. In so doing, it is to bridge the gap between theory (Realism, Institutionalism and Constructivism) and practice (policy, process and people) in the field of cross-Strait studies. Secondly, by considering the evolving nature of the cross-Strait relations, the course also explores prominent issues confronting the mainland China and Taiwan, including identity, trade, international status, military contingencies and U.S.-China-Taiwan relations. The class will be conducted by lectures and occasionally by guest speakers. Students will be assigned as lead discussants on selective weekly reading materials. Students will be evaluated in three categories. Mid-term exam constitutes 30% of the final grades will be held on the 10th week and questions will be distributed in advance. Students are required to submit final research papers constitute 40% of the final grades on topic of instructor’s prior consent. Class participation and discussion are essential to 30% of their final grades respectively.

Week 1
Sep. 15, 2014 Introduction

Week 2
Sep. 22, 2014 Theories and Approaches (I): General Perspectives

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:

**Week 3**
Sep. 29, 2014  **Theories and Approaches (II): International, Interaction and Domestic Dimensions**

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
**Week 4**  
Oct. 06, 2014  **Civil War, Second World War, Cold War and International Politics: the Beginning of an End**  

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
C. Denny Roy, *Taiwan: A Political History* (Cornell, 2003), Chapter 5 (Taiwan in the Cold War).
D. Alan M. Wachman, *Why Taiwan? Geostrategic Rationales for China’s Territorial Integrity.* (Stanford University Press, 2007), Chapter 6 (From Civil War to Cold War).

**Week 5**  
Oct. 13, 2014  **Divided Nations Model: East/West Germany, North/South Vietnam and North/South Korea**

Required Readings:

**Week 6**  
Oct. 20, 2014  **International Law and International Status**
Required Readings:
21- Julian Ku, “International Law is Taiwan's Enemy,” *The Diplomat*, (July 16, 2014).
31. David Tawei Lee, *The Making of the Taiwan Relations Act: Twenty Years in Retrospect* (Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 2000), chapters 1, 2, 8.

Suggested Readings:

**Week 7**  
Oct. 27, 2014  **ROC's Mainland China Policy**

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
D. Chen Qimao, “The Taiwan Straits Situation since Ma came to office,” Journal of Contemporary China 20, no. 68 (January 2011): 153-160.

**Week 8**
Nov.03, 2014 **PRC’s Taiwan Policy**

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
C. E. Michael Chase, Taiwan’s Security Policy: External Threats and Domestic Politics (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2008). Chapter 4 (China’s Taiwan Policy and Military Modernization since 2000).
D. Paul Godwin and Alice Miller, China’s Forbearance Has Limits (Washington DC: Institute for National Strategic Studies, 2013): 37-45 (Signaling Case Studies: Taiwan).

Week 9 Nov. 10, 2014  Review Session and Term Papers Topics Due

Week 10 Nov. 17, 2014  Mid-term Exam

Week 11 Nov. 24, 2014  Offense/Defense Posture
Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
A. Steven Tsang, 'The US Military and American Commitment to Taiwan's Security," *Asian Survey* 52, no.4 (July/August 2012).

**Week 12 Dec.01, 2014 Economic Integration**

Required Readings:
65- Ching-chang Chen, “Useful Adversaries: How to Understand the Political Economy of Cross-Strait Security?” in Jean-Mare F. Blanchard and Dennis V. Hickey,


Suggested Readings:

**Week 13**

Dec. 08, 2014  US-China-Taiwan Triangle Relations

Required Readings:

Suggested Readings:
A. Edward Friedman, “China’s Ambitions, America’s Interests, Taiwan’s Destiny and Asia’s Future,” *Asian Survey* 53, no. 2 (March/April 2013).

**Week 14** Dec. 15, 2014  *An Alternative View on Political History: the Impact of Culture, Power on Changing Identities*

**Required Readings:**
79- George H. Gerr, *Formosa Betrayed* (London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1966),

**Suggested Readings:**

**Week 15**
Dec. 22, 2014  *Whither Cross-Strait Relations*

**Required Readings:**
85- Bruce Gilley, “Policy Succession and the Next Cross-Strait Crisis,” *Asia Policy*, No. 16, (July 2013), pp. 139-159.

Suggested Readings:
http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65901/bruce-gilley/not-so-dire-straits

**Week 16**
Dec. 29, 2014    **Student Presentations**

**Week 17**
Jan. 05, 2015    **Student Presentations (continued)**

**Week 18**
Jan. 12, 2015    **Term Papers Due**

**Evaluations:**
Class Participation and Assignments    30%
Mid-term Exam    30%
Term Paper    40%
*All term papers are due no later than the 20th of January, 2015. The length of the
term paper is about 15-20 pages with endnotes and bibliography. Late papers will
be penalized.

Appendix (Further Readings)

Week 2:
Alagappa, Muthiah, ed, *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features*
Buzan, Barry and Ole Waever, *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International
Security* (Cambridge: CUP, 2003), Part II
Chapters 1-3.
Ikenberry, G. John, Michael Mastanduno, eds, *International Relations Theory and the
Lim, Robyn. *The Geopolitics of East Asia: The search for equilibrium* (London and New
Busse, Nikolas. ‘Constructivism and Southeast Asian security’, *The Pacific Review* 12,

Week 3:
David M. Edelstein, “Managing Uncertainty: Belief about Intentions and the Rise
Avery Goldstein, “Power Transitions, Institutions, and China’s Rise in East Asia:
Theoretical Expectations and Evidence,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 30, no.
Glenn Snyder, “The Security Dilemma in Alliance Politics,” *World Politics*
36, no. 4 (July 1984): 461-495.
Glenn H. Snyder, “Mearsheimer’s World – Offensive Realism and the Struggle
Roy, Denny, ‘Southeast Asia and China: Balancing or Bandwagoning’, *Contemporary

Week 4:
Christensen, Thomas J., “China, the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in
Michael Yahuda, *The International Politics of the Asia-Pacific* (third edition,
Routledge, 2011): Chapters 1-3, 6 (The Cold War period).

**Week 5:**

**Week 6:**
Czeslaw Tubilewicz, *Taiwan and Post-Communist Europe: Shopping for Allies* (Routledge, 2007).
Chen Jie, *Foreign Policy of the New Taiwan: Pragmatic Diplomacy in Southeast Asia* (Williston: Edward Elgar, 2002).

**Week 7:**

Dennis Hickey, *Foreign Policy Making in Taiwan: From Principle to Pragmatism* (Routledge, 2006).

Chi Su, *Taiwan’s Relations with Mainland China* (Routledge, 2008).


Chen Jie, *Foreign Policy of the New Taiwan: Pragmatic Diplomacy in Southeast Asia* (Williston VT: Edward Elgar, 2002).

Shelley Rigger, “Party politics and Taiwan’s external relations,” *Orbis* (Summer 2005).


**Week 8:**


**Week 11:**

http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG888.html
M. Taylor Fravel “China’s Search for Military Power” *Washington Quarterly* (Summer 2008).


**Week 12:**
Mignon Man-jung Chan, Taiwan in the Global Economic Landscape, Brookings Institution March 2012.
Week 13:
Chen Qimao, “The Taiwan Straits Situation since Ma came to office,” *Journal of Contemporary China* 20, no. 68 (January 2011): 153-160.
Sheng, Lijun, *China’s Dilemma: The Taiwan Issue* (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2000).
Alan Romberg, *Rein in at the Brink of the Precipice* (Stimson, 2003).

Week 14:
David C. Schak, “The Development of Civility in Taiwan,” *Pacific Affairs* 82, no. 3 (Fall 2009).
Christopher Hughes, ‘Post Nationalist Taiwan’ in Dafydd Fell (ed.) *The Politics of Modern Taiwan* (Routledge, 2008).
Gunter Schubert, “Taiwan’s Evolving National Identity since the DPP Takeover: From Civic to Ethnic?” in Steven M. Goldstein and Julian Chang, eds. Presidential Politics in Taiwan: The administration of Chen Shui-bian (EastBridge 2008).
Hughes, Christopher. Taiwan and Chinese Nationalism (New York: Routledge, 1997).

Week 15:
http://www.jamestown.org/single/?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=39934&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=589&no_cache=1#.U9SbBIBdXWo
Dean Cheng, “Meeting Taiwan’s Self-Defense Needs,” Heritage Foundation Backgrounder (February 26, 2010).
Bonnie Glaser and Brittany Billingsly, Taiwan’s 2012 Presidential Elections and Cross-Strait Relations (CSIS Report, November 2011).