

East Asian International Relations

10:10 – 12:00 Friday

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Syllabus

This course is about East Asian international relations. It is designed to provide you an overview of Asian regional development, changing patterns of power relations, foreign and security policies of regional actors, and regional institution-building. Among the course's more specific objectives are the followings: to promote greater understanding of regional relations and practices in East Asia; to encourage students to take a continuing interest in the subject of international relations; and to help students to think constructively and critically through analytical exploration of relevant materials.

The class will convene once on Friday every week. Class attendance is required and will be regularly checked. The maximum acceptable number of absences in a semester is **Three**. One point will be deducted from your final grade for each absence over the acceptable ceiling.

There will be one mid-term exam and a final paper during the semester. The date of the exam is listed on the schedule. No make-up exam or incomplete grade will be given under ordinary circumstances. You will also be expected to complete a policy paper at the end of the semester. The policy paper is a ten-page double space paper that critically analyzes a specific foreign policy of a regional actor. The details and format of this assignment will be specified later in class. Your course grade will be based on the following:

Mid-term Exam	40%
Final Paper	40%
Class Participation	20%

The reading materials for the course are edited by the instructor. You can get the copy from the print shop, which will be informed later in class.

Lectures and Reading Assignments

- 2/25 Introduction
- 3/4 Regionalism & Analytical Framework
 Barry Buzan, "The Asia-Pacific: What Sort of Region?" in *Asia-Pacific in the New World Order*, pp. 68-87
 Rick Fawn, "Regions and Their Study," from *Globalising the Regional*, 2009, pp. 5-34
 Deepak Nair, "Regionalism in the Asia Pacific/ East Asia," *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, 31:1, 2008, 110-42
- 3/11 Historical Background
 Colin Mackerras, "From Imperialism to the End of the Cold War," in *Asia-Pacific in the New World Order*, pp. 35-55
 Michael Yahuda, "The New Structure of International Relations," in *The International Politics of the Asia-Pacific*, 2004, pp. 209-241
- 3/18 Trends in the Post-Cold War
 Stein Tonnesson, "What Is It That Best Explains the East Asian Peace since 1979," *Asian Perspective*, 33: 1, 2009, pp. 111-36
 Zhu Feng, "An Emerging Trend in East Asia," *Asian Perspective*, 33: 4, 2009, 17-45
 Robert Ross, "The Rise of Chinese Power and the Implications," *Orbis*, 54: 4, 2010, pp. 525-45
- 3/25 Regional Institution-Building
 Alexander C. Chandra, "Asean as A Development-Oriented Organization," *Indonesian Quarterly*, 38: 1, 2010, pp. 77-107
 Sung-Hoon Park, "APEC at A Crossroads," *Asian Perspective*, 33: 2, 2009, pp. 97-124
 Douglas Webber, "The Regional Integration That Didn't Happen," *Pacific Review*, 23; 3, 2010, pp. 313-33
- 4/1 United States
 Joseph Nye, "The Future of American Power," *Foreign Affairs*, November/ December 2010, pp. 2-12
 Roger Altman and R. Haass, "American Profligacy and American Power," *Foreign Affairs*, November/ December 2010, pp. 25-34
 Robert Sutter, "The Obama Administration and US Policy in Asia,"

Contemporary Southeast Asia, 31: 2, 2009, pp. 189-216
Alice Ba, "Systemic Neglect?" *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, 31: 3, 2009,
pp. 369-98

4/8 Japan

Thomas U. Berger, "Japan in Asia: A Hard Case for Soft Power," *Orbis* 54:
4, 2010, pp. 565-82

Yul Sohn, "Japan's New Regionalism," *Asian Survey*, 50: 3, 2010, 497-519

Yoichi Funabashi, "Tokyo Trials: Can DPJ Change Japan," *Foreign Affairs*,
November/ December 2009, pp. 106-117

George R. Packard, "The United States-Japan Security Treaty at 50,"
Foreign Affairs, March/ April 2010, pp. 92-103

4/15 North and South Koreas

Samuel S. Kim, "North Korea's Nuclear Strategy and the Interface
Between International and Domestic Politics," *Asian Perspective*, 34: 1,
2010, pp. 49-85

Bruce Cumings, "The North Korea Problem," *Current History*, September
2009, pp. 284-90

Myoung-Kyu Park and Philo Kim, "Inter-Korean Relations in Nuclear
Politics," *Asian Perspective*, 34: 1, 2010, pp. 111-35

4/22 Mid-Term Exam

4/29 China, Part I

Robert D. Kaplan, "The Geography of Chinese Power," *Foreign Affairs*,
May/June 2010, pp. 22-41

Christopher Layne, "China's Challenge to US Hegemony," *current
History*, January 2008, pp. 13-18

Ming Wan, "The Great Recession and China's Policy toward Asian
Regionalism," *Asian Survey*, 50: 3, 2010, pp. 520-38

John W. Garver and Fei-Ling Wang, "China's Anti-Encirclement
Struggle," *Asian Security*, 6: 3, 2010, 238-61

5/6 China, Part II

Susan L. Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower*, 2007

- 5/13 Taiwan
 Su Chi, *Taiwan's Relations with Mainland China*, 2009, pp. 276-335
 Bruce Gilley, "Not So Dire Straits," *Foreign Affairs*, January/ February 2010, pp. 44-60
 Shu Keng and Gunter Schubert, "Agents of Taiwan-China Unification," *Asian Survey*, 50: 2, 2010, pp. 287-310
- 5/20 Asean
 Rizal Sukma, "Building the Asean Community," *Indonesian Quarterly*, 36: 3, 2008, pp. 258-277
 Munmun Majumdar, "Conflict Management of the Spratleys in the South China Sea," *Indonesian Quarterly*, 38: 1, 2010, pp. 119-37
- 5/27 Southeast Asian Countries
 Ann Marie Murphy, "Indonesia Returns to the International Stage," *Orbis*, Winter 2009, pp. 65-79
 Bertil Lintner, "The Battle for Thailand," *Foreign Affairs*, July/ August 2009, pp. 108-18
- 6/3 India
 Robert Stewart-Ingersoll, "India as a Regional Power," *Asian Security*, 1, pp. 51-73
 Rajiv Sikri, "India's Look East Policy," *Asia Pacific Review*, 16: 1, 2009, pp. 131-45
 Evan A. Feigenbaum, "India's Rise, American Interest," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2010, pp. 76-91
- 6/10 Russia
 Charles E. Zeigler, "Neomercantalism and Energy Interdependence: Russian Strategies in East Asia," *Asian Security*, 6: 1, 2010, pp. 74-93
 Paul Bolt, "The contemporary Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership," *Asian Security*, 6: 3, 2010, pp. 191-213
 Gaye Christoffersen, "Russia's Breakthrough into the Asia-Pacific," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 10:, 2010, pp. 61-91
- 6/17 Australia, **And the Paper Due**
 Baogang He, "Generational Change: Regional Security and Australian Engagement with Asia," *Pacific Review*, 23: 2, 2010, pp. 163-81

James Manicom and Andrew O'Neil, "Accommodation, Realignment or Business as Usual? Australia's Response to A Rising China," *Pacific Review*, 23: 1, 2010, pp. 23-44
Hugh White, "Australia's Different Defense Policy," *Survival*, 51: 5, 2009, pp. 173-84

Happy Summer Vacation !