PS 188-08 Contemporary International Relations of East Asia

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This course is an overview of international relations of the East Asian region, which aims at broadly exploring the economic and political issues surrounding the Asia-Pacific rim. The central theme of this course is on whether the East Asian region is heading towards greater cooperation or conflict in political and economic relations. The first part of the course will examine respective theoretical and historical backgrounds of the countries in the region (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Southeast Asia) with a focus on political and economic development during the pre- and post-Cold War period. The second part of the course will cover various issues surrounding the region, including industrialization, globalization, economic interdependence, financial crises, natural disasters, nuclear proliferation, security, regionalism, nationalism, territorial disputes, and terrorism. (Prerequisite: PS-61 Introduction to International Relations)

Some of the main questions we will dwell on in the course are focused on but not limited to: the challenges that the East Asian region faces with the rise of China in the dynamics of both security and economy, ongoing territorial disputes that strongly affect trade and cooperation among the countries in the region, regional production networks and economic rivalry reflected in the dynamics of trade, the experiences of the two financial crises (Asian Financial Crisis and the Global Financial Crisis) and the contest of currencies, U.S. economic and security interests in the region, the two Koreas and the question of unification, and the ramifications of leadership changes that have occurred in Northeast Asian nations (China, Japan, South Korea, and North Korea).

The course focuses largely on the intra-regional issues in East Asia (North and Southeast Asia) and issues involving the Asia-Pacific region. While the course has a strong regional focus on Northeast Asia as a whole, country-specific issues (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China) will also be addressed throughout the course discussions via designated readings and follow-ups of recent events and day-to-day news to gather the interests of students for discussion in class. The ultimate goal of the course is to enable the students to produce a fine academic research paper on a certain issue regarding East Asia that they are interested in, by immersing themselves in the issues of politics, economy, security, conflict and cooperation in East Asia. While students will be producing a full-fledged research paper in this course, please note that due to departmental rules, this course may not count towards senior seminar requirements.

Reading Assignments

The required texts (indicated in arrows) can be purchased online or at the Tufts University Official Bookstore. The recommended texts (indicated in bullet points) below are given to provide ideas for the students’ choice of book reviews. Some of the recommended readings will also be read in the course. Other listed readings will be available through the Tufts Library system – via E-Journals, on reserve, or in the “Resources” section of the Tufts Trunk Site. Sp13 - PS-0188-08 - TOPICS IN INTERN'L REL (https://trunk.tufts.edu/xsl-portal/site/25d54625-f02b-4772-824e-bed943f459a8).
Required Texts:


Recommended Texts for Book Reviews:

- Koo, Min Gyo. 2009. *Island disputes and maritime regime building in East Asia between a rock and a hard place.* Dordrecht: Springer.


Requirements & Expectations

Students will be expected to attend all classes with preparations for class discussions by reading the weekly assigned readings. There will be a book review of a student’s choice on East Asia upon the instructor’s approval, participation in up to 3 East Asia related events, a proposal and annotated biography of a research paper, and the final research paper for the class.

Academic Honesty

You are expected to provide citations in papers for all quotations, paraphrases, and ideas taken from any source other than your own original thoughts. Tufts University has very strict standards for intellectual integrity. Punishment for plagiarism is severe, and can include permanent expulsion from the university. For details, see http://uss.tufts.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/campus/plagiarism.asp.

Absences

If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to ensure you obtain any notes, assignments, or handouts. All assignments and handouts will be available through the Tufts Trunk Site. Lecture slides will be uploaded on the website after each class.
Grading

1. Class Participation and Attendance (20%)

Students’ class participation grade will consist of: 1) quality and frequency of contributions to the discussions in class, and 2) attendance, which will be taken at every class and will count towards your grade.

2. East Asia Related Events (10%)

Students will attend up to 3 East Asia related events (talks, panels, conferences) of their choice around the adjacent academic neighborhood of Medford, Cambridge, and Boston. The events, from which the students will garner their resources for their research interests, will enable the students to get a fresh sense of what is going on in East Asia outside the classroom. After attending the event, students will email to the instructor 3 components that they have grasped from the talk that they have attended. Here are some venues to look into:

- The Fletcher School, Tufts University
- Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University
- Program on U.S. Japan Relations, Harvard University
- Kim Koo Forum on Korea Current Affairs, Korea Institute, Harvard University
- Boston University Center for the Study of Asia

3. Book Review and Presentation (20%)

Students will each write a double-spaced, 3-page book review on a book of their choice and interest on East Asia upon the instructor’s approval, and deliver a 15-minute presentation of the book review at the end of the class after signing up for slots available among the dates of students’ choice. The book review is due on the day of the student’s presentation.

4. Research Paper Proposal and Annotated Bibliography (10%)

Halfway through the course, in Week 8, Students will also prepare a research paper proposal of approximately 500 words, and an annotated bibliography of no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, consisting of no less than 20 books and articles. The paper proposal should pose the central research question that the student seeks to answer, and the student is expected to have at least skimmed the listed sources and have a good sense of the kind of information that is available to complete the final research paper. The students are advised to choose the topic of their paper in consultation with the instructor on East Asia or a specific country of their interest prior to Week 7.

5. Draft Research Paper for Peer-Review (10%)

The draft paper must demonstrate that the student has done a significant amount of research towards answering the research question that has been posed, and suggest the next direction of the student’s research and likely conclusions. The format of the draft research paper should be: 5-10 pages, double-spaced, excluding the bibliography. Papers will be distributed randomly to other peers in the class for comments, with no identifying information. After the instructor has reviewed the comments, the draft research papers will be circulated back to the students for a ‘revise-and-resubmit’.

6. Final Research Paper (30%)

Based on the research paper proposal and annotated bibliography that has been submitted in Week 8, the students will work towards their research paper project and submit the final outcome of their research in the following format: 15-20 pages, double-spaced, excluding the bibliography. The final paper may contain a revised version of bibliography not exceeding 3 pages, double-spaced.
Schedule of Topics and Due Dates

Part I. Background and History of the Countries of East Asia

Week 1 (01/16) Introduction to the Course and Syllabus (Sign up for Book Review Slots)
East Asia: Geography, History, Nationalism and Regional Identity

Week 2 (01/21, 01/23) U.S. Interests and Strategy in Post-Cold War East Asia
Economic Interests, Military Strategy

Week 3 (01/28, 01/30) Security Issues and Territorial Disputes
(Two Guest Lectures due to Instructor’s conference presentation in Tokyo, Japan)

Part II. The Countries of East Asia

Week 4 (02/04, 02/06) Japan’s Economy, Society, Politics, and the U.S.-Japan Alliance
Industrialization, the Bubble Economy and the Lost Decades

Week 5 (02/11, 02/13) South Korea: Economy, Society, and Politics
U.S.-ROK Relations and North Korea

Week 6 (02/18, 02/21) North Korea: Dictatorship, Poverty, Human Rights (Proposal Due)
North Korea’s Relations with China and Japan

Week 7 (02/25, 02/27) Taiwan: Industrialization
Cross-Strait Relations

Week 8 (03/04, 03/06) China: Rising Economic Power
Responsible Power and Regional Rivalry

Week 9 (03/11, 03/13) Southeast Asia: Regional Production Networks
ASEAN, ARF, and Relations with China

Week 10 (03/18, 03/20) Spring Recess, No Class

Part III. The Issues Surrounding the East Asian Region

Week 11 (03/25, 03/27) Energy, Environment and Natural Disasters

Week 12 (04/01, 04/03) Nuclear Proliferation and Threats (Draft Paper Due, Peer-Review)
(One Guest Lecture due to Instructor’s conference presentation in SF)

Week 13 (04/08, 04/10) Financial Crises and Regional Financial Cooperation

Week 14 (04/15, 04/17) Trade and Investment
Free Trade Initiatives and Trilateral Investment Treaty

Week 15 (04/22, 04/24) Migration and Demographic Issues
Migration of the Workforce
Fertility Rates, Aging and Economic Impact
(One Guest Lecture due to Instructor’s conference presentation in Ontario, Canada)

Week 16 (04/29) Looking to East Asia’s Future: Threats and Opportunities

(05/10) 15-20 pages final paper due at 4:00 P.M. in Instructor’s Faculty Mailbox, Packard Hall
Note that Book Reviews are due at the end of each Book Review Presentation by the student.
Class Schedule

Week 1 (01/16) Introduction to the Course and Syllabus *(Sign up for Book Review Slots)*
East Asia: Geography, History, Nationalism and Regional Identity

- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.1
- Calder & Ye, Ch. 1-2 (must read)
  - Kang (2010), Chs. 1-3
  - G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, Ch.1

Part I. Background and History

Week 2 (01/21, 01/23) U.S. Interests and Strategy in Post-Cold War East Asia
Economic Interests, Military Strategy

01/21 No Class (Martin Luther King Day, University Holiday)

01/23 (Substitute Monday’s Schedule on Wednesday)

- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.9
- Calder & Ye, Ch.10
  - Kang (2007), Ch. 8

Week 3 (01/28, 01/30) Security Issues and Territorial Disputes
*(Two Guest Lectures due to Instructor’s conference presentation in Tokyo, Japan)*

01/28 Guest Lecture 1 ‘East Asian Territorial Disputes’
Dr. Grant Rhode, Visiting Scholar, Boston University Center for the Study of Asia

- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.5
  - Kang (2010), Ch. 7

01/30 Guest Lecture 2, ASEAN and ‘East Asian Security’
Dr. Koga Kei, Research Fellow, International Security Program,
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

- Goldstein & Mansfield, Chs.3-4, 8
  - Ba, Ch. 5-6
  - Kang (2007), Ch. 6

Part II. The Countries of East Asia

Week 4 (02/04, 02/06) Japan’s Economy, Society, Politics, and the U.S.-Japan Alliance
Industrialization, the Bubble Economy and the Lost Decades

02/04 (M) Japan’s Economy, Society, Politics, and the U.S.-Japan Alliance

- Hayes, Chs.14-16
  - Samuels, Chs.
  - Inoguchi, Chs. 1-2
  - Sugimoto, Ch.3-4

02/06 (W) Japan’s Post-War Industrialization, the Bubble Economy and the Lost Decades
• Hayes, Ch. 17
  • Vogel, Chs. 2-4

Week 5 (02/11, 02/13) South Korea: Economy, Society, and Politics
  U.S.-ROK Relations and North Korea

02/11 (M) South Korea’s Economy, Society, and Politics
  ➢ Eichengreen, Perkins and Shin

02/13 (W) U.S.-ROK Relations and North Korea
  ➢ Snyder (2012), Ch.1
  ➢ Rozman (2011), Ch.2

Week 6 (02/18, 02/21) North Korea: Dictatorship, Poverty, and Economy
  North Korea’s Relations with China, the U.S., and the World

02/18 (M) No Class (President’s DayObserved, University Holiday)

02/20 (W) North Korea: Dictatorship, Poverty, and Economy
  ➢ Park & Snyder, Chs. 5-9

02/21 (Th) North Korea’s Relations with China, the U.S., and the World (Proposal Due)
  (Substitute Monday’s Schedule on Thursday)
  ➢ Park & Snyder, Chs. 10-13

Week 7 (02/25, 02/27) Taiwan: Industrialization
  Cross-Strait Relations (Proposal Due)

02/25 (M) Taiwan’s Economic Development
  ➢ Rigger, Chs.1-3

02/27 (W) Cross-Strait Relations
  ➢ Kang (2007), Ch.4
  ➢ Rigger, Ch. 6-7
  • Wei, Introduction and Ch.12
  • Council on Foreign Relations, China-Taiwan Relations (http://www.cfr.org/china/china-taiwan-relations/p9223#p1)

Week 8 (03/04, 03/06) China: Rising Economic Power
  Responsible Power and Regional Rivalry

03/04 (M) China’s Rising Economic Power
  ➢ Shirk, Ch.2
  ➢ Kang, Ch.1
  • Naughton, Ch.4

03/06 (W) China as a Responsible Power and Regional Rivalry
Week 9 (03/11, 03/13) Southeast Asia: Regional Production Networks
ASEAN, ARF, and Relations with China

03/11 (M) Southeast Asia: Regional Production Networks
- Calder & Ye, Chs.5-6
- Ba, Ch.4
- Grimes, Ch.2
- Munakata, Ch.3

03/13 (W) ASEAN, ARF, and Relations with China
- Calder & Ye, Chs.7-9
- Ba, Chs.5-6

Week 10 Spring Recess

03/18 (M) No Class (Spring Recess)
03/20 (W) No Class (Spring Recess)

Week 11 (03/25, 03/27) Energy, Environment and Natural Disasters

03/25 (M) Japan’s Energy, Natural Disasters, and Economic Impact
- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.6
- Carpenter, Introduction and Ch.8

03/27 (W) China’s Energy, Environment, and Economy
- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.6 (review)
- Sapiro, Ch.1-4

Week 12 (04/01, 04/03) Nuclear Proliferation and Threats
(One Guest Lecture due to Instructor’s conference presentation in SF)

04/01 (M) Challenges to Security surrounding the Korean Peninsula
(Draft Paper Due, Peer-Review)
- Kim, Shin, & Straub

04/03 (W) Guest Lecture 3
Professor Sung-yoon Lee, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Week 13 (04/08, 04/10) Financial Crises and Regional Financial Cooperation

04/08 (M) Financial Crises
- Goldstein & Mansfield, Ch.2
- Calder & Ye, Ch.4
- Grimes, Ch.1
04/10 (W) Regional Financial Cooperation in East Asia

➢ Grimes, Ch.3-5

Week 14 (04/15, 04/17) Trade and Investment
Free Trade Initiatives and Trilateral Investment Treaty

04/15 (M) No Class (Patriot’s Day observed, University Holiday)

04/17 (W) Free Trade Initiatives and Trilateral Investment Treaty

➢ Solís, Stallings, and Katada, Intro & Ch.1
➢ Pempel (2012), Ch.9
• Munakata, Chs.7-9

Week 15 (04/22, 04/24) Aging, Demographic Issues and Economic Impact
(One Guest Lecture due to Instructor’s conference presentation in Ontario, Canada)

04/22 (M) Migration and Demographic Issues and Migration of the Workforce

➢ Ito & Rose, Chs. 1-2
• Ito & Rose, Chs. 3-4, 10

04/24 (W) Guest Lecture 4 ‘Fertility Rates, Aging and Economic/Security Impact’

Dr. Grant Rhode, Visiting Scholar, Boston University Center for the Study of Asia

➢ Yoshihara & Silva, Chs. 7-8

Week 16 (04/29) Looking to East Asia’s Future: Threats and Opportunities

04/29 (M) Contemporary Issues of China, Japan, and South Korea

➢ Hayes, Chs.6, 18

(05/10) 15-20 pages final paper due at 4:00 P.M.