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International Relations of East Asia

Course Description

This course examines the nature of international relations in East Asia. Topics will include: (1) the historical development of international relations in East Asia since the mid 19th century, (2) WW II and its legacy, (3) domestic institutions and foreign policy outcomes, (4) regional security issues, (5) regional economic relations, and (6) the implications of these issues for the United States. In addition to building students' familiarity with international relations of East Asia, this course intends to expose the students to theoretical and empirical inquiry of the international relations literature. Through carefully reading and evaluating the course materials, the students are expected to enhance their ability to make use of social scientific reasoning and to present their own opinions in a logically consistent way.

Performance Evaluation

Participation: General Participation	15%
Preliminary Research Proposal	5%
Take Home Midterm 1	20%
Take Home Midterm 2	20%
Term Paper	40%

Students' participation is highly encouraged. Clarification questions are always welcome. Thought-provocative questions are highly appreciated. Note that the instructor's selection of reading and audio visual materials does not imply that he is endorsing the arguments developed in these materials. Students are expected to evaluate the content critically and show evidence of their careful thinking through discussions in the classroom.

Take home midterms are expected to be about 4 to 5 pages long. Students will answer a specific set of questions by writing an essay.

The term paper will be about 12 pages long. Each student will choose his or her research topic, will address a causal hypothesis, and will test it against empirical reality. Guidelines for the term paper will be handed out in the third week.

Prerequisite

There is no formal prerequisite, but I assume that students who take the class have enthusiasm for learning and logical thinking. It is also assumed that students have regular access to the blackboard system (blackboard.wesleyan.edu).

Class Resources

Textbook

The following books are available for purchase at Broad Street Books. These books are also available on the reserve shelf in Olin Library.

Ikenberry, G. John, and Michael Mastanduno. 2003. *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Pempel, T. J., ed. 1999. *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Additional class materials will be provided in the blackboard system.

Class Schedule

Part I: Theories of International Relations and East Asia

Session 1: Introduction (January 25)

Russett, Bruce M., Harvey Starr, and David Kinsella. 2006. *World Politics: the Menu for Choice*. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, Chapter 1. [PDF]

Ikenberry, G. John, and Michael Mastanduno. 2003. "Introduction: International Relations Theory and the Search for Regional Stability." In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, ed. G. J. Ikenberry and M. Mastanduno. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]

Session 2: Realism (January 30)

Waltz, Kenneth Neal. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading: Addison-Wesley, Chapter 6. [PDF]

Mastanduno, Michael, David Lake, and G. John Ikenberry. 1989. Toward a Realist Theory of State Action. *International Studies Quarterly* 33 (4):457-74. [PDF]

Session 3: Alternative Perspectives (February 1)

Doyle, Michael W. 1983. Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 12 (4):205-32. [PDF]

Wendt, Alexander E. 1994. Collective Identity Formation and the International State. *American Political Science Review* 88 (2):384-96. [PDF]

Part II: Historical Overview

Session 4: The Expansion of the West and East Asia (February 6)

Kang, David C. 2003. Hierarchy and Stability in Asian International Relations. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 163-90. New York: Columbia University Press. [PDF]

Blue, Gregory. 2000. Opium for China: The British Connection. In *Opium Regimes: China, Britain, and Japan, 1839-1952*, edited by Timothy Brook, and Bob Tadashi Wakabayashi, 31-54. Berkeley: University of California Press. [PDF]

Session 5: Collapse of the Hierarchy (February 8)

- Suganami, Hidemi. 1984. Japan's Entry into International Society. In *The Expansion of International Society*, edited by Hedley Bull, and Adam Watson. Oxford: Clarendon Press, Chapter 12. [PDF]
- Wong, R. Bin. 2000. "Opium and Modern Chinese State Building." In *Opium Regimes: China, Britain, and Japan, 1839-1952*, ed. T. Brook and B. T. Wakabayashi. Berkeley: University of California Press. [PDF]
- Guidelines for the term paper and the research proposal are handed out.

Session 6: The Road to WW II (February 13)

- Dower, John W. 1986. *War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*. 1st ed. New York: Pantheon Books. "Chapter 7: Yellow, Red, and Black Men" and "Chapter 8: The Pure Self" [PDF]
- Ramseyer, J. Mark, and Frances McCall Rosenbluth. 1995. *The Politics of Oligarchy: Institutional Choice in Imperial Japan*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 7. [PDF]

Session 7: WW II and the Postwar Order in Asia (February 15)

- Pape, Robert A. 1993. Why Japan Surrendered. *International Security* 18 (2):154-201. [PDF]
- Christensen, Thomas J. 2003. China, the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 25-56. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]
- The first take-home midterm is handed out.

Part III: Domestic Institutions and Foreign Policy

Session 8: Democracy vs. Non-Democracy (February 20)

- The first take-home midterm is due.
- Lake, David. 1992. Powerful Pacifist, Democratic States, and War. *American Political Science Review* 86 (1):22-37. [PDF]
- Fearon, James D. 1994. Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes. *American Political Science Review* 88 (3):577-92. [PDF]

Session 9: North Korea (February 22)

- Kang, David C. 1995. Rethinking North Korea. *Asian Survey* 35 (3):253-67. [PDF]
- Cha, Victor D. 2002. Hawk Engagement and Preventive Defense on the Korean Peninsula. *International Security* 27 (1):40-78. [PDF]

Session 10: China (February 27)

- Goldstein, Avery. 2003. An Emerging China's Emerging Grand Strategy: A Neo-Bismarckian Turn? In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 57-105. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]
- Hempson-Jones, Justin S. 2005. The Evolution of China's Engagement with International Governmental Organizations: Toward a Liberal Foreign Policy? *Asian Survey* 45 (5):702-21. [PDF]

Optional

- Manion, Melanie. 2006. Politics in China. In *Comparative Politics Today*, edited by Gabriel A. Almond, Russell J. Dalton, G. Bingham Powell Jr., and Kaare Strom, 410-59. New York: Longman. [PDF]

Session 11: Taiwan (March 1)

- Research proposal is due
- Niou, Emerson M. S. 2004. Understanding Taiwan Independence and Its Policy Implications. *Asian Survey* 44 (4):555-67. [PDF]
- Saunders, Phillip C. 2005. Long-term Trends in China-Taiwan Relations: Implications for U.S. Taiwan Policy. *Asian Survey* 45 (6):970-91. [PDF]

Session 12: South Korea (March 6)

Suh, J. J. 2004. Bound to Last?: The U.S.-Korea Alliance and Analytical Eclecticism. In *Rethinking Security in East Asia: Identity, Power, and Efficiency*, edited by J. J. Suh, Peter J. Katzenstein, and Allen Carlson, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. [PDF]

Chung, Chien-peng. 2003. Democratization in South Korea and Inter-Korean Relations. *Pacific Affairs* 76 (1):9-29. [PDF]

Optional

Kil, Soong Hoom, and Chung-in Moon, eds. 2001. *Understanding Korean Politics: An Introduction*. Albany: State University of New York Press. [Library Reserve]

Session 13: Japan (March 8)

Grimes, William W. 2003. Institutionalized Inertia: Japanese Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War World. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 353-85. New York: Columbia University Press. [PDF]

Cowhey, Peter F. 1993. Domestic Institutions and the Credibility of International Commitments: Japan and the United States. *International Organization* 47 (2):299-326. [JSTOR]

Optional

Rosenbluth, Frances M., and Michael F. Thies. 2006. Politics in Japan. In *Comparative Politics Today*, edited by Gabriel A. Almond, Russell J. Dalton, G. Bingham Powell Jr., and Kaare Strom, 410-59. New York: Longman. [PDF]

Session 14: Aspects of Nationalism (March 27)

Gries, Peter Hays. 2004. *China's New Nationalism: Pride, Politics, and Diplomacy*. Berkeley: University of California Press, Chapter 1. [PDF]

Shibuichi, Daiki. 2005. The Yasukuni Shrine Dispute and the Politics of Identity in Japan: Why All the Fuss? *Asian Survey* 45 (2):197-215. [PDF]

Optional

Widmore, Daniel. 2006. Why Japan's Neighbors Secretly Love the Yasukuni Shrine. *TNR Online* (August 30, 2006).

Vlastos, Stephen. 1998. *Mirror of Modernity: Invented Traditions of Modern Japan*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Part IV: Regional Security Issues

Session 15: Competing Explanations (Mar 29)

Nau, Henry R. 2003. Identity and the Balance of Power in Asia. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 213-41. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]

Katzenstein, Peter J., and Nobuo Okawara. 2001. Japan, Asian-Pacific Security, and the Case for Analytical Eclecticism. *International Security* 26 (3):153-85. [PDF]

Session 16: Reassessing the Military Capability (April 3)

Waltz, Kenneth Neal. 1993. The Emerging Structure of International Politics. *International Security* 18 (2): 44-79. [PDF]

Excerpts from *SPRI Yearbook* and *The Military Balance*. [PDF]

Leheny, David. 2006. A Narrow Place to Cross Swords: Soft Power and the Politics of Japanese Popular Culture in East Asia. In *Beyond Japan: the Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism*, edited by Peter J. Katzenstein, and Takashi Shiraishi, 211-33. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [PDF]

Session 17: Territorial Disputes (April 5)

- Kimura, Masato, and David A. Welch. 1998. "Specifying "Interests": Japan's Claim to the Northern Territories and Its Implications for International Relations Theory" *International Studies Quarterly* 42 (2):213-43. [PDF]
- Dreyer, June Teufel. 2006. "Sino-Japanese Rivalry and Its Implications for Developing Nations." *Asian Survey* 46 (4):538-57. [PDF]

Session 18: Security Institutions (April 10)

- Duffield, John S. 2003. Asia-Pacific Security Institutions in Comparative Perspective. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 243-69. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]
- Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2003. Socialization in International Relations: The ASEAN Way and International Relations Theory. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 107-62. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]

Part V: Economic Interactions in East Asia

Session 19: Economic Liberalism and East Asia (April 12)

- Williamson, Jeffrey G. 1998. Globalization, Labor Markets and Policy Backlash in the Past *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 12 (4):51-72. [PDF]
- Milner, Helen V. 1988. Trading Places: Industries for Free Trade. *World Politics* 40 (3):350-76. [PDF]
- The second take-home midterm is handed out.

Session 20: Politics of Trade Conflicts (April 17)

The second take-home midterm is due.

- Saxonhouse, Gary R. 1993. What Does Japanese Trade Structure Tell Us About Japanese Trade Policy? *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 7 (3):21-43. [PDF]
- Copeland, Dale. 2003. Economic Interdependence and the Future of U.S.-Chinese Relations. In *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by G. John Ikenberry, and Michael Mastanduno, 323-52. New York: Columbia University Press. [Textbook]

Session 21: Politics of Asian Financial Crisis (April 19)

- Pempel, T. J. 1999. Introduction. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 1-16. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]
- Cummings, Bruce. 1999. The Asian Crisis, Democracy, and the End of "Late" Development. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 17-44. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]

Session 22: Politics of Asian Financial Crisis Cont. (April 24)

- Hamilton, Gary. 1999. Asian Business Networks in Transition: or, What Alan Greenspan Does Not Know about the Asian Business Crisis. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 45-61. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]
- Winters, Jeffrey A. 1999. The Determinant of Financial Crisis in Asia. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 79-100. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]

Session 23: Domestic Politics of International Finance (April 26)

- Woo-Cummings, Meredith. 1999. The State, Democracy, and the Reform of the Corporate Sector in Korea. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 116-42. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]
- Naughton, Barry. 1999. China: Domestic Restructuring and a New Role in Asia. In *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, edited by T. J. Pempel, 203-23. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [Textbook]

Session 24: Politics and Foreign Direct Investment (May 1)

- Kim, Eun Mee, and Jai S. Mah. 2006. Patterns of South Korea's Foreign Direct Investment Flows into China. *Asian Survey* 46 (6):881-97. [Textbook]
- Gallagher, Mary Elizabeth. 2002. Reform and Openness: Why China's Economic Reforms have Delayed Democracy. *World Politics* 54 (3):338-72. [Textbook]

Part VI: Facing New Policy Challenges

Session 25: Environmental Issues (May 3)

Read any two of the following:

- Economy, Elizabeth. 2004. *The River Runs Black: The Environmental Challenge to China's Future*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, Chapter 2. [PDF]
- Hall, Drek. 2006. Regional Shrimp, Global Trees, Chinese Vegetables: The Environment in Japan - East Asia Relations. In *Beyond Japan: the Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism*, edited by Peter J. Katzenstein, and Takashi Shiraishi, 188-210. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [PDF]
- Haas, Peter M., Robert O. Keohane, and Marc A. Levy. 1993. The Effectiveness of International Environmental Institutions. In *Institutions for the Earth: Sources of Effective International Environmental Protection*, edited by Peter M. Haas, Robert O. Keohane, and Marc A. Levy, 3-26. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press. [PDF]

Session 26: The United States and Asia (May 8)

- Johnston, Alastair Iain, and Daniela Stockmann. 2007. Chinese Attitude Toward the United States and Americans. In *Anti-Americanisms in World Politics*, edited by Peter J. Katzenstein, and Robert O. Keohane, 157-95. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. [PDF]

The term paper is due the final exam week. Detail will be announced.