INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF ASIA

Course Description: The center of world politics is returning to Asia. Participants in this seminar will examine the key states in the international politics of Asia, including the United States, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, ASEAN and India, and the controversies that animate politics among them. Participants will improve their understanding of and ability to use fundamental theories of international relations. They will improve their ability to analyze texts and arguments and gain an appreciation of the state of relevant literature and debates. They will gain advanced skills in research and writing.

Course Requirements:
1. Research Paper. (40%) Each student will write an original paper based on extensive research. Students will consult with the instructor regarding their topic and submit a proposal at mid-term. Potential topics, grading criteria, format, etc. will be discussed in class. A first draft of the paper will be completed by April 25 and presented to the class on May 1. Final drafts will be due on the day of the final exam.
2. Critical Reviews (40%) Students will write a critical review of each of 10 weeks' readings. Reviews will not exceed three pages and will be due at the start of the class to which the readings pertain. Reviews cannot be accepted after student has attended the relevant class. Reviews should analyze and evaluate the literature. Contents and format will be discussed in class.
3. Paper reviews. (10%) Students will write a paragraph or so reviewing each of the papers submitted on April 25. These will be presented in class on May 1 and given to both the instructor and the authors.
4. Class participation. (10%) Students are expected to have carefully read each week’s reading prior to class, to attend each class, and to make a creative contribution to class discussion.

Notes: 1) All written work will conform to normal academic style, e.g., typed, 10-12 point fonts, standard margins, double-spaced, consistent system of footnotes, bibliography, etc. 2) Plagiarism may be punished as severely as allowed by College and University regulations. 3) Late assignments may be penalized (except in the case of critical reviews which cannot be accepted). Advance warning and/or truly tragic or unavoidable circumstances may improve the prospects for mercy. 4) Students should regularly check their email address as listed in CheckMarq for information and updates.

Readings: The schedule appearing below may be revised during the course of the semester. Students must be alert to revisions issued in class or by email. Those readings marked with an asterisk are recommended, all others are required. Many required readings will be available on reserve and many will be available on electronic reserve (which can be accessed at http://libus.csd.mu.edu/search/r). Others are available from other on-line services as indicated below. It is critical that students carefully read all required readings before class.

Schedule:
II. Jan. 24: The Sinocentric World


*Pamela Kyle Crossley, A Translucent Mirror: History and Identity in Qing Imperial Ideology (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999), 1-52.

Martin Stuart-Fox, A Short History of China and Southeast Asia: Tribute, Trade and Influence (Crows Nest, NSW: Allen and Unwin, 2003), 73-127.


III. Jan. 31: Imperialism – Nanjing Massacre


*Feifei Li, Robert Sabella, David Liu, Nanking 1937: Memory and Healing (Armonk: ME Sharpe, 2002)

*CND, “Nanjing Massacre: 300,000 Chinese People Killed, 20,000 Women Raped ...” [http://www.cnd.org/njmassacre/].


**IV. Feb. 7: Cold War – Vietnam in Retrospect**


**V. Feb. 14: Washington:**

*John Bolton, *Surrender is Not an Option: Defending America at the United...


VI. Feb. 21: Beijing


VII. Feb. 28: Tokyo


Michael J. Green, Japan's Reluctant Realism: Foreign Policy Challenges in an Era of Uncertain Power (New York: Palgrave, 2001) 35-76.


Philip A. Seaton, Japan's Contested War Memories: The 'Memory Rifts' in Historical Consciousness of World War II (New York: Routledge, 2007) 85-106.

VIII. March 6: Korea


*Chien-peng Chung, “Democratization in South Korea and Inter-Korean Relations” Pacific Affairs v76 n1 (Spring, 2003) 9-35.


Gary Sanmore and Adam Ward, “Living with Ambiguity: North Korea’s Strategic Weapons” *ibid* 43-64.


Easter and Spring Break

X. March 27: Taiwan


*Scott L. Kastner” The Economics of Cross-Strait Relations: A Reply to Ming Wan” ibid 350-1.

XI. April 3: ASEAN

XII. April 10: New Dehli


XIII. April 17: Burma


*John W. Garver, *Protracted Contest* ibid, 243-74.

XIV. April 24: Africa


Moreblessings Chidaushe, “China's Grand Re-Entrance into Africa – Mirage or Oasis?” *ibid* 107-18.


XV. May 1: Paper presentations