

**PoSc 175/International Politics of Asia**  
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The Overall Idea

This course will survey some of the most important international issues in Asian. Our focus will be on Pacific Asia, including China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Southeast Asia, but also including India, and the as yet dominant power in the region, the United States. Inasmuch as this region has become the engine of the world's economy and contains some volatile security conflicts, understanding this region is essential to understanding the world we live in. We will also discuss relevant issues in international relations theory and strive to improve fundamental liberal arts skills in reading and research, written and oral communication, and critical reasoning.

Assignments and Grading

1. Map. Required but not graded. Due January 20.
2. Short essays (45%). Students will write five short essays due as specified below. Essay questions will be distributed about a week before the dues dates and will concern major issues discussed in class and the required readings. Essays may not exceed three pages, should demonstrate knowledge of ideas and information covered in readings and lectures, and should present a logical and persuasive answer to the question. Reading beyond the required readings is not mandatory but may help.
3. Term Paper (45%). Approximately 15 pages on a theme related to the International Politics of Asia. Requires significant original research. Proposals and drafts are required by not graded. A short paper proposal is due on April 7. Initial drafts will be due April 23. The final draft is due on the day scheduled for the final.
4. Participation (10%). Students are expected to attend regularly and to be prepared to discuss the readings, questions raised in lectures, and current events. Includes the ability to answer questions asked in class about assigned readings. Grades will be informed by peer and self assessment.

Notes

1) Students are required to monitor the email address they have listed in CheckMarq as the instructor may send updated information about deadlines and requirements to that address. 2) 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. 3) Students who miss deadlines will only be allowed to make-up the work if the circumstances are truly exceptional, tragic and/or beyond their control. Some leniency may be shown if problems are discussed in advance. 4) Regular attendance is expected as specified by university policy and failure to attend regularly may be sanctioned as specified by university policy. 5) Academic dishonesty may receive the harshest sanctions allowed by university policy. 6) Students may improve their grade by completing extra assignments or revising papers, but must first consult with the instructor. 7) Students seeking honors credit and/or graduate students will be required to complete additional assignments and should consult with the instructor.

Tentative schedule of lectures and reading assignments

Additional readings available upon request.

- I. Jan. 13 & 15: Introduction
- II. Jan. 20 & 22: Rise and Fall of the Sinocentric World
  - John King Fairbank, "A Preliminary Assessment" in *The Chinese World Order: Traditional China's Foreign Relations* ed. by Fairbank (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1968) 1-19.
  - Denny Roy, *Taiwan: A Political History* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003), 11-32.
  - Jungmin Seo, "Politics of Memory in Korea and China: Remembering the Comfort Women and the Nanjing Massacre," *New Political Science* 30:3 (September 2008) 369-92.
- III. Jan. 27 & 29: Cold War
  - Michael Lind, *Vietnam: The Necessary War: A Reinterpretation of America's Most Disastrous Military Conflict* (New York: Free Press, 2002), 256-84.
  - Lloyd C. Gardner and Marilyn B. Young, "Iraq and the Lessons of Vietnam" *Critical Asian Studies* 39:3 (2007) 483-98.
- IV. Feb. 3 & 5: Return of East Asia
  - Thomas Crump, *Asia-Pacific: A History of Empire and Conflict* (New York: Continuum Publishing Co., 2007) 51-109.
- V. Feb. 10 & 12: Washington 1<sup>st</sup> Essay due Feb. 12
  - Amy Chua, *Day of Empire: How Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance - And Why They Fall* (New York: Doubleday, 2007).233-66.
  - Robert Sutter, "The United States in Asia: Challenged But Durable Leadership" *International Relations of Asia* ed. By in David Shambaugh (ed.) and Michael Yahuda (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008) 85-103.
  - National Intelligence Council, *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World* (Nov. 2008) [[http://www.dni.gov/nic/NIC\\_2025\\_project.html](http://www.dni.gov/nic/NIC_2025_project.html)], esp. 1-17, 80-99.
  - J.E. Stiglitz, "The Post Washington Consensus Consensus" (Paper presented to Initiative for Policy Dialogue, September 2004).
- VI. Feb. 17 & 19: Beijing
  - State Council Information Office, *White Paper on Peaceful Development Road* (2005) [<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/APCITY/-UNPAN023152.pdf>].
  - Arthur Kroeber, "Rising China and the Liberal West," *China Economic Quarterly* (March 2008) 29-44.
  - M. Taylor Fravel, "China's Search for Military Power" *Washington Quarterly* 31:3 (Summer 2008) 125-41.
  - Guogang Wu, "From Post-imperial to Late Communist Nationalism: Histocial Change in Chinese Nationalism from May fourth to the 1990s" *Third World Quarterly* 29:3 (April 2008) 467-82.
- VII. Feb. 24 & 26: Tokyo
  - Kenneth Pyle, *Japan Rising: The Resurgence of Japanese Power and Purpose* (New York: Public Affairs, 2007), 33-65, 278-339.
  - J. Patrick Boyd and Richard J. Samuels "Generational Change and Japan's Future Leadership" *Asia Policy* 6 (July 2008) 15-52.

## VIII. March 3 &amp; 5: Korea

2<sup>nd</sup> essay due March 5

Hahm Chaibong, "South Korea's Miraculous Democracy" *Journal of Democracy* 9:3 (July 2008) 128-42.

Bruce Cumings, "Creating Korean Insecurity: The US Role" in *Reconstituting Korean Security: A Policy Primer* ed. by Smith (New York: United Nations University Press, 2007) 21-42.

Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland, *Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid, and Reform* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007) 209-44.

Bonnie S. Glaser and Wang Liang, "North Korea: The Beginning of a China-U.S. Partnership?" *Washington Quarterly* 31:3 (Summer 2008) 165-80.

S. Enders Wimbush "A Parable: The U.S.-ROK Security Relationship Breaks Down" *Asia Policy* 5 (January 2008) 25-42.

Spring Break

## IX. March 17 &amp; 19: Taiwan

2<sup>nd</sup> essay and paper proposal due March 11

John F. Copper, "The Origins of Conflict Across the Taiwan Straits: The Problem of Differences in Perception" in *Across The Taiwan Strait* ed. by Suisheng Zhao (New York: Routledge, 1999). 41-74.

Winberg Chai, "Taiwan's 2008 Elections and Their Impact on U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations" *Asian Affairs* 35:2 (Summer 2008) 83-92.

Alan D. Romberg, "Cross-Strait Relations: First the Easy Steops, Then the Difficult Ones" *China Leadership Monitor* 26 [<http://www.hoover.org/publications/clm/-issues/27770534.html>].

## X. March 24 &amp; 26: ASEAN

3<sup>rd</sup> Essay due March 26

David Martin Jones, "Security and Democracy: the ASEAN Charter and the Dilemmas of Regionalism in South-East Asia" *International Affairs* 84:4 (2008) 735-56.

Michael G. Plummer et. al. "How (and Why) the United States Should Help to Build the ASEAN Economic Community" *East-West Dialogue* 2 (September 2008) [<http://forum.eastwestcenter.org/eastwestdialogue/ewd2/>].

Chien-Peng Chung "China's Approaches to the Institutionalization of Regional Multilateralism" *Journal of Contemporary China* 17:57 (2008) 747-64.

## XI. March 31 &amp; April 2: India

Yasheng Huang, "The Next Asian Miracle" *Foreign Policy* (July/August 2008) 32-40.

Congressional Research Service, "India-U.S. Relations" (August 2008)

[<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33529.pdf>].

Amardeep Ahtwal, *China-India Relations: Contemporary Dynamics* (New York: Routledge, 2008) 30-76, 109-29.

## XII. April 7 (Easter Break) TBA

4<sup>th</sup> essay and paper proposals due April 7

## XIII. April 8 &amp; 10: Burma

Helen James, *Security and Sustainable Development in Myanmar* (New York: Routledge, 2006) 103-40.

Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt and Andrew Small, "Dictatorship Diplomacy: Is Beijing Partnering With Pariahs?" *Foreign Affairs* 87:1 (January/February 2008) 38-56.

George Packer, "Drowning: Can the Burmese People Rescue Themselves?" *New Yorker* (25 August 2008) [[http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/08/25/-080825fa\\_fact\\_packer](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/08/25/-080825fa_fact_packer)].

XIII. April 14 & 16: Africa

Deborah Brautigam, "'Flying Geese' or 'Hidden Dragon'? Chinese Business and African Industrial Development" in *China Returns to Africa: A Rising Power and a Continent Embrace* ed. By Chris Alden (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008) 51-68.

Ian Taylor "Unpacking China's Resource Diplomacy in Africa" *China in Africa* ed. by Hennin Melber Uppsala: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, 2007  
[<http://www.nai.uu.se/publications/download.html/978-91-7106-589-6.pdf?id=25236>] 10-25.

Daniel Large, "China and the Contradictions of 'Non-Interference' in Sudan" *Review of African Political Economy* 35:115 (March 2008) 93-106.

XIV. April 21 & 23: Global Video Culture term paper drafts due April 23

Toby Miller, Nitin Govil, John McMurria, Richard Maxwell and Ting Wang, *Global Hollywood 2* (London: British Film Institute, 2005) 1-49.

Michael Curtin, *Playing to the World's Biggest Audience: The Globalization of Chinese Film and TV* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007) 192-210

Meaghan Morris, "Transnational Imagination in Action Cinema: Hong Kong and the Making of a Global Popular Culture" *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 5:2 (November 2004) 181-99

Laikwan Pang, *Cultural Control and Globalization in Asia: Copyright, Piracy, and Cinema* (New York: Routledge, 2006) 80-117.

XV. April 28 & 30: Conclusion

Kishore Mahbubani, *The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible shift of Global Power to the East* (New York: Public Affairs, 2008) 101-75.

term paper and 5<sup>th</sup> essay due on the day scheduled for the final