IR061 East Asian International Relations

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With admirable economic growth pace, a major power shift in progress, and long-standing points of crises, East Asia is one of the most dynamic regions in the world. This course provides an overview of the international relations of East Asia since the 20th century, with emphasis on post-1945 period. It first introduces general theoretical and methodological approaches to international relations and briefly reviews the historical background of Western and Japanese imperialism in Asia. The second part covers East Asia's interaction with the broad international system during the Cold War and the resulting changes in international relations in the region. The next part analyzes post-Cold War trends of balance of power and alliance development. The course finishes with discussion of the current situation of security hotspots and economic regionalism in East Asia.

Required Readings

Michael Yahuda, The International Politics of the Asia Pacific (Routledge, 2011, 3rd and revised edition)


All other required readings are available in PDF files on Course Site.

Graded Assignments

Grades will be based on two in-class exams (25% each), one take-home essay (40%), and class participation (10%). Grades for each graded assignments are given according to its numerical proportion indicated in the syllabus (i.e. the full score for each in-class exam is 25 points, for the final essay 40 points, and for class participation 10 points). Your final grade will be the sum of the assignment scores, with a possible, marginal adjustment upward using an impressionistic evaluation of your performance improvement toward the latter part of the course.

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Course Information and Policies

Readings
Readings should be done before the classes for which they are assigned. Lectures will not substitute for the readings, nor vice versa. Fulfilling the reading requirements will help your performance in class participation and other course assignments. You are also expected to stay current on developments in East Asia by following major Western and Asian media.

Class participation and courtesy rules
Attendance at all classes is mandatory. You are also expected to contribute to class discussion actively and intelligently, with explicit engagement with the assigned readings.

Politeness and consideration are expected of everyone in the classroom. The use of computers and other electronic devices (I-products, beepers, cell phones, you name it) is prohibited in this class. It is rude and disruptive to be checking your email, surfing the web, or messaging when you are supposed to be participating in classroom activities.

Policy on make-ups, extra credit, and late papers
Make-up exams will not be granted except in case of emergency and in all cases require a note from the Office of the Dean of Students. If you miss a graded assignment for no legitimate reason, you will receive a “zero” score for it. No extra credit will be given for any graded assignments. Essays submitted within one week after the due date will be downgraded two points per day. Essay submitted more than one week late will result in a course grade of incomplete. You must complete all graded assignments in order to receive a grade for the course.

Academic integrity
Cheating will not be tolerated. Do not consult readings, notes, online sources, etc., or your classmates for the close-book in-class exams. For completing the final essay, you are allowed to consult all of the above sources except for your classmates. Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is when writers use other people’s words or ideas but do not give them credit. Do not quote or paraphrase without giving footnotes or endnotes. Do not copy other people’s old papers. Do not submit the same paper to multiple courses. Do not copy or buy papers or sections of papers from the web or other sources. Your ideas, your arguments, and the vast majority of your text must be your own. Students who cheat on a graded assignment will receive a "zero" score for it, and will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting accommodations, please contact both your instructor and the Office of Academic Support Services, University Center C212 (610-758-4152) as early as possible in the semester. You must have documentation from the Academic Support Services office before accommodations can be granted.

The Principles of Our Equitable Community:
Lehigh University endorses The Principles of Our Equitable Community (http://www4.lehigh.edu/diversity/principles). We expect each member of this class to acknowledge and practice these Principles. Respect for each other and for differing viewpoints is a vital component of the learning environment inside and outside the classroom.
**Topic 1 (8/26, 8/28): Introduction**
Steven M. Walt, “International Relations: One World, Many Theories,” *Foreign Policy* (Spring 1998), pp. 29-46


Hillary Clinton, "America's Pacific Century," *Foreign Policy* (October 11, 2011)


**Topic 2 (9/2, 9/4, 9/9): Imperial legacy and WWII (showing film *The Last Emperor*)**


**Topic 3 (9/11, 9/16): Origins of the Cold War in Asia and the Korean War**
Michael Yahuda, *The International Politics of the Asia Pacific*, Chapter 1, pp. 19-25


**Topic 4 (9/18, 9/23): Containment in East Asia in the 1950s**

George Herring, *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*, chapters 1 & 2, pp. 3-79
**Topic 5 (9/25, 9/30): Vietnam War; Sino-Soviet split**


**10/2 Review and discussion**

**10/7 Pacing Break. No Class**

**10/9 In-class exam**

**Topic 6 (10/14, 10/16): Southeast Asia; Sino-US rapprochement; Sino-Japanese normalization**
Michael Yahuda, *The International Politics of the Asia Pacific*, pp. 47-73

Amitav Acharya, *The Making of Southeast Asia: International Relations of a Region* (Cornell University Press, 2012), Chapter 5, pp. 149-179


**Topic 7 (10/21, 10/23): US-Japan disputes; Changes to US-USSR-China triangle; China's Reform**


**Topic 8 (10/28, 10/30): East Asia's economic miracle; the history problems**


**Topic 9 (11/4, 11/6): Post-Cold War regional order and China's rise**

Michael Green and Benjamin Self, “Japan’s Changing China Policy: From Commercial Liberalism to Reluctant Realism,” *Survival* 38, No. 2 (Summer 1996), pp. 35-58


**11/11 Discussion and review**

**11/13 In-class exam**

**Topic 10 (11/18, 11/20, 11/25): North Korea; East Asia's Island disputes**


Yinan He, "Nationalism and the China-Japan Island Disputes," *Asia Unbound (Council on Foreign Relations Blog)* (September 18, 2012)

**Topic 11 (12/2, 12/4): Financial Crisis, ASEAN and new regionalism in Asia**


**12/4 Final essay questions are handed out in class**

**12/9 Final essay due at 10am, both electronically and in hard copy in my office**