

International Relations 358: The Asia Pacific in World Affairs

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Course overview

This course investigates the cultural, political, economic and social aspects of the Asia Pacific's rise to prominence in world affairs. It focuses on the shifting economic and security dynamics between the two Chinas, Japan, the two Koreas, ASEAN and the United States and the efforts at building multilateral regional economic and security institutions in response to recent events such as the end of the Cold War, the Asian Financial Crisis and the 9/11 attacks.

Course readings

The following textbooks are available for purchase at the University Bookstore:

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

Peter Katzenstein and Takashi Shiraish, eds., *Network Power: Japan and Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1997)

Vinod K. Aggarwal and Charles E. Morrison, eds., *Asia-Pacific Crossroads: Regime Creation and the Future of the APEC* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998)

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

You are also expected to read news on Asia on a regular basis. The following link provides regular updates on news from Asia:

<http://www.asiamedia.ucla.edu/>

Blackboard

All other readings will be made available on blackboard. Readings may be added during the semester. Information related to the course will be posted on blackboard, please check our class pages regularly. You are also expected to read your e-mail regularly since that is one of the primary modes of communication I will use.

Grading/requirements

Your grade in this class will be based on participation, assignments and exams in the following manner.

Participation: This constitutes 15% of your final grade. Attendance and punctuality are necessary but not sufficient for fulfilling this requirement. You are expected to come to class having read the chapters/articles assigned and to engage regularly in class discussions and answer questions posed by the instructor. In addition, each of you will sign up to be the discussion leader on two days during the semester. On both days, you will come to class prepared to lead the discussion and answer cold calls and will turn in an outline/summary of the readings. If you participate in JEP or TIRP, you will get credit for one of your discussion leader assignments.

Active participation involves listening and responding, asking good questions, discussing issues of relevance and last but not the least, demonstrating knowledge of the readings. Perfect attendance without quality participation will not receive a participation grade above a C and great participation and irregular attendance will not secure a high grade either.

Quizzes: Short quizzes make up 15% of your final grade.

Group project: This makes up 15% of your final grade. You will choose one of the topics for group project listed in the syllabus and along with other members of your group put together a 30-minute presentation on the topic. Research for the presentation should be based on readings in the syllabus and outside sources. A bibliography and the presentation along with research notes should be submitted to me. In addition, each of you should write a self and peer review for the assignment. I will not assign your project a grade till I receive each of the reviews.

Examinations: The midterm is worth 25% and the final is worth 30% of your grade for this class. Exams will be designed to evaluate your familiarity with the reading material and whether you paid attention in class, how well you can understand and synthesize different arguments and argue your own case on any given topic. The exams will combine short and essay questions. The final will be cumulative.

Exams will not be rescheduled – please take this into account when making travel arrangements and other plans during and at the end of the semester.

The grading scale is as follows: A (93-100); A- (90-92); B+ (87-89); B (83-86); B- (80-82); C+ (77-79); C (73-76); C- (70-72); D+ (67-69); D (63-66); D- (60-62); F (<60).

Policies

Attendance: You will get most out of this course if you complete the assigned readings as well as attend and actively participate in class. Regular attendance is required and it is your responsibility to sign-in for every class meeting. If you have more than two absences during the semester, you will be marked down. Each unexcused absence beyond the first two will result in reduction of your participation grade by 10%. Only properly documented medical or other reasons (such as family and other emergencies) will be accepted as valid excuse for missing a class unless prior permission is obtained from the instructor. If you miss more than six classes, you fail the course.

Late penalty: As a rule, there will be no make-up examinations. Late submission of papers will be penalized. The grade will be reduced by 5% for each day that the assignment is late.

Class etiquette: You are expected to observe all rules of proper classroom conduct. It is expected that you will arrive in class on time and not leave class during the middle of the lecture/discussion. Please remember to turn your cell-phones to silent/vibrate before coming to class. Needless to say, you will not engage in private conversations during class. Any behavior (such as using your laptop for chatting, emailing, arriving late and so on) that is disruptive and shows disrespect to your fellow students and teacher will result in a lower participation grade.

Academic integrity: Academic integrity is fundamental to the mission and the environment of a university. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious matter and will have serious consequences. While group work is encouraged in this class throughout the semester, collaboration in examinations and in writing case responses is not. General principles of academic honesty as well as recommended sanctions when these are violated are to be found in *SCampus* – please refer to it if you are unsure as to what defines academic honesty and what the consequences

of dishonesty might be. You are welcome to speak to me about any doubts that you may have about the policy or specific questions that you have about how to cite works of others in your papers. All homework assignments must have a bibliography.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Students requesting accommodations based on disability are required to register with Disability Services and Programs each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP when adequate documentation is filed. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible. DSP is open Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00. The office is in Student Union 301 and their phone number is 213-740-0776. Students must contact DSP early enough so that I am aware of the necessary accommodations prior to an exam.

Class/Reading/Assignment Schedule

- January 15 Introduction and course overview
Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*, pp. 29-46.
G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, "Introduction: International Relations Theory and the Search for Regional Stability," in Ikenberry and Mastanduno, eds., *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, 2003 (henceforth I&M)
- January 17 Conceptualizing Asia-Pacific International Relations: Theory and History
Thomas U. Berger, "Power and Purpose in Pacific East Asia: A Constructivist Interpretation," in I&M, 2003
- January 22 David C. Kang, "Hierarchy and Stability in Asian International Relations," in I&M, 2003
Peter Katzenstein and Nobuo Okawara, "Japan, Asian-Pacific Security and the Case for Analytical Eclecticism," *International Security*, 26(3), 2001-02, pp. 153-85.
- January 24 Takeshi Hamashita, "The Intra-regional System in East Asia in Modern Times," in Katzenstein and Shiraiishi, eds., *Network Power*, 1997 (henceforth K&S)
- January 29-31 NIC paradigm: Markets and States
Alice Amsden, "A Theory of Government Intervention in Late Industrialization," in Louis Putterman and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), State and Market in Development: Synergy or Rivalry? (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1992).
World Bank, The East Asian Miracle: Economic Growth and Public Policy (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 1993), Overview.
Robert Wade, "Creating Capitalisms" in *Governing the Market*, Princeton University Press, 2003.
Quiz #1
- February 5-7 NIC paradigm: Democracy, Authoritarian Government and Culture
"Bangkok Declaration," (Report of the Regional Meeting for Asia of the World Conference on Human Rights).

- Eric Jones, "Culture, Growth and Democracy," *The National Interest* no. 35 (Spring 1994).
- Bilahari Kausikan, "Human Rights: Asia's Different Standard," *Foreign Policy* no. 92 (Fall 1993).
- Aryeh Neier, "Human Rights: Asia's Unacceptable Standard," *Foreign Policy* no. 92 (Fall 1993).
- Ezra F. Vogel, *The Four Little Dragons: The Spread of Industrialization in East Asia* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1991), chapter five.
- February 12 Asia-Pacific International Relations during the Cold War Period:
SF system and the issue of sovereignty
Kent E. Calder, "Security through Prosperity: The San Francisco System in Comparative Perspective"
Chung-in Moon and Chaesung Chun, "Sovereignty: Dominance of the Westphalian Concept and Implications for Regional Security," in Muthiah Alagappa, ed., *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features*, 2003
- February 14 Asia-Pacific International Relations during the Cold War Period:
U.S. grand strategy
Michael Mastanduno, "Incomplete Hegemony: The United States and Security Order in Asia," in Muthiah Alagappa, ed., *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features*, 2003
Bruce Cummings, "Japan and Northeast Asia into the Twenty-first Century," in K&S 1997
Quiz #2
- February 19 Asia-Pacific International Relations during the Cold War Period: Intra-Asian relations
Mark Selden, "China, Japan and the Regional Political Economy of East Asia, 1945-1995" in K&S 1997
J. Victor Koschmann, "Asianism's Ambivalent Legacy," in K&S 1997
Takashi Shiraishi, "Japan and Southeast Asia," in K&S 1997
- February 21 **Midterm exam**
- February 26-28 Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation
Mitchell Bernard and John Ravenhill, "Beyond Product Cycles and Flying Geese: Regionalization, Hierarchy, and the Industrialization of East Asia" *World Politics*, 1995, 47(2), pp. 171-209
Charles E. Morrison, "APEC: The Evolution of an Institution," in Aggarwal and Morrison, eds., *Asia-Pacific Crossroads*, 1998 (henceforth A&M).
Sylvia Ostry, "APEC and Regime Creation in the Asia-Pacific: the OECD Model?" in A&M 1998.
Joseph Griece, "Political-Military Dynamics and the Nesting of Regimes: An Analysis of APEC, the WTO, and Prospects for Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific," in A&M 1998.
Group project on APEC
- March 4-6 Regional production networks

- Paolo Guerrieri, "Trade Patterns and Regimes in Asia and the Pacific, in A&M 1998.
 Shujiro Urata, "Foreign Direct Investment and APEC" in A&M 1998
 Peter Katzenstein, "Introduction: Asian Regionalism in Contemporary Perspective" in K&S 1997
 T. J. Pempel, "Transpacific Torii: Japan and the Emerging Asian Regionalism" in K&S 1997
- March 11-13 The rise of China
 Aaron L. Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" *International Security*, 2005, 30(2), pp. 7-45.
 Avery Goldstein, "An Emerging China's Emerging Grand Strategy," in I&M 2003.
 Thomas J. Christensen, "China, the US-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia," in I&M 2003.
 Michael Yahuda, "Chinese Dilemmas in Thinking about Regional Security Architecture," *The Pacific Review*, 2003, 16(2), pp. 189-206.
Quiz #3
- March 17-22 **Spring Break**
- March 25 Dale Copeland, "Economic Interdependence and the Future of U.S.-Chinese Relations," in I&M 2003.
 Yong Deng and Thomas G. Moore, "China Views Globalization: Toward a New Great-Power Politics?" *The Washington Quarterly* 27(3), pp. 117-36.
- March 27 Group project on China's entry into the World Trade Organization
 No class.
- April 1 -3 Asian Financial Crisis
 T. J. Pempel, "Regional Ups, Regional Downs," in Pempel, ed., *The Politics of the Asian Economic Crisis*, 1999 (henceforth Pempel)
 Gary Hamilton, "Asian Business Networks in Transition: or, What Alan Greenspan Does Not Know about the Asian Business Crisis" in Pempel 1999.
 Jeffrey Winters, "The Determinants of Financial Crisis in Asia" in Pempel 1999.
 Bruce Cumings, "The Asian Crisis, Democracy, and the End of 'Late' Development" in Pempel 1999.
 Robert Wade, "Wheels within Wheels: Rethinking the Asian Crisis and the Asian Model," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2000, vol 3, pp. 85-115.
Group project on Asian Financial Crisis
- April 8-10 Key security flashpoints in the Asia-Pacific
North Korean nuclear crisis
 Young Whan Kihl, "Security on the Korean Peninsula: Continuity and Change," *Security Dialogue*, 2002, 33(1), pp. 59-72.

	<p>Jung-Hoon Lee and Chung-In Moon, "The North Korean Nuclear Crisis Revisited: The Case for a Negotiated Settlement," <i>Security Dialogue</i>, 2003, 34(2), pp. 135-151.</p> <p><u>Group project</u> on the North Korean nuclear crisis.</p> <p><u>Taiwan strait issues</u></p> <p>Thomas J. Christensen, "The Contemporary Security Dilemma: Deterring a Taiwan Conflict," <i>The Washington Quarterly</i>, 2002, 25(4), pp. 7-21.</p> <p>Sheng Lijun, "Peace over the Taiwan Strait?" <i>Security Dialogue</i>, 2002, 33(1), pp. 93-106.</p> <p><u>Group project</u> on the Taiwan Strait conflict.</p> <p><u>Territorial and maritime disputes</u></p> <p>Andrew Mack, "Island Disputes in Northeast Asia," Working Paper No. 1997/2, Canberra: Australian National University</p> <p>Lee Lai To, "China, the USA and the South China Sea Conflicts," <i>Security Dialogue</i>, 2003, 34(1), pp. 25-39.</p> <p><u>Group project</u> on territorial and maritime disputes in Asia-Pacific.</p>
April 15-17	<p>Economic institutions in the Asia Pacific</p> <p>Kent Calder and Min Ye, "Regionalism and Critical Junctures: Explaining the 'Organization Gap' in Northeast Asia," <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i>, 2004, 4(2), pp. 191-226.</p> <p>Miles Kahler, "Legalization as Strategy: The Asia-Pacific Case," <i>International Organization</i>, 2000, 54(3), pp. 549-71.</p> <p>Douglas Webber, "Two Funerals and a Wedding? The Ups and Downs of Regionalism in East Asia and the Asia-Pacific after the Asian Crisis," <i>The Pacific Review</i>, 2001, 14(3), pp. 339-372.</p> <p>Vinod K. Aggarwal and Min Gyo Koo, "Beyond Network Power? The Dynamics of Formal Economic Integration in Northeast Asia," <i>The Pacific Review</i>, 2005, 18(2), pp. 189-216.</p> <p>David Shambaugh, "China Engages Asia: Reshaping the Regional Order," <i>International Security</i>, 2004/05, 29(3), pp. 64-99</p>
April 22-24	<p>Security institutions in the Asia Pacific</p> <p>Barry Buzan, "Security Architecture in Asia: The Interplay of Regional and Global Levels," <i>The Pacific Review</i>, 2003, 16(2), pp. 143-73.</p> <p>John S. Duffield, "Asia-Pacific Security Institutions in Comparative Perspective" in I&M, 2003.</p> <p>Alastair Iain Johnston, "Socialization in International Institutions: The ASEAN Way and International Relations Theory," in I&M 2003.</p> <p><u>Group project</u> on ASEAN and its proposed expansion.</p>
April 29	Conclusion
May 1	Final review
May 13	Final examination - 2:00-4:00