

Selected Topics in Area Problems in International Relations: International Relations Theory and East Asia

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This course considers (primarily recent) studies that apply international relations (IR) theory to the study of international politics in East and Southeast Asia. We will consider studies that use regional cases to test general IR theories; studies that use regional cases to develop or modify general IR theory; as well as studies that draw from IR theory to help understand a regional problem or question.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to do the readings before class, and to participate in course discussions. Class participation will account for 40% of the final grade.

Students will also be required to write a 20-30 page research paper on a topic approved by the instructor. The paper will account for the remaining 60% of the final grade. Topics should be chosen prior to November 1, and students will have an opportunity to get some feedback on their paper topics in class presentations.

READINGS:

The following books have been ordered and will be available for purchase at the University bookstore:

David C. Kang. China Rising: Peace, Power and Order in East Asia. Columbia University Press: 2007. ISBN: 9780231141888

Alice Ba. (Re)Negotiating East and Southeast Asia: Region, Regionalism, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Stanford University Press, 2009. ISBN: 9780804760706.

J.J. Suh, Peter Katzenstein and Allen Carlson, eds. Rethinking Security in East Asia: Identity, Power, and Efficiency. Stanford University Press: 2004. ISBN: 9780804749794.

Scott L. Kastner. Political Conflict and Economic Interdependence across the Taiwan Strait and Beyond. Stanford University Press: 2009. ISBN: 9780804762045.

Alastair Iain Johnston. Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000. Princeton University Press: 2008. ISBN: 9780691134536.

M. Taylor Fravel. Strong Borders, Secure Nation : Cooperation and Conflict in China's Territorial Disputes. Princeton University Press, 2008. ISBN: 9780691136097.

Jennifer Lind. Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics. Cornell University Press: 2008. ISBN: 9780801446252.

The following books are recommended:

Robert Ross and Zhu Feng, eds. China's Ascent: Power, Security, and the Future of International Politics. Cornell University Press, 2008. ISBN: 9780801474446.

Alastair Iain Johnston and Robert S. Ross, eds. New Directions in the Study of China's Foreign Policy. Stanford University Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780804753630.

G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, eds. International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific. Columbia University Press, 2003. ISBN: 9780231125918.

Numerous articles will also be assigned, and are generally available via Research Port. Those not available online will be provided by the instructor.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Week 1 (September 1):**

#### **Introduction: applying IR theory to East Asia**

Readings:

- Kang, chapter 1
- Suh et al., chapter 1
- Ikenberry and Mastanduno, chapter 1

### **Week 2 (September 8):**

#### **China's rise and its implications for regional stability**

Readings:

- Kang, chapters 2-6

- Aaron L. Friedberg. 1993/1994. "Ripe For Rivalry: Prospects for Peace in a Multipolar Asia." *International Security* 18 (3): 5-33.
- Robert S. Ross. 2006. "Balance of Power Politics and the Rise of China: Accommodation and Balancing in East Asia." *Security Studies* 15 (3): 355-395.
- David Shambaugh. 2004/2005. "China engages Asia: Reshaping the Regional Order." *International Security* 29 (3): 64-99.

Skim the following critiques:

- Nicholas Khoo, Michael Smith, David Shambaugh. 2005. "Correspondence: China Engages Asia? Caveat Lector." *International Security* 30 (1): 196-213.
- Amitav Acharya. 2003/2004. "Will Asia's Past Be Its Future?" *International Security* 28 (3): 149-164.

### **Week 3 (September 15):**

#### **China's rise and its implications for US-China relations**

Readings:

- Ross and Zhu, chapters 1 (Jack S. Levy), 4 (G. John Ikenberry), and 7 (Jeffrey W. Legro).
- Kai He and Huiyun Feng. 2008. "If Not Soft Balancing, Then What? Reconsidering Soft Balancing and U.S. Policy toward China." *Security Studies* 17 (2): 363-395.
- Thomas J. Christensen. 2006. "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster?" *International Security* 31 (1): 81-126.
- Aaron L. Friedberg. 2005. "The Future of US-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" *International Security* 30 (2): 7-45.

### **Week 4 (September 22):**

#### **Military modernization and weapons proliferation in the region**

Readings:

- Eric Heginbotham. 2002. "The Fall and Rise of Navies in East Asia: Military Organizations, Domestic Politics, and Grand Strategy." *International Security* 27 (2): 87-125.
- Desmond Ball. 1993/1994. "Arms and Affluence: Military Acquisitions in the Asia-Pacific Region." *International Security* 18 (3): 78-112.
- M. Taylor Fravel. 2008. "China's Search for Military Power." *The Washington Quarterly* 31 (3): 125-141.
- R.H. Donaldson and J.A. Donaldson. 2003. "The Arms trade in Russian-Chinese Relations: Identity, Domestic Politics, and Geopolitical Positioning." *International Studies Quarterly* 47 (4): 709-732.
- Victor D. Cha. 2002. "North Korea's Weapons of Mass Destruction: Badges, Shields, or Swords?" *Political Science Quarterly* 117 (2): 209-230.

- Sheena Chestnut. 2007. "Illicit Activity and Proliferation: North Korean Smuggling Networks." *International Security* 32 (1): 80-111.
- Llewelyn P. Hughes. 2007. "Why Japan Will Not Go Nuclear (Yet): International and Domestic Constraints on the Nuclearization of Japan." *International Security* 31 (4): 67-96.

### **Week 5 (September 29):**

#### **Prospects for war and peace in the region**

- Valerie M. Hudson and Andrea Den Boer. 2002. "A Surplus of Men, A Deficit of Peace: Security and Sex Ratios in Asia's Largest States." *International Security* 26 (4): 5-38.
- Thomas J. Christensen. 1999. "China, the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia." *International Security* 23 (4): 49-80.

#### **The Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Strait:**

- Victor D. Cha. 2002. "Hawk Engagement and Preventive Defense on the Korean Peninsula." *International Security* 27 (1): 40-78.
- David C. Kang. 2003. "International Relations Theory and the Second Korean War." *International Studies Quarterly* 47 (3): 301-324.
- Peter Howard. 2004. "Why Not Invade North Korea? Threats, Language Games, and U.S. Foreign Policy." *International Studies Quarterly* 48 (4): 805-828.
- Robert S. Ross. "Comparative Deterrence: The Taiwan Strait and the Korean Peninsula." In Johnston and Ross, pp. 13-49.
- Scott L. Kastner and Chad Rector. 2008. "National Unification and Mistrust: Bargaining Power and the Prospects for a PRC/Taiwan Agreement." *Security Studies* 17 (1): 39-71

### **Week 6 (October 6):**

#### **Territorial disputes in East Asia**

##### Readings:

- Fravel, chapter 1, skim empirical chapters.
- Erica S. Downs and Phillip C. Saunders. 1998/1999. "Legitimacy and the Limits of Nationalism: China and the Diaoyu Islands." *International Security* 23 (3): 114-146.
- Masata Kimura 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): 213-243.
- Michael G. Gallagher. 1994. "China's Illusory Threat to the South China Sea." *International Security* 19 (1): 169-194.

### **Week 7 (October 13):**

#### **Japan's foreign relations: norms and historical legacies.**

##### Readings:

- Thomas U. Berger. 1993. "From Sword to Chrysanthemum: Japan's Culture of Anti-Militarism," *International Security*, Vol. 17, No. 4: 119-150.
- Suh et al., chapter 3 (Katzenstein and Okawara).
- Jennifer M. Lind. 2004. "Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security Policy." *International Security* 29 (1): 92-121.
- Lind (*Sorry States*), intro and chapters 1 and 2.
- Yinan He. 2007. "History, Chinese Nationalism and the Emerging Sino-Japanese Conflict." *Journal of Contemporary China* 16 (issue 50): 1-24.

### **Week 8 (October 20):**

#### **Economic interdependence and security in East Asia**

##### Readings:

- Kastner, chapters 1, 2 and 6, skim chapters 3-5.
- Dale Copeland. "Economic Interdependence and the Future of US-Chinese Relations." In Ikenberry and Mastanduno, pp. 323-352.
- Christina L. Davis. 2008/2009. "Linkage Diplomacy: Economic and Security Bargaining in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, 1902-23." *International Security* 33 (3): 143-179.
- Etel Solingen. 2007. "Pax Asiatica versus Bella Levantina: The Foundations of War and Peace in East Asia and the Middle East." *American Political Science Review* 101 (4): 757-780.
- Donald E. Weatherbee. 2006. "Strategic Dimensions of Economic Interdependence in Southeast Asia." In Ashley J. Tellis and Michael Wills (eds.), *Strategic Asia 2006-2007: Trade, Interdependence, and Security*. Seattle, WA: National Bureau of Asian Research: 271-300.

### **Week 9 (October 27):**

#### **South East Asia: Emerging security community?**

- Amitav Acharya. 2001. *Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia*. London and New York: Routledge, chapter 1.
- Ba, introduction and chapters 1-3.
- David Martin Jones. 2007. "Making Process, Not Progress: ASEAN and the Evolving East Asian Regional Order," *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 1: 148-184.
- Evelyn Goh. 2008. "Great Powers and Hierarchical Order in Southeast Asia," *International Security* 32 (3): 113-157.
- Suh et al., chapter 5 (Khong).

**Week 10 (November 3):**

No class.

**Week 11 (November 10):**

**In class presentations**

**Week 12 (November 17):**

**Regionalism and regional institutions in East Asia**

Readings:

- Peter J. Katzenstein and Christopher Hemmer. 2002. "Why is there No NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism, and the Origins of Multilateralism." *International Organization* 56 (3): 575-607.
- Miles Kahler. 2000. "Legalization as strategy: the Asia-Pacific case." *International Organization* 54 (3): 549-571.
- Barry Buzan. 2003. "Security Architecture in East Asia: the Interplay of Regional and Global Levels," *The Pacific Review* 16 (2): 143-173.
- John S. Duffield, "Asia-Pacific Security Institutions in Comparative Perspective." In Ikenberry and Mastanduno, pp. 243-270.
- William W. Grimes. 2006. "East Asian Financial Regionalism in Support of the Global Financial Architecture? The Political Economy of Regional Nesting," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 6: 353-380.
- T.J. Pempel. 2005. *Remapping East Asia: The Construction of a Region*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, chapter 1.
- Etel Solingen. 2008. "The Genesis, Design, and Effects of Regional Institutions: Lessons from East Asia and the Middle East." *International Studies Quarterly* 52 (2): 261-294.

**Week 13 (November 24):**

**Regional states in international institutions**

Readings:

- Johnston, chapters 1-4.

The WTO:

- Christina L. Davis and Yuki Shirato. 2007. "Firms, Governments, and WTO Adjudication: Japan's Selection of WTO Disputes." *World Politics* 59 (2): 274-313.
- Margaret M. Pearson. "China in Geneva: Lessons from China's Early Years in the World Trade Organization." In Johnston and Ross, pp. 242-275.

**Week 14 (December 1):**  
**Trade and capital mobility**

Readings:

National responses to the Asian Financial Crisis:

- Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2008. "Capital Mobility and Coalitional Politics: Authoritarian Regimes and Economic Adjustment in Southeast Asia." *World Politics* 60 (3): 438-74.
- Stefanie Walter. 2008. "A New Approach for Determining Exchange Rate Level Preferences." *International Organization* 62 (3): 405-438.
- Andrew MacIntyre. 2001. "Institutions and Investors: The Politics of the Economic Crisis in Southeast Asia." *International Organization* 55(1): 81-122

Globalization and Chinese domestic politics:

- Susan L. Shirk. 1996. "Internationalization and China's Economic Reforms." In Robert O. Keohane and Helen V. Milner, eds., *Internationalization and Domestic Politics*. USA: Cambridge University Press, pp. 186-206.
- Mary E. Gallagher. 2002. "'Reform and Openness': Why China's Economic Reforms Have Delayed Democracy." *World Politics* 54 (3): 338-372.
- Ka Zeng and Josh Eastin. 2007. "International Economic Integration and Environmental Protection: The Case of China." *International Studies Quarterly* 51 (4): 971-995.

**Week 15 (December 8):**  
**Emerging issue in the region**

Readings:

Environmental security:

- In-Taek Hyun and Miranda A. Schreurs. 2007. *The Environmental Dimension of Asian Security: Conflict and Cooperation over Energy, Resources, and Pollution*. Washington DC: US Institute of Peace Press, chapters 1 and 2.

Democratic and sovereignty norms:

- Daniel C. Lynch. 2007. "Envisioning China's Political Future: Elite Responses to Democracy as a Global Constitutive Norm." *International Studies Quarterly* 51 (3): 701-722.
- Allen Carlson. "More Than Just Saying No: China's Evolving Approach to Sovereignty and Intervention since Tiananmen." In Johnston and Ross, pp. 217-241.

Intellectual Property Rights:

- Andrew C. Mertha and Robert Pahre. 2005. "Patently Misleading: Partial Implementation and Bargaining Leverage in Sino-American Negotiations on Intellectual Property Rights." *International Organization* 59 (3): 695-729.
- Andrew C. Mertha and Ka Zeng. 2005. "Political Institutions, Resistance, and China's Harmonization with International Law." *The China Quarterly* 182 (June): 319-337.

Human trafficking:

- Kevin Bales. 1999. *Disposable People: The New Slavery in the Global Economy*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, chapters 1 and 2.