

The United States and East Asia (G8870)
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This course is a colloquium/seminar that focuses on US relations with East Asia, defined as China (including Taiwan), Japan, and Korea (South and North), and ASEAN. Students should be prepared to put in a considerable amount of time and effort on a week to week basis, prepare a briefing paper and a research paper of between 5,000-7,000 words.

The research paper should deal with some issue in international relations in Northeast Asia. It should have relevance for United States East Asian policy but it not need directly deal with US policy. The paper must involve original research (i.e. it cannot be based on secondary sources alone), have a thesis, and follow all the conventions of academic research paper writing – footnotes, bibliography, and so on. If you have not had experience writing such a paper you should consult the Chicago Manual of Style and seek advice. The quality of the writing will affect the grade. If you are not a native English speaker you should seek editing help from a native speaker. The bar will be higher for native English speakers. You will need to write well to get a high grade in this course. This paper is due December 14th.

Students who wish to take this course should have had previous coursework about East Asia or professional experience dealing with the politics and foreign policy of at least one of the countries in Northeast Asia. Students should fill out a questionnaire that can be obtained from my assistant, Tina Yin, and return it to her or bring it to the first class on September 5th. I will post the roster of admitted students before the end of that first class period and meet then with the admitted students. You need to be able to stay beyond noon that first day to attend this organizational meeting. A maximum of 20 students will be admitted.

All readings not available online should be on reserve at the Lehman Library. Students also should bookmark the East Asia Forum newsletter (www.eastasiaforum.org) and the CSIS PacNet newsletter (csis.org/program/pacnet-newsletter) and make it a habit to read them each week.

Syllabus

September 5 Introduction and Course Organization
assignment of groups to research Romney campaign materials for presentation next week

September 12 Romney Vs. Obama: Implications for Asia Policy
Discussion of briefing papers

How would President Romney's Asia policy differ from that of President Obama? Student presentations on Romney campaign materials relevant to relations with China, Japan, North and South Korea, ASEAN and Asia generally and how they differ from President Obama.

September 19 **East Asia's Changing International System: Issues for US foreign policy**

Victor Cha, *Complex Patchworks: U.S. Alliances as Part of Asia's Regional Architecture*, Asia Policy - Number 11, January 2011, pp. 27-50 (Class Files)

Kang Choi, A Thought on US Foreign Policy in East Asia <http://csis.org/files/publication/Pac1230.pdf>

Hugh White, "Power Shift: Rethinking Australia's Place in the Asian Century," *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, 2011, <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/shss/events/fulbright/hugh-white.pdf>

Dennis C. Blair, "Military power projection in Asia," *The National Bureau of Asian Research*, http://www.nbr.org/publications/strategic_asia/pdf/Free/07232012/sa08_MilPower.pdf

Hitoshi Tanaka, "The Strategic Rationale for an East Asian Community," http://www.icie.org/researchpdfs/crossroads/chp6_tanaka.pdf

September 26 **China briefing**
October 3 **Japan, Korea peninsula briefing**

October 10 **East Asia Community briefing**

October 17 **China's rise to great power status**
Individual briefing papers due

David Shambaugh, 'Return to the Middle Kingdom? China and Asia in the early 21st century,' in Shambaugh, ed., *Asia and Pacific; Power Shift*, chapter 1 (Class Files)

Aaron Friedberg, "Hegemony with Chinese characteristics," *The National Interest*, July-August 2011, <http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/docview/874080897>

Henry Kissinger, "The future of US-Chinese relations: conflict is a choice, not a necessity," *Foreign Affairs*, 91.2 (Mar/Apr 2012), pp. 44-55 (Class Files)

Kenneth Lieberthal and Wang Jisi, "Addressing US-China strategic mistrust," http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2012/3/30%20us%20china%20lieberthal/0330_china_lieberthal.pdf

Ross, Robert, 'Taiwan's fading independence movement,' *Foreign Affairs* 85:2 (Mar/Apr 2006) (Class Files)

October 24 **China's rise and changes in US East Asia strategy**

US Department of Defense, "Sustaining US Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense," http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Strategic_Guidance.pdf

Joseph Nye, "US and Chinese power after the financial crisis," *Washington Quarterly*, October 2010, <https://csis.org/files/publication/twg10octobernye.pdf>

Ralph Cossa, US 1 - China-0 <http://csis.org/publication/pacnet-35-us-1-china-0>

Tim Huxley, response to Ralph Cossa <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/137e2940fe0c4377>

Leon Panetta, Shangri La Security Dialogue speech 2012 <http://www.defense.gov/speeches/speech.aspx?speechid=1681>

Washington Post article on US military deployments to Southeast Asia, http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-seeks-return-to-se-asian-bases/2012/06/22/gJQAKP83vV_story.html?hpid=z2

October 31 The US-Japan Alliance -- Past, Present, and Future

Richard Armitage and Joseph Nye, *The US-Japan Alliance, anchoring stability in Asia (the third Armitage-Nye Report)*, http://csis.org/files/publication/120810_Armitage_USJapanAlliance_Web.pdf

Richard Samuels, *Securing Japan*, pp. 1-12, 86-108, 185-210 <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/docDetail.action?docID=10457582>

Andrew Oros, *Normalizing Japan: politics, identity and the evolution of security practice*, chapter 7 (Class Files)

National Defense Institute of Japan, *East Asia Strategic Review 2012*, chapter 7 “Japan: Toward the establishment of a dynamic defense force”, http://www.nids.go.jp/english/publication/east-asian/pdf/2012/east-asian_e2012_07.pdf

Sheila Smith, “A strategy for the US Japan alliance,” Council on Foreign Relations 2012, <http://www.cfr.org/japan/strategy-us-japan-alliance/p28010>

November 7 Dealing with North Korea

Chung, Jae Ho, ‘China’s ascendancy and the Korean peninsula: from interest reevaluation to strategic realignment?’ in David Shambaugh, ed. *Power Shift: China and Asia’s new dynamics*, chap.6 (Class Files)

Ralph Cossa and Brad Glosserman, ‘The illogic of China’s North Korea policy’, <http://csis.org/publication/pacnet-32-illogic-chinas-north-korea-policy>

R. Stapleton Roy, response to Cossa and Glosserman, <http://csis.org/files/publication/Pac1232RA.pdf>

Sung-Yoon Lee, “The Pyongyang playbook,” *Foreign Affairs*, August 26, 2010 <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/66581/sung-yoon-lee/the-pyongyang-playbook>

November 14 No class, prepare research paper reports

November 21 Research paper proposal discussion

November 28 No class, prepare research paper reports

December 5 No class, prepare research paper reports

December 7-8 All day Research paper reports