

Political Science 960 Seminar: International Relations of East Asia

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**Syllabus
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Course Description

The course is a survey of the international relations of East Asia. Topics covered will include the rise of China and US-Chinese relations, the US led alliance system, Taiwan, the South China Sea dispute, Korea and the North Korean nuclear issue, Japanese foreign policy, the role of Russia in the far east, south east Asia, including Vietnam, trade, investment and related political economy issues (such as Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and One Belt One Road (OBOR)), and global and regional international institutions, including the UN, World Bank, IMF, ASEAN, AIIB, etc.

Course Requirements

The grade will be based on class participation (50%) and a research paper (50%). Students should consult with the professor on a topic in the first few weeks of the class.

Readings

The following books are assigned.

Saadia M. Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot. 2014. *The Oxford Handbook of The International Relations of Asia*. Oxford University Press. (Hereinafter, OHIRA)

Victoria Tin-bor Hui. 2005. *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5.

David Kang 2012. *East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute*. Columbia University Press.

S. C. M. Paine. 2012. *The Wars for Asia: 1911-1949*. Cambridge University Press.

Thomas J. Christensen. 1996. *Useful Adversaries: Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-1958*. Princeton University Press.

Lorenz M. Luthi. 2008. *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World*. Princeton University Press.

M. Taylor Fravel. 2019. *Active Defense: China's Military Strategy since 1949*. Princeton University Press.

Zheng Wang. 2014. *Never Forget National Humiliation: Historical Memory in Chinese Politics and Foreign Relations*. Columbia University Press.

The remaining readings are articles. The student is responsible for downloading these from the UW library system.

Credits: 3

The credit standard for this course is met by an expectation of a total of 135 hours of student engagement with the course learning activities (at least 45 hours per credit), which include regularly scheduled instructor:student meeting times in class, reading, and writing.

Course Designations and Attributes: none

Meeting Time and Location: Tuesday, 1:20-3:15, 422 North Hall

Instructional Mode: Face to Face

Learning Outcomes: The student should have a deeper understanding of the international relations of Asia.

Schedule: Spring 2020

Part	Class	Topic	Date
Introduction	1	Introduction	January 21, 2017
	2	Theoretical Approaches	January 28, 2017
Historical Context	3	The Firm, The State and War	February 4, 2017
	4	East and West	February 11, 2017
	5	The Cold War	February 18, 2017
Security	6	China's Rise	February 25, 2017
	7	Chinese Aims	March 3, 2017
	8	Nuclear Weapons	March 10, 2017
	9	No Class	March 24, 2017
	10	Strategy and Alliances	March 31, 2017
Political Economy	11	Foreign Economic Relations	April 7, 2017
	12	Regional Economic Integration	April 14, 2017
	13	Transnational Human Security	April 21, 2017
	14	International Institutions	April 28, 2017

Reading Assignments

Part 1 Introduction

Class 1 Introduction

Acharya, Amitav and Barry Buzan. 2010. Why is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory? An Introduction. In *Non-Western International Relations Theory: Perspectives on and Beyond Asia*. Acharya and Buzan eds. Routledge, pp. 1-25.

Yaqing Qin. 2007. Why Is There No Chinese International Relations Theory? In *Non-Western International Relations Theory: Perspectives on and Beyond Asia*. Acharya and Buzan eds. Routledge, pp. 26-50.

Class 2 Theoretical Approaches

OHIRA, chapters 1-7.

Part 2 Historical Context

Class 3 War and the State, War and the Firm

Victoria Tin-bor Hui. 2005. *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5.

J. C. Sharman. 2019. Power and Profit at Sea: The Rise of the West in the Making of the International System. *International Security* 43(4): 163-196.

Class 4 East and West

David Kang 2012. *East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute*. Columbia University Press.

Erik Ringmar. 2012. Performing International Systems: Two East Asian Alternatives to the Westphalian Order. *International Organization* 66():1-55.

Class 5 The Cold War

Thomas J. Christensen. 1996. *Useful Adversaries: Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-1958*. Princeton University Press.

Lorenz M. Luthi. 2008. *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World*. Princeton University Press.

Recommended:

S. C. M. Paine. 2012. *The Wars for Asia: 1911-1949*. Cambridge University Press.

Part 3 Security

Class 6 China's Rise

Friedberg, Aaron L. 2005. The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable? *International Security* 30(2): 7-45.

Michael Beckley. 2011. China's Century? Why America's Edge will Endure. *International Security* 36(3): 41-78.

Liff, Adam P. and G. John Ikenberry. 2014. Racing Toward Tragedy? China's Rise, Military Competition in East Asia and the Security Dilemma. *International Security* 39(2): 52-91.

Brooks, Stephen G. and William C. Wohlforth. 2015/16. The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers in the Twenty-first Century: China's Rise and the Fate of America's Global Position. *International Security* 40(3): 7-53.

Andrea Gilli and Mauro Gilli. 2019. Why China Has Not Caught Up Yet: Military Technological Superiority, Systems Integration and the Challenges of Imitation, Reverse Engineering and Cyber-Espionage. *International Security* 43(4): 141-189.

Class 7 Chinese Aims, Chinese Nationalism

Allen S. Whiting, "China's Use of Force, 1950-96, and Taiwan," *International Security* Vol. 26, No. 2 (Fall 2001), pp. 103-131

M. Taylor Fravel. 2005. Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: Explaining China's Compromises in Territorial Disputes. *International Security* 32(2): 46-83.

Johnston, Iain. 2013. How New and Assertive is China's New Assertiveness? *International Security* 37(4): 7-48.

Jessica Chen Weiss, "Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China," *International Organization* Vol. 67, No. 1 (2013), pp. 1-35

Iain Johnston. 2016. Is Chinese Nationalism Rising? Evidence from Beijing. *International Security* 41(3): 7-43.

Ketian Zhang. 2019. Cautious Bully: Reputation, Resolve and Beijing's Use of Coercion in the South China Sea. *International Security* 44(1): 117-159.

Recommended:

Zheng Wang. 2014. *Never Forget National Humiliation: Historical Memory in Chinese Politics and Foreign Relations*. Columbia University Press.

Class 8 Nuclear Weapons

Avery Goldstein, "Understanding Nuclear Proliferation: Theoretical Explanation and China's National Experience," *Security Studies* Vo. 2, No. 3-4 (Spring/Summer 1993), pp. 213-255

Caitlin Talmadge. 2017. Would China Go Nuclear? Assessing the Risk of Chinese Nuclear Escalation in a Conventional War with the United States. *International Security* 41(4): 50-92.

James Acton. 2018. Escalation through Entanglement: How the Vulnerability of Command-and-Control Systems Raises the Risks of an Inadvertent Nuclear War. *International Security* 42(1): 56-99.

Oriana Skylar Mastro. 2018. Conflict and Chaos on the Korean Peninsula: Can China's Military Help Secure North Korea's Nuclear Weapons? *International Security* 42(2): 84-116.

Fiona S. Cunningham and M. Taylor Fravel. 2019. Dangerous Confidence? Chinese Views on Nuclear Escalation. *International Security* 44(2): 61-109.

Week 9 No Class

Class 10 Military Strategy and Alliances

Montgomery, Evan Braden. 2014. Contested Primacy in the Western Pacific: China's Rise and the Future of U.S. Power Projection. *International Security* 38(4): 115-149.

Stephen Biddle and Ivan Oelrich. 2016. Future Warfare in the Western Pacific: Chinese

Antiaccess/Area Denial, U.S. AirSea Battle, and Command of the Commons in East Asia. *International Security* 41(1): 7-48.

Michael Beckley. 2017. The Emerging Military Balance in East Asia: How China's Neighbors can Check Chinese Naval Expansion. *International Security* 42(2): 78-119.

Eric Heginbotham and Richard J. Samuels. 2018. Active Denial: Redesigning Japan's Response to China's Military Challenge. *International Security* 42(4): 128-169.

Andrew Kydd. 2020. Switching Sides: Changing Power, Alliance Choices and US-China-Russia Relations. *International Politics* (Forthcoming).

Recommended Reading:

M. Taylor Fravel. 2019. *Active Defense: China's Military Strategy since 1949*. Princeton University Press.

Part 4 Political Economy

Class 11 Foreign Economic Relations

OHIRA Chapters 8-13

Class 12 Regional Economic Integration

OHIRA Chapters 14-18

Class 13 Transnational Human Security

OHIRA Chapters 30-33

Class 14 International Institutions

Christopher Hemmer, Peter J. Katzenstein. 2002. Why is there no NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism and the Origins of Multilateralism. *International Organization* 56(3): 575-607.

Amitav Acharya. 2004. How Ideas Spread: Whose Norms Matter? Norm Localization and institutional Change in Asian Regionalism. *International Organization* 58(2): 239-275.

Jennifer Lind and Daryl Press. 2018. Markets or Mercantilism? How China Secures its Energy Supplies. *International Security* 42(4): 170-204.

Alastair Iain Johnston. 2019. China in a World of Orders: Rethinking Compliance and Challenge in Beijing's International Relations. *International Security* 44(2): 9-60.