Political Science 960 Seminar: International Relations of East Asia
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Syllabus
Spring 2020

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)


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

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Reading Assignments

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Class 1 Introduction


Class 2 Theoretical Approaches

OHIRA, chapters 1-7.

Part 2 Historical Context

Class 3 War and the State, War and the Firm


Class 4 East and West


Class 5 The Cold War


Recommended:


**Part 3 Security**

**Class 6 China’s Rise**


**Class 7 Chinese Aims, Chinese Nationalism**


Recommended:


**Class 8 Nuclear Weapons**


**Week 9 No Class**

**Class 10 Military Strategy and Alliances**


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


Recommended Reading:


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**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**

