

The Politics and Political Economy of East Asia

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Course Description:

This class is designed to help students understand political, economic, and diplomatic developments in East Asia with a focus on Japan, China, Korea, and Taiwan. We begin with the historical events that shaped the internal politics of each country and their international relations. We will explore the inter-relationship between their politics and their paths of economic development. Finally, we consider their uneasy relationships as neighbors in East Asia.

Course Requirements:

The requirements for this course are as follows.

1. Regular class attendance, participation, and a 1-page reading response on any four weeks of the course: 30%
2. A short paper (4-5 pages, 25% of the grade) tackling a historical topic from the first few weeks is due in Week 6. The questions guiding each week's readings provide some suggested topics for this paper.
3. There are two options for the final assignment.
 - a. A final research paper (12-15 pages for undergraduates, 15-20 pages for graduate credit, 45% of the grade) is due at the end of exam week. This paper is an opportunity to develop an empirically documented argument, based on a well-constructed research design, exploring some aspect of political or economic development of one or more of the countries studied in this course.

OR

- b. A final exam in the scheduled time during exam week. The exam will be a combination of short identification, short answer, and essay.

Academic Honesty:

All work bearing your name must be your own. You may, of course, cite other people for words, paraphrases, and ideas that did not originate with you. For more information about what plagiarism is and how to avoid it, please visit Yale College Writing Center [<http://goo.gl/5O94ej>]. We will also have a short discussion about plagiarism. Please take a Plagiarism Quiz [<http://goo.gl/e7SerL>] before the class in Week4.

Class Schedule and Readings

Week 1 (Jan 19): Overview and Introduction

Questions:

- How did Japan become a regional empire in the 1930s? What is the legacy of Japan's wartime aggression on its relations with its neighbors? What accounts for the negative relationships compared to the EU?
- What is meant by the East Asian "developmental state"? Did East Asian bureaucrats outsmart capitalism and outmaneuver their politicians to construct states that are prosperous and egalitarian?
- How are East Asian countries poised for the 21st century? Is it possible for these neighbors to coexist peacefully? What is appropriate U.S. engagement with the region?

Week 2 (Jan 26): War and Colonialism in Asia

Questions: Why did Japan expand into East Asia, 1894-1937? What accounts for the differences in Chinese, Korean, and Taiwanese attitudes towards Japan, then and now?

McClain, James L. 2002. "The Acquisition of Empire," *Japan: Modern History*. W. W. Norton & Company. 283-315.

McClain, James L. 2002. "A Period of National Emergency," *Japan: Modern History*. W. W. Norton & Company. 405-440.

Gordon, David. 2006. "The China-Japan War, 1931-1945," *The Journal of Military History*, 70(1): 137-182

Snyder, Jack. 1991. "Japan's Bid for Autarky," *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Cornell University Press. 112-152.

Optional reading:

Chen, Edward I-te. 1970. "Japanese Colonialism in Korea and Formosa: A Comparison of The Systems of Political Control", *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 126-158.

Kim, Eugene C.I. "Japanese Rule in Korea (1905-1910)," *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, 106(1): 53-59.

Week 3 (Feb 2): U.S. Goals in East Asia: The New Deal Phase

Questions: What were U.S. goals in East Asia during and immediately after World War II? How successful were they?

Current, Richard. 1954. "The Stimson Doctrine and the Hoover Doctrine," *The American Historical Review*, 59, 3: 513-542.

Frieden, Jeff. 1988. "Sectoral Conflict and Foreign Economic Policy," *International Organization*, 42, 1: 59-90.

Buruma, Ian. 1995. *The Wages of Guilt: Memories of War in Germany and Japan*. New York: Meridian. Pp. 159-176. 190-201.

Cohen and Passin. 1987. "Labor Emerges as a National Force", *Remaking Japan: The American Occupation as New Deal*. The Free Press, 189-211.

Week 4 (Feb 9) : The Cold War in Asia

Questions: What drove American policy in East Asia? How did the Cold War affect politics in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan? What was the range of choice? What did they do with it? What was the "Reverse Course" in the U.S. Occupation of Japan and how did it shape subsequent events?

Nelson, Anna Kasten. 1987. "John Foster Dulles and the Bipartisan Congress," *Political Science Quarterly*, 102 (1): 43-64.

Lee, Yong Wook. 2004. "The Origin of One Party Domination: America's Reverse Course and the Emergence of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan," *The Journal of East Asian Affairs*. 18 (2): 371-413.

Hara, Kimie. 2001. "50 Years from San Francisco: Re-Examining the Peace Treaty and Japan's Territorial Problems," *Pacific Affairs*, 74(3): 361-382

Gutherie-Shimizu, Sayuri. 2007. "Occupation Policy and Postwar Sino-Japanese Relations: Severing Economic Ties." In *Democracy in Occupied Japan: The U.S. Occupation and Japanese Politics and Society*, eds. Mark E Caprio and Yoneyuki Sugita. Routledge, 200-219.

Week 5 (Feb 16): Economic Development: The "East Asian Model"?

Questions: How did politics shape economic policy making in various East Asian countries? Are there any common themes?

Noguchi, Yukio. 1998. "The 1940 System: Japan Under the Wartime Economy." *American Economic Review* 88(2): 404–7.

Beason, Richard and David Weinstein. 1996. "Growth, Economies of Scale, and Targetting in Japan," *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. 78 (2): 286-295.

Kang, David. 1995. "South Korean and Taiwanese Development and the New Institutional Economics," *International Organization* 49 (3): 555-87.

Cummings, Bruce. 1979. "The Political Economy of Chinese Foreign Policy," *Modern China*. 5 (4): 411-461.

Geddes, Barbara. 1990. "How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Comparative Politics." *Political Analysis* 2(1): 131–50.

Week 6 (Feb 23): Politics and Foreign Policy in East Asia: The Early Postwar Years

Visitor: Victor Cha, Georgetown University

Questions: How well did the U.S. system of bilateral alliances work for American foreign policy goals? For politics in Asia? How did authoritarian rule in Korea and Taiwan take root under the U.S. alliance umbrella?

Chen, Jian. 1992. "China's Changing Aims during the Korean War, 1950—1951," *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, 1(1): 8-41.

Brands, Henry. 1987. "The Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration, Syngman Rhee, and the "Other" Geneva Conference of 1954," *Pacific Historical Review* 56 (1): 59-85.

Cha, Victor. 1996. "Bridging the Gap: The Strategic Context of the 1965 Korea—Japan Normalization Treaty," *Korean Studies*, 20: 123-160

Lincoln, Edward J. 1990. "The Showa Economic Experience." *Daedalus* 119(3): 191–208.

Week 7 (Mar 1): Development and Politics in China

Visitor: Professor Yuhua Wang, Government Department, Harvard

Questions: How does the CCP maintain its authoritarian control? What are its tools? How good are its odds? What characterizes government-business relations in China?

Wang, Yuhua. 2014. *Tying the Autocrat's Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Gallagher, Mary E. 2011. "'Reform and Openness': Why China's Economic Reforms Have Delayed Democracy." *World Politics* 54(03): 338–72.

Liu, Yu, and Dingding Chen. 2012. "Why China Will Democratize." *The Washington Quarterly* 35(1): 41–63.

Truex, Rory. 2014. "The Returns to Office in a 'Rubber Stamp' Parliament," *American Political Science Review*. 108 (2): 235-251.

Week 8 (Mar 8): Territorial Disputes and Military Rivalry **Visitor: Former Vice Minister Tokuchi, Japanese Department of Defense**

Questions: Why do East Asian nations dispute island territories? How would you adjudicate the disputes? Does your suggestion have a chance of success?

Feng, Zhu. 2009. "An Emerging Trend in East Asia: Military Budget Increases and their Impact," *Asian Perspective* 33 (4): 17-45.

Calder, Kent, and Min Ye. 2004. "Regionalism and Critical Junctures: Explaining the 'Organization Gap' in Northeast Asia," *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 4 (2): 191-226.

Ikegami, Masako. "Solving the Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute: Searching for Common Ground through the Aland Model," *The Journal of East Asian Affairs*. 23 (1): 1-22.

Fravel, Taylor. 2007/8. "Power Shifts and Escalation: Explaining China's Use of Force in Territorial Disputes," *International Security*, 32 (3): 44-83.

Week 9 (Mar 29): Democratic Transitions in Korea and Taiwan

Questions: Compare the patterns of democratization in Korea and Taiwan. Who were the actors, and what were their resources? Why did they prevail? What do Korea and Taiwan contribute to our understanding of development and democracy?

Cheng, Tun-jen, and Stephan Haggard. 1992. "Regime Transformation in Taiwan: Theoretical and Comparative Perspective." In *Political Change in Taiwan*, eds. Tun-jen Cheng and Stephan Haggard. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1–29.

Cox, Gary and Emerson Niou. 1994. "Seat Bonuses under the Single Nontransferable Vote System: Evidence from Japan and Taiwan," *Comparative Politics* 26 (2): 221-236.

Kwak, Jin Young. 2003. "The Party-State Liaison in Korea," *Asian Perspective*. 27 (1): 109-135.

Lee, Yoonkyung. 2014. "Diverging Patterns of Democratic Representation in Korea and Taiwan: Political Parties and Social Movements," *Asian Survey*, 54 (3): 419-444.

Week 10 (Apr 5) : Trade and Economic Integration

Questions: How have East Asian economies integrated with each other and the rest of the world?

Krugman, Paul. 1994. "The Myth of Asia's Miracle," *Foreign Affairs* 73 (6): 63-78.

Ravenhill, John. 2009. "East Asian Regionalism: Much Ado about Nothing?," *Review of International Studies*, 35: 215-235.

Iida, Keisuke. 2003. "Why Does the World Trade Organization Appear Neoliberal? The Puzzle of the High Incidence of Guilty Verdicts in WTO Adjudication," *Journal of Public Policy*, 23, 1: 1-21.

Huang, Jie. 2012. "TPP versus ECFA: Similarities, Differences, and China's Strategies," *China Review*, 12, 2: 85-109

Tow, William. 2015. "The United States and Asia in 2014: Reconciling Rebalancing and Strategic Constraints," *Asian Survey*, 55, 1: 12-20.

Week 11 (Apr 12) : Gender Inequality and Demographic Challenges

Questions: Why are women in East Asia deciding to have fewer children? What are the consequences for the workplace? For families? For fiscal policy?

Brinton, Mary. 2001. *Women's Working Lives in East Asia*. Stanford University Press. 70-95.

Estevez-Abe, Margarita. 2009. "Gendering the Varieties of Capitalism: Gender Bias in Skills and Social Policies," in *The Political Economy of Japan's Low Fertility*. Stanford University Press.

Kawaguchi, Daiji, and Soohyung Lee. 2012. "Brides for Sale: Cross-Border Marriages and Female Immigration." *Harvard Business School Research Paper* (12-082).

Hong Fincher, Leta. 2013. "China's Entrenched Gender Gap," *The New York Times*.

Week 12 (Apr 19) : Nationalism

Questions: Is nationalism a cause or symptom of military tension in East Asia? How would we know?

Catalinac, Amy. 2015. "Positioning Under Alternative Electoral Systems," paper under review.

Weiss, Jessica. 2013. "Authoritarian Signaling, Nationalist Protest, and Mass Audiences in China," *International Organization*.

Chen, Rou-lan. 2014. "Reconstructed Nationalism in Taiwan: A Politicized and Economically Driven Identity." *Nations and Nationalism* 20(3): 523–45.

Ho, Ming-sho, and Chen-Shuo Hong. 2012. "Challenging New Conservative Regimes in South Korea and Taiwan," *Asian Survey* 52(4): 643–65.

Lind, Jennifer. 2009. "The Perils of Apology," *Foreign Affairs*.

Week 13 (Apr 26) : Democracy, Interdependence, and War or Peace

Questions: Is economic interdependence enough to prevent war? Is democracy?

Davis, Christine and Sophie Meunier. 2011. "Business as Usual? Economic Responses to Political Tensions," *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 628-646.

Goldsmith, Benjamin. 2007. "A Liberal Peace in Asia?" *Journal of Peace Research*. 44 (1): 5–27.

Goo, Young-Wan and Seong-Hoon Lee. 2014. "Military Alliances and Reality of Regional Integration: Japan, South Korea, the U.S. vs. China, North Korea," *Journal of Economic Integration* 29 (2): 329-342.

Rigger, Shelley. 2005. "Party Politics and Taiwan's External Relations." *Orbis*. 2: 413-428.

Pak, Kiejoon. 2012. "China's Cost-Benefit Analysis of a Unified Korea," *Journal of East Asian Affairs*. 26, 2: 25-55.