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**Japanese Party Politics and Diplomacy**

**Fall 2010**

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**Course Objectives**:

This course is designed to give an overall picture of contemporary Japanese party politics and diplomacy. Mostly postwar period of Japan would be covered in this course. Topics in this course encompass such issues as how postwar Japan is different from the prewar Japan?; why and how did the 1955 system develop and decline; why did Japan experience major transformation in the 1990s; why did the LDP lose power and how did the DPJ gain power?; what are the basic nature of Japanese foreign and security policy?; and, how do the Japanese define their national identity and strategy?

**Course Prerequisites**:

There are no prior perquisites for this course. Also students are not required to have knowledge about the Japanese language, though students can gain more if they know the Japanese. Also, if students are equipped with political science jargons, they can get more from this course. However, one does not have to be a political scientist to take this course.

**Course Packet**:

Course packet would be available for this course. In the first week of the class, students who want to purchase the package should report to the teaching assistant of this course by the morning of September 9, Thursday. They are supposed to receive the packet by next Monday. In order to purchase the packet, due amount should be paid when you pick up the packet. If you do not want to purchase the packet, you are still encouraged to report it to the TA in advance.

**Requirements and Evaluation:**

Short Quiz: 10 percent (every class)

Review Essay: 10 percent (3rd Week: 5 pages)

Mid-term Essay: 30 percent (Mid-term period: 5 pages)

Final Research Paper: 50 percent (Final period: 12 Pages)

**Evaluation Criteria:** See attached

**Organization of the Classes**

**September 7. Introduction and Course Overview**

<Required Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “Japanese Political Studies in South Korea,” *Japanese Journal of*

*Political Science* (forthcoming).

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “미국의 전략적 이해와 일본정치연구“ 국제지역연구 (2004)”

Takashi Inoguchi, “Japanese Political Studies in Japan,” (unpublished)

**September 14. Postwar Reconfiguration of Japanese Politics**

<Required Readings>

John Dower, *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of the World War II* (New York: The

New Press, 1999)

Michael Schaller, *Altered States: The United States and Japan since the Occupation* (New

York: Oxford University Press, 1997)

Mark Caprio and Yoneyuki Sugita, *Democracy in Occupied Japan* (New York:

Routledge, 2007), chapters 3 & 5.

<Recommended Readings>

Kazuo Kawai, *Japan’s American Interlude* (Chicago: The University of Chicago

Press, 1960)

Theodore Cohen, *Remaking Japan: The American Occupation as New Deal* (New

York: Free Press, 1987)

**September 22. *No class (Thanksgiving Holiday)***

Short Review Essay on the Difference between Prewar and Postwar Japan (5 pages)

**September 28. Rise and Working of the 1955 System**

<Required Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *The Japanese Way of Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press,

1988), chapter 2 &3.

J.J. Stockwin, *Governing Japan: Divided Politics in a Resurgent Economy* (Oxford:

Blackwell Publishers, 1999).

Kent Calder, *Crisis and Compensation: Public Policy and Political Stability in Japan, 1949-*

*1986* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988), chapters 2-4.

Mark Ramseyer and Frances Rosenbluth, *Japan’s Political marketplace* (Cambridge:

Harvard University Press, 1993)

<Recommended Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *Election Campaigning Japanese-style* (Tokyo: Kodansha International,

1971).

Bradley Richardson, *Japanese Democracy: Power, Coordination and Performance* (New

Haven: Yale University Press, 1997), introduction.

**October 5. Decline of the 1955 System**

<Required Readings>

Junko Kato, “When the Party Breaks Up: Exit and Voice among Japanese

Legislators,” *American Political Science Review* 92:4 (1998), pp. 857-870.

Masaru Kohno, *Japan’s Postwar Party Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press,

1997), chapter 8.

Ethan Scheiner, *Democracy without Competition in Japan* (New York: Cambridge

University Press, 2006)

Raymond Christensen, *Ending the LDP Hegemony* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii

Press, 2000)

<Recommended Readings>

**October 12. Restructuring in the 1990s**

<Required Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *The Logic of Japanese Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press,

1999)

T.J. Pempel, *Regime Shift* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998)

Cheol Hee Park, “Factional Dynamics in Japan’s LDP since Political Reform,” *Asian*

*Survey* 41:3 (2001)

Aiji Tanaka and Sherry Martin, “The New Independent Voters and the Evolving

Japanese Party System,” *Asian Perspective* 27:3 (2003), pp. 21-51.

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, ”Dynamic Politics of Regime Transformation in Japan in the 1990s,”

*Japanese Journal of Political Science* (2004)

**October 19. Road to Regime Change in the 2000s**

<Required Readings>

Margarita Estevez-Abe, “Japan’s Shift toward a Westminster System,” *Asian Survey*

46:4 (July/August 2006), pp. 632-651.

Steven Reed and Kay Shimizu, “Avoiding a Two-Party System: The Liberal

Democratic Party versus Duverger’s Law,” in Steven Reed, Kenneth McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, eds. *Political Change in Japan* (Stanford: APARC, 2009), pp.29-46.

Imai Ryosuke and Ikuo Kabashima, “LDP’s Defeat in Crucial Single-seat

Constituencies of the 2007 Upper House Election,” *Social Science Japan Journal,* 11:2 (Winter 2008), pp. 277-293.

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “야당재편”

Cheol Hee Park, “정권교체선거”

Ellis Krauss and Robert Pekkanen, “Adaptation to Political Reform”

Kenneth Mori and McElwain and Steven Reed, “Japanese Politics in the Koizumi

Era: Temporary Anomaly or a Paradigm Shift,” in Steven Reed, Kenneth McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, eds. *Political Change in Japan* (Stanford: APARC, 2009), pp.281-292.

**October 26. *Mid-term Essay***

Discuss: “Why did the LDP lose power in 2009?” (5 pages)

**November 2. DPJ as an Alternative to the LDP?**

<Required Readings>

Yoichi Funabashi, “Tokyo’s Trials,” *Foreign Affairs* 88:6 (Nov/Dec. 2009)

Michael Green, “Japan’s Confused Revolution” *The Washington Quarterly* 33:1

(January 2010), pp. 3-19.

Cheol Hee Park, “Bloodless Revolution,” *Global Asia* (January 2010)

Miura, Lee, and Weiner, 2005, “Who are the DPJ?: Policy Positioning and

Recruitment Strategy,” *Asian Perspective*, 29(1): 49-77.

<Recommended Readings>

**November 9. Between Japanese Constitution and the US-Japan Alliance**

<Required Readings>

Tomohito Shinoda, *Koizumi Diplomacy: Japan’s Kantei Approach to Foreign and Defense*

*Affairs* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2007), chapters, 2,4,6.

Eric Heginbotham and Richard Samuels, “Mercantile Realism and Japanese Foreign

Policy,” *International Security* 22:4 (Spring 1998).

Michael Green, *Japan’s Reluctant Realism* (New York: Palgrave, 2001)

George Packard, “The U.S.-Japan Security Treaty at 50 Still a Grand Bargain,”

*Foreign Affairs* 89:2 (Mar/April 2010)

<Recommended Readings>

Yoshinobu Yamamoto, “Japan’s Activism Lite: Bandwagoning the United States,” in

Byung-kook Kim and Anthony Jones, eds. *Power and Security in Northeast Asia* (New York: Lyle and Rienner, 2007), pp. 127-166.

Mike Mochizuki, “American and Japanese Strategic Debates: The Need for a New

Synthesis,” in Mike Mochizuki, ed. *Toward a True Alliance* (Washington DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 1997), pp. 43-82.

**November 16. Japanese Foreign Policy**

<Required Readings>

Gilbert Rozman, “Internationalism and Asianism in Japanese Strategic Thought

from Meiji to Heisei,” *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 9:2 (August 2008),

pp.209-232.

William Grimes, “Institutionalized Inertia: Japanese Foreign Policy in the Post Cold

War World,” in G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, eds. *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp. 353-386.

Takashi Inoguchi and Paul Bacon, “Rethinking Japan as an Ordinary Country,” in G.

John Ikenberry and Chung-in Moon, eds. *The United States and Northeast Asia* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008), pp. 79-98.

Thomas Berger, Mike Mochizuki, and Jitsuo Tsuchiyama, *Japan in International*

*Politics: the Foreign Policies of an Adaptive State* (Boulder: Lynn Rienner, 2007),

concluding chapter

<Recommended Readings>

Gilbert Rozman, *Japanese Strategic Thought toward Asia* (New York: Palgrave, 2007)

Jennifer Lind, “Perils of Apology: What Japan Shouldn’t Learn from Germany,”

*Foreign Affairs* 88:3 (May/June 2009).

**November 23. Japanese Security Policy**

<Required Readings>

Thomas Berger, “From Sword to Chrysanthemum: Japan’s Culture of Anti-

Militarism,” *International Security* 17:4 (Spring 1993), pp. 119-150.

Jennifer Lind, “Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security

Policy,” *International Security* 29:1 (Summer 2004), pp. 92-121.

David Arase, “Japan, the Active State: Security Policy after 9/11,” *Asian Survey* 47:4

(July/August 2007), pp. 560-583.

Christopher Hughes, *Japan’s Remilitarization* (London: IISS, 2009), chapters 1 & 6.

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “전수방위에서 적극방위로” 국제정치논총

Natsuyo Ishibashi, “The Dispatch of Japan’s Self-Defense Forces to Iraq,” *Asian*

*Survey* 47:5 (September/Ocotber 2007), pp. 766-789.

Andrew Oros, *Normalizing Japan: Politics, Identity and the Evolution of Security Practice*

(Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008)

**November 30. Plural Discourses on National Identity: Progressives and Conservatives**

<Required Readings>

Richard Samuels, “Securing Japan: The Current Discourse,” *Journal of Japanese*

*Studies* 33:1 (2007), pp. 125-152.

Michael Green, “Japan in Asia,” in David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, eds.

*International Relations of Asia* (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008), pp. 170-194.

Akiko Fukushima, “Japan’s Perspective on Asian Regionalism,” in Michael Green

and Bates Gill, eds. *Asia’s New Multilateralism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009), pp. 103-127.

<Recommended Readings>

Richard Samuels, “Japan’s Goldilocks Strategy,” *The Washington Quarterly* (Autumn

2006)

Kenneth B. Pyle, *The Japanese Question: Power and Purpose in a New Era* (Washington

DC: AEI Press, 1996)

**December 7. Japanese National Strategy: If there any?**

<Required Readings>

Richard Samuels*, Securing Japan: Tokyo’s Grand Strategy and the Future of East*

*Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2007)

Kenneth Pyle, *Japan Rising: The Resurgence of Japanese Power and Purpose* (New

York: Public Affairs, 2009), chapter 9.

Cheol Hee Park, “Post-Cold War Search for New National Identities and

Cooperation and Conflict between South Korea and Japan,” Unpublished

Manuscript.

<Recommended Readings>

**December 14. *Final Paper Due by Noon (No late submission is allowed.)***