

Understanding International Relations in East Asia

Fall Semester 2017

Class Time and Venue: Thursday 2:00~4:50 pm at Room 201 @ Bldg. 140-2

Course Level: Graduate

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Office Hour: Friday 9:30~11:30 am and by appointment

Course Overview

The course offers an overview of the existing scholarly discussion on international relations in East Asia. In doing so, students will critically review theoretical and empirical analyses, which are available in the existing literature. This will help the students to develop their own research agenda. Topics covered in the course are the historical development of East Asian order and its current implication, theoretical frameworks to explain international relations in East Asia, scholarly debates on the rising of China and its implication on the security/regional order of East Asia, Japan's post-Cold War security policy, the issue of North Korea's nuclearization, the political economy of stability in East Asia, and regionalization in East Asia.

Course Materials

The instructor will upload all of the assigned reading materials to the course's website on the SNU eTL. They will be available at the "Class Files" under the "Course Summary."

Grading

In-class Participation (20%), Presentation of two Analytical Essays (15% each), Literature Review Paper (50%)

Course Format

Each week's class is divided into three sections.

First, there will be group discussion section (about 50 minutes). In this section, all of the students will be ready to discuss one article (or book chapter) in depth. Assigned readings for this section are marked with two asterisks (**). To prepare for this section, I encourage the students to do the reading and think hard to answer questions raised therein. For example, you may want to answer the following questions:

Q1. What are the assumption / hypothesis / objectives of the study?

Q2. What is/are the major finding(s) of the study?

Q3. How did the authors test their hypothesis?

Q4. How reliable are the results of the test?

Q5. Based on your analysis of the study, are the claims raised therein accurate?

Q6. What are the importance / implication of the study?

A second section will be class presentation of critical review essay (about 15 minutes for each presentation). For this section to work, each student must choose two weeks for which they will write analytical review essays (3~4 pages each), based upon the designated readings for each week. The readings are marked with one asterisk (*). What I want to know is what you thought about the readings. I encourage you to elaborate on your thoughtful analyses of the chosen reading, focusing on some central themes of the readings in a thoughtful, informed, sustained and well-developed manner.

The third section is the instructor's lecture (about 30 minutes). In this section, I will give presentation of my own analysis of all of the assigned readings for each week. This presentation may cover the points raised in the first and second sections of each week's class.

Literature Review Paper

Each student is required to produce a detailed literature review paper that provides an overview of previous research on some aspect of international relations in East Asia. This paper constitutes the major determinant of each student's grade and is made up of the following five elements:

Topic proposal (1 page) due by September 22 (5%)

First draft of paper (5 pages) due by October 27 (10%)

Second draft of paper (10 pages) due by December 1 (10%)

Presentation of paper on December 7 (5%)

A final draft of paper (20 pages maximum) due by December 15 (20%)

I will have more to say about each element.

The quality of the literature review project is the major determinant of each student's grade, and, therefore, requires a good deal of systematic and sustained work. I strongly suggest that students think carefully about this project at the outset of the course and begin working on the preliminaries of it immediately.

Schedule of the Course

Week 1 (September 7). Overview of the Course

Week 2 (September 14). Theories on International Relations of East Asia

Amitav Acharya, "Thinking Theoretically about Asian IR," in David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (eds.), *International Relations of Asia* (Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014), Second Edition, pp. 59~89**

Chaesung Chun, "A Theoretical Explanation of the Evolving Northeast Asian Architecture: The "Incompleteness" of Sovereignty," *The Asan Forum* (October 20, 2015).

David C. Kang, "International Relations Theory and East Asian History: An Overview," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 13 (2013), pp. 181~205*

Masaru Kohno, "Review Essay: East Asia and International Relations Theory," *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, 14-1 (2013), pp.179~190.

Week 3 (September 21). The Imperial Chinese Tributary System from Comparative Perspectives

David C. Kang, "Hierarchy and Legitimacy in International Systems: The Tribute System in Early Modern East Asia," *Security Studies* 19 (2010), pp. 591~622*

Charles A. Kupchan, "The Normative Foundations of Hegemony and the Coming Challenge to Pax Americana," *Security Studies* 23 (2014), pp. 219~257.

Yuen Foong Khong, "The American Tributary System," *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 6 (2013), pp. 1~47**

Week 4 (September 28). Remembering the Japanese Colonial Era and the Politics of Reconciliation

Alexis Dudden, "Illegal Japan" in *Troubled Apologies among Japan, Korea and the United States* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008), pp. 63~96*

Jennifer M. Lind, *Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 2008), Introduction and Conclusion**

Rana Mitter, "Old Ghosts, New Memories: China's Changing War History in the Era of Post-Mao Politics," *Journal of Contemporary History* 38-1 (2003), pp. 117~131*

Thomas Berger, "The Politics of Memory in Japanese Foreign Relations," in Thomas Berger, Mike Mochizuki, and Jitsuo Tsuchiyama (eds.), *Japan in International Politics* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2007), pp. 179~212.

Week 5 (October 5). Holiday Break

Week 6 (October 12). Understanding the Cold War in East Asia

Fredrik Logevall, "The Indochina wars and the Cold War, 1945-1975," in Melvyn P. Leffler and Odd Arne Westad (eds.), *The Cambridge History of the Cold War, Volume II: Crises and Détente* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 281~304.

Immanuel Wallerstein, "What Cold War in Asia? An Interpretative Essay," in Zheng Yangwen, Hong Liu and Michael Szonyi (eds.), *The Cold War in Asia: The Battle for Hearts and Minds* (Brill, 2010), pp. 13~24**

James I. Matray, "Beijing and the Paper Tiger: The Impact of the Korean War on Sino-American Relations," *International Journal of Korean Studies* XV-1 (2011), pp. 155~186*

Robert J. McMahon, "Toward 'Hot War' in Asia," in *The Cold War: a very short introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2003), pp. 35~55.

Robert Jervis, "The Impact of the Korean War on the Cold War," *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 24-4 (1980), pp. 563~592*

Week 7 (October 19). Debates about Post-Cold War Stability in East Asia

Aaron Friedberg, "Ripe for Rivalry: Prospects for Peace in a Multipolar Asia," *International Security* 18-3 (1993/94), pp. 5~33*

David Kang, "Getting Asia Wrong: The Need for New Analytical Frameworks," *International Security* 27-4 (2003), pp. 57~85**

John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, "International Relations Theory and the Search for Regional Stability," in John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno (eds.), *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp. 1~21.

Robert S. Ross, "The Geography of Peace: East Asia in the 21st Century," *International Security* 23-4 (1999), pp. 81~118*

Week 8 (October 26). The US-led East Asian Order under the Rising of China

Avery Goldstein, "Power Transition, Institutions, and China's Rise in East Asia: Theoretical Expectations and Evidence," in G. John Ikenberry and Chung-In Moon (eds.), *The United States and Northeast Asia* (New York: Rowman and Littlefield Publisher, 2008), pp. 39~78.

John Ikenberry, "From Hegemony to the Balance of Power: The Rise of China and American Grand Strategy in East Asia," *International Journal of Korean Unification Studies* 23-2 (2014), pp. 41~63*

Mark Beeson, "Hegemonic transition in East Asia? The Dynamics of Chinese and American power," *Review of International Studies* 35 (2009), pp. 95~112**

Sun Xuefeng, "Rethinking East Asian Regional Order and China's Rise," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 14-1 (2013), pp. 9~30*

Week 9 (November 3). Contending Perspectives on the Inevitability of Conflict between the US and China

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

Avery Goldstein, "First Things First: The Pressing Danger of Crisis Instability in U.S.-China Relations," *International Security* 37-4 (2013), pp. 49~89*

Charles Glaser, "Will China's Rise lead to a War? Why Realism Does Not Mean Pessimism" *Foreign Affairs* 90-2 (2011), pp. 80~91*

Thomas Christensen, "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster? The Rise of China and US Policy toward East Asia," *International Security* 31-1 (2006), pp. 81~126.

Week 10 (November 9). Japan's Cold War and Post-Cold War Security Policy

Christopher P. Twomey, "Japan, A Circumscribed Balancer: Building on Defensive Realism to Make Predictions about East Asian Security." *Security Studies* 9-4 (2000), pp. 167~169 and 185~205.* Skip the section on "Unbundling the Theory on Balancing" (pp. 169~184).

Eivind Lande, "Between Offensive and Defensive Realism – The Japanese Abe Government's Security Policy toward China," *Asian Security* (2017) (Online Version), pp. 1~16*

Jennifer Lind, "Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security Policy," *International Security* 29-1 (2004), pp. 92~121.

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 and Littlefield Publisher, 2008), pp. 79~98.

Yasuhiro Izumikawa, "Explaining Japanese Anti-Militarism: Normative and Realist Constraints on Japan's Security Policy," *International Security* 35-2 (2010), pp. 123~160**

Week 11 (November 16). How to deal with Nuclear North Korea?

Narushige Michishita, "Playing the Same Game: North Korea's Coercive Attempt at U.S. Reconciliation," *The Washington Quarterly* 32-4 (2009), pp.139~152*

Shen Dingli, "Bringing the DPRK back to the Six-Party Talks," *Korea Observer* 47-4 (2016), pp. 857~880.

Stephan Haggard, "Negotiating a Korean Settlement: The Role of Sanctions," *Korea Observer* 47-4 (2016), pp. 939~961*

Victor D. Cha and David C. Kang, "The Debate over North Korea," *Political Science Quarterly* 119-2 (2004), pp. 229~254**

Vipin Narang, "Nuclear Strategies of Emerging Nuclear Powers: North Korea and Iran," *The Washington Quarterly* 38-1 (2015), pp. 73~91. Skip the section on the case study of Iran.

Week 12 (November 23). The Political Economy of Regional Security in East Asia

Avery Goldstein and Edward D. Mansfield, "The Political Economy of Regional Security in East Asia," in Avery Goldstein and Edward D. Mansfield (eds.), *The Nexus of Economics, Security, and International Relations in East Asia* (Stanford University Press, 2012), pp. 1~25.** Skip the remaining of the chapter (pp. 25~38).

Jonathan Kirshner, "States, Markets, and Great Power Relations in the Pacific: Some Realist Expectations," in John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno (eds.), *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp. 273~289*

Miles Kahler, "Regional Economic Institutions and East Asian Security," in *The Nexus of Economics, Security, and International Relations in East Asia*, pp. 66~90*

T.J. Pempel (ed.), *The Economy-Security Nexus in Northeast Asia* (Routledge, Taylor & Group, 2012), Introduction & Conclusion.

Week 13 (November 30). East Asian Regionalism from Comparative Perspectives

Baogang He and Takashi Inoguchi, "Introduction to Ideas of Asian Regionalism," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 12-2 (2011), pp. 165~177.

Christopher Hemmer and Peter J. Katzenstein, "Why Is There No NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism, and the Origins of Multilateralism," *International Organization* 56-3 (2002), pp. 575~607*

Gregory P. Corning, "Trade Regionalism in a Realist East Asia: Rival Visions and Competitive Bilateralism," *Asian Perspective* 35 (2011), pp. 259~286**

Mark Beeson, "Rethinking regionalism: Europe and East Asia in comparative historical perspective," *Journal of European Public Policy* 12-6 (2005), pp. 969~985*

Uwe Wissenbach, "Barriers to East Asian Integration: North East Asia -A Non-Region?" *Journal of Global Policy and Governance* 2-2 (2013), pp. 205~221.

Week 14 (December 7). Presentation of Literature Review Paper

Week 15 (December 14). Literature Review Paper due by December 15