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Poli Sci 191-3 Junior Seminar  
 American Foreign Policy toward Asia  
 791 Barrows Tues. 2-4 PM

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a junior seminar in political science. It is designed primarily for majors interested in exploring in depth the relationship between U.S. foreign policy and developments in East Asia. Although geographically quite distant from the Asian mainland, the United States has been involved militarily, diplomatically and economically with that region since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Following the defeat of Japan in the Pacific component of World War II, the United States has maintained a strong military presence throughout the Asia-Pacific and has fought costly wars in Korea and Viet-Nam, all as integral components of the Cold War. Today, the rise of China; the cross-Straits problem surrounding Taiwan; the economic torpor of Japan; the continued division of the Korean peninsula and the nuclear program of North Korea; and the potential for Muslim terrorism in Southeast Asia are but a few of the problems that animate the interactions between East Asia and the United States. This seminar will explore the historical and contemporary foreign policies of the United States toward Asia with an eye toward analyzing the ways in which Asia has been shaped by American, and in turn American policies have been shaped by events in Asia.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This seminar will focus on reading rather than research and the seminar will emphasize discussion and analysis of various interpretations of events; it will not be a lecture course. To make this work effectively, students will be expected to have done a careful reading of each week's assignments prior to the weekly meeting and to come to class prepared to discuss the readings, the arguments they present and the extent to which these readings agree or disagree with one another.

In addition to the discussions in seminar, each student will be expected to write 5 short (5-8 page) papers analyzing some portion of the readings for specific weeks. The specific assignments for the readings will be worked out in our second meeting.

Grades will be based on the following:

Seminar participation: 33%

Written papers: 67%, with a sliding scale designed to give slightly more credit for later papers

**READINGS:** All of the readings are required. We will read all or most of the following books, copies of which should be available for purchase through the campus bookstore. They will also be on two hour reserve in Moffitt. The various articles assigned that are not in the books are identified for electronic access.

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific.  
 Columbia University Press.

Ikenberry and Moon, The US & Northeast Asia, Rowman and Littlefield.

LaFeber, America, Russia and the Cold War 1975-2002 (note this is the latest edition), McGraw Hill

Overholt, Asia, America and the Transformation of Geopolitics, Cambridge UP

Yahuda, International Politics of the Asia-Pacific, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Routledge-Courzon

**PLAGARISM:** A final word that should perhaps be unnecessary: I expect all work for this class to be original and to be done by the individual student. (This does NOT mean simply downloading without technical assistance.....) If you have any doubts about what constitutes plagiarism, there is a detailed description of university policies at <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Citations.html>. A core comment is extracted here:

### **What is plagiarism?**

Plagiarism is using the ideas and writings of others and representing them as your own. Even if you do not copy another source word-for-word, but rather rephrase the source without attributing it to the original author by including a footnote, you are guilty of plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic standards and is punishable with a failing grade, possible expulsion from the institution, and may subject you to ostracism by your peers.

## **PART 1—INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

Jan. 20: INTRODUCTION

No required readings

Jan. 27: OVERVIEW OF AMERICAN ASIAN POLICY AND PREWAR HISTORY

Stephen D. Krasner, “Organized hypocrisy in nineteenth-century East Asia,” International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Aug 2001; 1: 173 - 197.

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Chap 4 (Kang)

Warren I. Cohen, “The Foreign Impact on East Asia,” in Merle Goldman and Andrew Gordon, eds., *Historical Perspectives on Contemporary East Asia* (Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press, 2000), pp. 1-22, **skim rest**

Bruce Cummings, Paralex Visions, Introduction, Chap. 1, pp. 1-33.

## **PART 2—THE COLD WAR PERIOD**

### Feb. 3: ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR AND DOCTRINE OF CONTAINMENT

Mr. X article,  
LaFeber, Chaps. 1, 2, 3, 4  
Yahuda, Introduction, Chap. 1 (pp. 1-40)  
Ikenberry Chap. 1 in Ikenberry and Moon

### Feb. 10: THE U.S.-JAPAN ALLIANCE

Yahuda, Chap. 7  
  
Calder, “Securing Security through Prosperity,” Pacific Review, 17, 1 (2004): 135-57.  
  
Hemmer, Christopher and Katzenstein, Peter J. “Why is there No NATO in Asia?...” International Organization, 56, 3 (Summer 2002): 575-608.

### Feb. 17: THE KOREAN WAR

LaFeber, Chaps. 5, 6, 7  
  
Cumings, “Collision” in Korea’s Place in the Sun, pp. 237-298.  
  
Jervis, Robert, “The Impact of the Korean War on the Cold War,” Journal of Conflict Resolution, 24, 4 (December, 1980): 563-592. **JSTOR**

### Feb. 24: THE VIET-NAM WAR

Yahuda, Chaps. 2-3  
  
LaFeber, chaps. 9, 10, 11 (pp. 267-280)  
  
Ruane, Kevin, “Putting America in Its Place? Recent Writing on the Vietnam Wars,” Journal of Contemporary History, 37, 1 (Jan. 2002) 115-128 **JSTOR**

### Mar. 3: CHINA—FROM CONFRONTATION TO DÉTENTE

Yahuda, Chaps. 4, 5, 6  
  
LaFeber, Chap. 11 (pp. 280-297)

Burr, William, "Sino-American Relations, 1969: The Sino-Soviet Border War and Steps Toward *Rapprochement*," Cold War History, 1, 3 (April 2001): 73-112.

Mar. 10: THE 'ASIAN MIRACLE'

Cummings, Bruce, "The Origins and Development of the Northeast Asian Political Economy" International Organizations 38, 1 (1984): 1-40.

Krugman, Paul, "Myth of the 'Asian Miracle,'" Foreign Affairs.73, 6 (Nov/Dec 1994): 62-78.

Wade, Robert, "East Asia's Economic Success: Conflicting Perspectives, Partial Insights, Shaky Evidence" World Politics 44, 2 (January 1992): 270-320.

World Bank, The East Asian Miracle: Economic Growth and Public Policy (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993): esp. 1-59, 347-68.

**PART 3: THE POST-COLD WAR PERIOD**

Mar. 17: THEORY

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Introduction, Kang, Chap 4 (review), Kirshner, Chap. 8, Nau, Chap. 6

Yahuda, chap. 8

Overholt, Chaps. 1, 2, 3

Mar. 31: POWER SHIFTS

Overholt, Chaps, 4, 5, 8

Ikenberry and Moon, Chap. 2 (Goldstein)

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Chap. 1 (Christensen), 2 (Goldstein)

LaFeber, Chaps. 12 (just skim for sense of US policy shifts), 13, 14

Friedberg, Aaron, "Ripe for Rivalry?" International Security 18,3 (Winter, 1993/94) : 5-53

Apr. 7: SHIFTS BY AMERICA'S ALLIES

Ikenberry and Moon, Chap. 3, 5, 7

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Chaps 5, 9, 11

Richard L Armitage and Joseph S. Nye, "The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Getting Asia Right through 2020," Center for Strategic and International Studies, CSIS Report, February 2007

#### **PART 4: NEW CHALLENGES**

##### Apr. 14: AMERICA AFTER 9/11

Ikenberry and Moon, Introduction, Chaps. 10, 11, 12

Overholt, Chaps. 8

Yahuda, Chaps. 9, 10, 11

LaFeber, Chap. 15

##### Apr. 21: NORTH KOREA & CROSS-STRAITS

Ikenberry and Moon, Chaps 6, 9

Cha and Kang, "The Debate over North Korea," Political Science Quarterly, 119, 2 (2004): 229-254.

Overholt, 5

McDevitt, Michael "Taiwan: The Tail that Wags the Dogs," Asia Policy, 1 (Jan. 2006): 69-93.

Christensen, Thomas J. "The Contemporary Security Dilemma: Detering a Taiwan Conflict," The Washington Quarterly, 25:4 (Autumn, 2002): 7-21.

Kastner, Scott L. "Does Economic Integration Across the Taiwan Strait Make Military Conflict Less Likely?" Journal of East Asian Studies 6:3 (Sept/Dec 2006): 319-346.

##### Apr. 28: THE NEW ASIAN REGIONALISM

Ikenberry and Moon, Chap. 3, 11

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Chap. 7

Webber, Douglas. 2001. "Two Funerals and a Wedding? The Ups and Downs of Regionalism in East Asia and Asia-Pacific after the Asian Crisis." Pacific Review 14, 3.

Pempel, T.J. "Restructuring Regional Ties," in Andrew MacIntyre, T.J. Pempel, and John Ravenhill (eds.) Catalyst as Crisis. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2008): 164-180

Bowles, Paul, "Asia's Post-crisis Regionalism: Bringing the State Back in, Keeping the (United) States Out, Review of International Economy, 9, 2 (2002): 244-270.

#### May 5: LOOKING AHEAD

Overholt, Chap. 9, 10

Ikenberry and Moon, Chap. 12

Ikenberry and Mastanduno, Chap. 10 (Copeland), Conclusion

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

Nau, Henry, "From Bilateralism to Multilateralism: American Policy in East Asia," Chap. 6 in Nau, At Home Abroad. (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 2002): 152-189

Sutter, Robert, "China and Japan: Trouble Ahead?" The Washington Quarterly, 25:4 (autumn, 2002) 37-49.