

International Affairs 4360: East Asian Political Systems Fall 2009

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Mission

The primary objective of the seminar is to help the students enhance analytic ability for the study of political dynamics and policy behaviors of the most intriguing systems of East Asia (two Chinas, two Koreas, and Japan). The course examines and *compares* the major aspects and functions of political systems, processes, and changes (general patterns of similarities and differences) in each of these countries. Major contemporary issues and policies of the East Asian systems are also surveyed, with particular emphasis on how (in what ways) each government enhances its regime's claim to political legitimacy. Under the premise that foreign policies are an extension of domestic politics, the seminar also explores external behaviors and interactions between the East Asian countries through the paradigm. The East Asian systems in the context of globalization attain prominent attention in the seminar as well.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

Mid-term Exam: 35%

Final Exam: 35%

Presentation: 10%

Class Participation: 20%

Final Grade Ranges:

A 93-100, A- 90-92.99, B+ 87-89.99, B 83-86.99,
B- 80-82.99, C+ 77-79.99, C 73-76.99, C- 70-72.99,
D 60-69.99, F 0-59.99

Readings

The readings are listed in the syllabus and are and will be posted on the WebCT. The students are required to read the materials before they come to class. Students are expected to answer questions and conduct discussions based on the assigned readings. Active participation is greatly encouraged. The class is mainly composed of three sections: discussion of the current events in East Asia; lecture on the readings; class interaction (questions & answers, group discussions, etc.). In addition, each student should regularly read a newspaper (*The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* can be found on-line for no charge). Current events are a big part of the class discussions as well as of the exams and students will be expected to know about important political issues.

Mid-term (35%) & Final Exam (35%)

The exams will be based on the materials presented in class, the main text, other required readings. It will be mainly objective tests, including multiple choice questions, fill-in-the-blank short answers, and essays. The dates of the exams are contained in this syllabus. If you miss the final exam, you will fail the course. Note that there are no make-ups available for the final exam.

Presentation (10%)

A series of presentations will be scheduled throughout the semester, which will introduce the class to important current topics that go beyond the ones listed in the syllabus. At the beginning of the semester, each student will need to select the presentation topic in which he/she would like to engage. Each student engaged in the presentation is expected to have sufficient familiarity with the subject, be able to answer any questions. The details (topics and dates) of the presentations and the sign-up sheet will be handed out later.

Participation (20%)

Active participation is required for this course. Participation includes discussion of the assigned readings and other points raised in class. Keep in mind that the most interesting and exciting classes are a result of your willingness to share your own views! Your participation grade is based on the quality of your comments. You earn a “C” for basic description or summary of material, a “B” for showing an understanding of arguments and their implications, and an “A” for critically analyzing material on a regular basis. You are encouraged to bring stories to class to discuss, both as a means of keeping your classmates informed and of supplementing your participation grade. All students are expected to attend class, be on time. For each undocumented absence, you will lose 5 points off of your participation grade.

Disability Statement

If you have a physical, mental, emotional, learning or other disability that requires accommodation, please notify me and contact the Office for Disability Services within the first week of class. Disability Services will make appropriate arrangements with me based on your needs. All information regarding these matters will be kept confidential.

Academic Honesty

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” All students are responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

E-Mail Notifications

The students are expected to check their UGA e-mail frequently for class information and communicate with the instructor. I will be sending e-mail messages (including additional readings) to your UGA e-mail accounts. If you use another e-mail account as your primary e-mail address, please arrange to have your UGA e-mail forwarded.

Course Schedule

Week One (Aug 17/19/21)

Aug 17 (M): **Welcome! Course Introduction!**

Aug 19 (W): **A Paradigm of Political Development**

-- Park, Han S. 1984. *Human Needs and Political Development: A Dissent to Utopian Solution*. Cambridge, Mass: Schenkman Publishing Co. Chapter 3.

Aug 21 (F): **The CCP Revolution in Mainland China (PRC)**

-- Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2003. *Governing China: from revolution through reform*. 2nd ed. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 1 & 2.

-- Manicas, Peter. "Review Essays: States and Social Revolutions A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia, and China," By Theda Skocpol. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979.

Week Two (Aug 24/26/28)

Aug 24 (M): **The CCP Revolution Continued**

-- Lerner, Elinor. 1974. "The Chinese Peasantry and Imperialism: A Critique of Chalmers Johnson's Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power," *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, Volume: 6. Issue: 2.

-- Cause of the Chinese Revolution Competing explanations by the instructor

Aug 26 (W): **The Return of Mainland Rule in Taiwan (ROC)**

-- Roy, Denny. 2003. *Taiwan : a political history*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. Chapter 3.

Aug 28 (F): **The Return of Mainland Rule in Taiwan (ROC) Continued**

Week Three (Aug 31 & Sep 02/04)

Aug 31 (M): **The Pacific War & Japan**

-- Hane, Mikiso. 1996. *Eastern phoenix: Japan since 1945*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press. Chapter 1.

Sep 02 (W): **The Pacific War & Japan Continued**

Sep 04 (F): **Liberation and Division of Korea & the Korean War**

-- Olsen, Edward A. 2005. *Korea, the divided nation*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger Security International. Chapter 4.

Week Four (Sep 07/09/11)

Sep 07 (M): Labor Day, No Class

Sep 09 (W): **Great Leap Forward**

-- Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2003. Chapter 3 & 4.

Sep 11 (F): **Cultural Revolution**

-- Lieberthal, Kenneth. 2003. Chapter 3 & 4.

Week Five (Sep 14/16/18)

Sep 14 (M): **Japan's Government System**

-- Abe, Hitoshi, Muneyuki Shindo, and Sadafumi Kawato. 1994. *The government and politics of Japan*. Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press. Chapter 2 & 3.

Sep 16 (W): **Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution**

-- Nasu, Hitoshi. "Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution Revisited in the Light of International Law," A paper presented at the meeting of the Australian Network for Japanese Law on 22 June 2004 at the Law Faculty Building of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

Sep 18 (F): **"Juche" & "Songun" in North Korea (Guest Lecture: Professor Park)**

-- Park, Han S. 2002. *North Korea: the politics of unconventional wisdom*. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner Publishers. Chapter 2-4.

-- Park, Han S., "Military-First Politics (*Songun*): Understanding Kim Jong-il's North Korea." *Korea Economic Institute Academic Paper Series*, September 2007. Volume 2. No 7.

Week Six (Sep 21/23/25)

Sep 21 (M): **A "Democratic Republic" on trail in South Korea and Taiwan**

-- Oh, John Kie-chiang. 1999. *Korean politics: the quest for democratization and economic development*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. Chapter 2.

-- Roy, Denny. 2003. Chapter 4.

Sep 23 (W): **The developmental State & MITI in Japan**

-- Johnson, Chalmers A. 1982. *MITI and the Japanese miracle: the growth of industrial policy, 1925-1975*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. Chapter 1.

-- Curtis, Gerald L. 2002. "Politicians and Bureaucrats: What's Wrong and What's to Be Done," in Curtis, Gerald L., and Nihon Kokusai Koryu Senta. 2002. *Policymaking in Japan: defining the role of politicians*. Tokyo; New York; Washington, D.C.: Japan Center for International Exchange.

Sep 25 (F): **Flying Geese Paradigm of South Korea and Taiwan**

-- Park, YC. 1990. "Development Lessons from Asia: The Role of Government in South Korea and Taiwan." *The American Economic Review* 80 (2):118-21.

-- Beeson, M. 2004. "The Rise and Fall (?) or the Developmental State: the vicissitudes and implications of East Asian interventionism." *Developmental States: Relevancy, Redundancy Or Reconfiguration?*

Week Seven (Sep 28/30 & Oct 02)

Sep 28 (M): Democracy without competition in Japan?

-- Scheiner, Ethan. 2006. *Democracy without competition in Japan: opposition failure in a one-party dominant state*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2.
-- Pempel, TJ. 1992. "Japanese Democracy and Political Culture: A Comparative Perspective." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 25 (1):5-12.

Sep 30 (W): Democratization in South Korea and Taiwan

-- Wakabayashi, M. 1997. "Democratization of the Taiwanese and Korean Political Regimes: A Comparative Study." *The Developing Economies* 35 (4):422-39.
-- Koo, H. 2002. "Civil society and democracy in South Korea." *The Good Society* 11 (2):40-5.

Oct 02 (F): Deng Xiaoping & Economic Reforms

-- Ho, Alfred K. 2004. *China's Reforms and Reformers*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger. Chapter 4-6.

Week Eight (Oct 05/07/09)

Oct 05 (M): Economic Development vs Democracy in Mainland China

-- Mesquita, Bruce Bueno de and George W. Downs. "Development and Democracy," *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2005, pp. 77-86.
-- Gallagher, Mary E. "REFORM AND OPENNESS, Why China's Economic Reforms Have Delayed Democracy," *World Politics* 54 (April 2002), pp. 338-72.

Oct 07 (W): Who's "Hu" in the CCP & Leadership Succession

-- Wong, John, and Yongnian Zheng. 2002. *China's post-Jiang leadership succession: problems and perspectives*. Singapore River Edge, NJ: Singapore University Press. Chapter 2.

Oct 09 (F): "Intra-Party Democracy in the CCP?"

-- Li, Cheng. 2005. "The New Bipartisanship within the Chinese Communist Party." *Orbis* 49 (3):387-400.

Week Nine (Oct 12/14/16)

Oct 12 (M): Reading Day

Oct 14 (W): Mid-term Exam I: Multiple Choices and Short-Answer Questions

Oct 16 (F): Mid-term Exam II: Essay Questions

Week Ten (Oct 19/21/23)

Oct 19 (M): Is Taiwan Chinese? & “One China” policy

-- Brown, Melissa J. 2004. *Is Taiwan Chinese: the impact of culture, power, and migration on changing identities*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Chapter 1.

-- Chu, JJ. 2000. “Nationalism and Self-determination: The Identity Politics in Taiwan.” *African and Asian Studies* 35 (3):303-21.

Oct 21 (W): Minority Nationalities in China and Tibet

-- Mackerras, Colin. 2004. “China’s Minorities and National Integration” in Liew and Wang eds. *Nationalism, Democracy and National Integration in China*. London; New York : Routledge. pp. 147-169.

-- Sautman, Barry. “Resolving the Tibet Question: problems and prospects,” *Journal of Contemporary China* (2002), Vol. 11, No. 30, 77–107.

Oct 23 (F): Xinjiang Issue

-- Davis, Elizabeth Van Wie. “Uyghur Muslim Ethnic Separatism in Xinjiang, China.” *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, Spring2008, Vol. 35 Issue 1, p15-30.

Week Eleven (Oct 26/28/30)

Oct 26 (M): North Korea’s Leaders and Nuclear Issue

-- Hymans, Jacques E. C. 2008. “Assessing North Korean Nuclear Intentions and Capacities: A New Approach.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 8:259-92.

Oct 28 (W): North Korea’s Leaders and Nuclear Issue Continued (Guest Lecture: Professor Park)

Oct 30 (F): Fall Break, No Class

Week Twelve (Nov 02/04/06)

Nov 02 (M): The Blood ties of Brothers: China and North Korea

-- Moore, GJ. 2008. “How North Korea threatens China's interests: understanding Chinese’ duplicity on the North Korean nuclear issue.” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 8 (1):1-29.

Nov 04 (W): Two South Koreas?

-- Hahm, C. 2005. “The Two South Koreas: A House Divided.” *The Washington Quarterly* 28 (3):57–72.

-- Chae, Haesook and Steven Kim. “Conservatives and Progressives in South Korea.” *The Washington Quarterly*, Autumn 2008, 31:4 pp. 77–95.

-- Sonn, Hochul. “Regional Cleavage in Korean Politics and Elections.” *Korea Journal*, Summer, 2003, pp. 32-54.

Nov 06 (F): **The U.S.-South Korean Alliance**

-- Cheon, Seongwhun. 2007. "North Korea and the ROK-U.S. Security Alliance." *Armed Forces & Society* 34 (1):5-28.

Week Thirteen (Nov 09/11/13)

Nov 09 (M): **The Rise of Mainland China: A dangerous dragon or a cute teddy bear?**

-- Goldstein, A. 2007. "Power transitions, institutions, and China's rise in East Asia: Theoretical expectations and evidence." *Journal of Strategic Studies* 30 (4-5):639-82.

Nov 11 (W): **The U.S.-Japan Alliance**

-- Wright, A, and MO Hague. 2007. "The US-Japan Alliance: Sustaining the Transformation." *Storming Media*.

Nov 13 (F): **Reunification of two Koreas**

-- Kim, Samuel S. 2004. *Inter-Korean relations: problems and prospects*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. Chapter 1 & 11.

-- Woo, Seongji. 2003. "South Korea's Search for a Unification Strategy." *Orbis* 47 (3):511-25.

Week Fourteen (Nov 16/18/20)

Nov 16 (M): **The Yasukuni Shrine dispute in Japan**

-- Shibuichi, Daiki. "The Yasukuni Shrine Dispute and the Politics of Identity in Japan: Way All the Fuss?" *Asian Survey*, 2005, Vol. 45, Issue 2, pp. 197-215.

Nov 18 (W): **Japan and South Korea: Close Neighbors but Distant Friends**

-- Bukh, A. 2007. "Japan's History Textbooks Debate: National Identity in Narratives of Victimhood and Victimization." *Asian Survey* 47 (5):683-704.

-- Magbadelo, JO. 2006. "Japan and the Two Koreas: Challenges and Prospects of Confidence-Building." *INDIA QUARTERLY* 62 (2):151-73.

Nov 20 (F): **Sino-Japanese Rivalry**

-- HE, Y. 2007. "History, Chinese Nationalism and the Emerging Sino-Japanese Conflict." *Journal of Contemporary China* 16 (50):1-24.

-- Suzuki, S. 2007. "The importance of 'Othering' in China's national identity: Sino Japanese relations as a stage of identity conflicts." *The Pacific Review* 20 (1):23-47.

Week Fifteen (Nov 23/25/27)

Happy Thanksgiving! No Class

Week Sixteen (Nov 30 & Dec 02/04)

Nov 30 (M): Territorial Disputes in East Asia

- Fern, S. 2005. "Tokdo or Takeshima? The International Law of Territorial Acquisition in the Japan-Korea Island Dispute." *Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs* 5 (1):78-89.
- Pan, Z. 2007. "Sino-Japanese Dispute over the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands: The Pending Controversy from the Chinese Perspective." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 12 (1):71-92.

Dec 02 (W): Is Human Rights Universal? Cases of Mainland China

- Tharoor, S. 2000. "Are Human Rights Universal?" *WORLD POLICY JOURNAL* 16 (4):1-6.
- Qi, Zhou. 2005. "Conflicts over Human Rights between China and the US." *Human Rights Quarterly* 27 (1):105-24.

Dec 04 (F): Human Rights in North Korea

- Lankov, A. 2004. "North Korean Refugees in Northeast China." *Asian Survey* 44 (6):856-73.

Week Seventeen (Dec 07/08)

Dec 07 (M): Wrap-up Secession

Dec 08 (T): Last Class! Final Exam Review

Final Exam (Dec 14)

Dec 14 (M): 08:00-11:00 AM

Note: This course syllabus is a general plan for the course: deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Presentation # 7: (Oct 21, W)
Dalai Lama and “Tibet independence”

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Presentation # 8: (Oct 23, F)
Rebiya Kadeer and “Uyghurs” in Xinjiang

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Presentation # 9: (Oct 26, M)
Kim Il Sung & Kim Jong Il

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Presentation # 10 (Nov 06, F)
Anti-American Sentiment in South Korea

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Presentation # 11: (Nov 16, M)
Yasukuni Shrine

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Presentation # 12: (Nov 18, W)
“Comfort woman” issue

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Presentation # 13: (Nov 30, M)
Territorial disputes: Tokdo/Takeshima”

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Presentation # 14: (Dec 02, W)
Falun Gong (法輪功)

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