

EAST ASIAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (GOVT 50)



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Tu Th 2:00-3:50pm; X-hr. Wed. 4:15-5:05pm

Office Hours: Wed 3-5pm

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Course Description and Objectives. This course has three goals: (1) to introduce students to salient issues in East Asian international politics; (2) to situate current events within a historical context, and (3) to provide students with analytic tools to analyze contemporary issues. We begin with an examination of the regional balance of power: what is power, who has it, and how is the balance of power shifting? We then focus on the military relations between key countries, assessing the conventional and nuclear balance of power, and the prospects for stable deterrence. We next move to the realm of ideas, where we explore how history and national identities affect the security strategies of states, and how they affect regional relations. We will then consider the prospects for a “liberal peace” in the region, made possible through increasing economic interdependence and through democratization. The course ends with a discussion of future American strategy toward the East Asian region.

Readings. Readings are drawn from academic journals, the popular press, and book excerpts. Readings not located in required books are posted on Blackboard. You should purchase the following books (available at Wheelock Books or online booksellers). Both are on reserve at Baker Library.

Warren I. Cohen, *East Asia At the Center* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000).

Susan Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower* (Oxford: 2007).

Requirements

Class participation	10%
1 mid-term examination (in-class, July 24)	30%
1 policy paper, due at latest on August 8	25%
Final exam (Sunday, August 24, 8am)	35%

Regular class participation is strongly encouraged. Based on your participation I may “bump up” your grade if you are on the edge of two grades.

Class Meetings and Office Hours. The class meets in the 2A slot (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00pm to 3:50pm). Students must also be available during the X-hour period (Wed 4:15pm–5:05pm), in which office hours and occasional class meetings may be held. Office hours are Wednesdays, 3:00–5pm, in 203 Silsby.

Policies. Class attendance is mandatory. Students should make sure that travel plans do not coincide with exams or paper deadlines; extensions or makeups will only be made in case of illness or emergency. If you have a sudden illness before an exam, no makeup will be given unless you contact your class Dean, and ask him/her to contact me to confirm that you have a legitimate excuse for missing the exam. The Dean will contact your doctor and should confirm to me 1) that you were seen about your illness, and 2) that your medical situation was serious enough that you were unable to take an exam or meet a paper deadline. I need no specific information about your condition.

Disabilities. If you have a disability and require accommodations, please contact me within the first two weeks of class so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Plagiarism. Plagiarism will not be tolerated; at a minimum it will result in a “F” grade for the course. Plagiarism is “a piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work.” This includes ideas as well as specific phrases, sentences or paragraphs. For guidelines see <https://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/index.html>.

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Course Schedule and Reading List

TH June 19 **NO CLASS**

TU June 24 **NO CLASS**

Read: Jack Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy* (Nov/Dec 2004), 10 pp.

I. The Distribution of Power

TH June 26 *Fundamentals of Social Science Theory*
Unipolarity and the Regional Balance of Power

William Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (Summer 1999), **Excerpt, pp. 9-22.**

Jennifer Lind, "Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security Policy," *International Security* Vol. 29, No. 1 (Fall 2004), **Excerpt, pp. 94-101.**

Avery Goldstein, *Rising to the Challenge*, pp. 49-75

Mark Haas, "America's Golden Years?" *Boston Globe*, August 30, 2007.

Recommended:

Nicholas Eberstadt, "Power and Population in Asia," *Policy Review*, No. 123 (Feb/March 2004).

TU July 1 *China's Rise*

Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower*, Chapter 2.

Zbigniew Brzezinski and John J. Mearsheimer, "Debate: Clash of the Titans," *Foreign Policy*, no. 146 (Jan/Feb 2005), pp. 46-50.

Zheng Bijian, "Peacefully Rising to Great Power Status," *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2005, pp. 18-24.

Evan Medeiros and M. Taylor Fravel, "China's New Diplomacy," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 6 (November/December 2003), pp. 22-35

Recommended:

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001), Chapter 10.

II. Conventional Deterrence

TH July 3 *Deterrence in the Taiwan Strait*

Shirk, *Fragile Superpower*, Chapters 3 and 7.

Robert S. Ross, "Navigating the Taiwan Strait," *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Fall 2002), pp. 48-85.

David Shambaugh, "A Matter of Time: Taiwan's Eroding Military Advantage," *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (Spring 2000).

David A. Shlapak, et. al., *Dire Strait? Military Aspects of the China-Taiwan Confrontation and Options for U.S. Policy* (RAND, 2000). **Read summary, pp. xi - xx.**

[1979 Joint Communiqué](#)

[1979 Taiwan Relations Act](#)

TU July 8

Deterrence on the Korean Peninsula

Cohen, *East Asia at the Center*, pp. 383-390.

Nick Beldecos and Eric Heginbotham, "The Conventional Military Balance in Korea," *Breakthroughs* (Spring 1995), pp. 1-9.

David Kang, "North Korea: Deterrence through Danger," in Muthiah Alagappa, ed. *Asian Security Practice: Material and Ideational Influences* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998), pp. 234-263.

W July 9
X-HOUR

Inside the Hermit Kingdom

Bruce Cumings, *North Korea: Another Country*, Chapter 1.

Video in class: "North Korea: A Day in the Life"

TH July 10

Toward Korean Unification

Nicholas Eberstadt, "The Coming Collapse of North Korea," *Wall Street Journal*, June 26, 1990.

Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland, *Famine in North Korea*, pp. 221-228 (read from "Predictions of Collapse" to end of section).

David Shambaugh, "China and the Korean Peninsula: Playing for the Long Term," *Washington Quarterly*, 26:2 (Spring 2003), pp. 43-56.

Paul Bracken, "How to Think About Korean Unification," *Orbis*, Vol. 42, No. 3 (Summer 1998).

III. Nuclear Deterrence

TU July 15

Nuclear Weapons and Regional Stability

Guest Lecturer: Prof. Daryl Press, Dept. of Government

Keir Lieber and Daryl Press, "Superiority Complex: Why America's Growing Nuclear Supremacy May Make War with China More Likely," *Atlantic*, July 2007 (5 pp)

Shirk, *Fragile Superpower*, pp. 245-247.

TH July 17

Nuclear Proliferation to North Korea

Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate*
Read Waltz, pp. 3-23; 38-45; Sagan, pp. 46-82. (63 pp)

Sheena Chestnut, "Illicit Activity and Proliferation," *International Security*, Summer 2007, read pp. 80-83; 93-97; skim rest. (7 pp)

David C. Kang and Victor D. Cha, "The Korea Crisis," *Foreign Policy*, no. 136 (May/June 2003), pp. 20-28.

Shirk, *Fragile Superpower*, pp. 123-127.

TU July 22 *Review for Midterm AND How to Write a Paper*

TH July 24 *Midterm Exam (in class)*

IV. Ideas and Identity

TU July 29 *Norms and Japanese Security Policy*

Cohen, *East Asia At the Center*, pp. 280-291; 303-310; Chapter 11; 370-376.
Christopher W. Hughes, "Japan's Re-emergence as a 'Normal' Military Power," *Adelphi Paper* 368-9, 2004, Chapters 1 and 2.
Thomas U. Berger, "From Sword to Chrysanthemum: Japan's Culture of Anti-militarism," *International Security*, Vol. 17, No. 4. (Spring 1993), pp. 119-150
Jennifer Lind, "Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security Policy," *International Security* Vol. 29, No. 1 (Fall 2004), pp. 92-121.

TH July 31 *Memory and Identity*

Review Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories" on constructivism.
Robert Jervis, "Perceiving and Coping with Threat," in *Psychology and Deterrence* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins), pp. 13-34.
John Garver, "The Legacy of the Past," from *Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China*; read p. 1 to top of p. 15.
Shirk, "The Burden of History," in *Fragile Superpower*, pp. 153-158.
Steven Benfell, "Why Can't Japan Apologize?" *Harvard Asia Quarterly* (2002).

TU August 5 *Class Debate: Yasukuni Shrine*

Read 10 articles on this topic from Lexis-Nexis
Thomas Christensen, "China, the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia," *International Security* (**Excerpt**: read "Why China Would Fear a Stronger Japan" pp. 52-55.
Yinan He, "Remembering and Forgetting the War," *History & Memory* (2007), pp. 43-67.
Jennifer Lind, "Apologies in International Politics," *Security Studies* (forthcoming 2008).

******Policy Paper assignment is due at latest on August 8, 4:00pm, Govt Dept Office (211 Silsby) ******

V. A Liberal Peace in East Asia?

TH August 7 *Economic Interdependence*

Richard Rosecrance, *The Rise of the Trading State* (New York: Basic Books, 1986), Excerpt, pp. 136-150.
Eugene Gholz and Daryl G. Press, "Paying to Keep the Peace," *Regulation*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (Spring 2003), pp. 40-44.
Stephen Brooks, *Producing Security* (Introduction, p. 1-13).
Shirk, *Fragile Superpower*, pp. 24-28.
"Going for the Jugular," *Economist*, June 10, 2004. **MORE BELOW**

Read at least ONE of the following:

Karen M. Sutter, "Business Dynamism Across the Taiwan Strait: the Implications for Cross-Strait Relations," *Asian Survey* XLII: 3 (May/June 2002), pp. 522-540.

John S. Park, "How China Can Bring Sunshine to Korea," *Far Eastern Economic Review*, June 2006, pp. 29-31.

Andrei Lankov, "Pyongyang: Rules of Engagement," *Pacific Review*, Vol. 16, No. 4 (2003).

TU August 12

Energy Competition

Vijay Vaitheeswaran, "Think Again: Oil," *Foreign Policy*, Nov/December 2007.

Shirk, *Fragile Superpower*, pp. 134-138; pp. 249-251 (on UNOCAL).

Michael Klare, "The New Geography of Conflict," *Foreign Affairs*, 2001.

Erica Downs, "The Chinese Energy Security Debate," *China Quarterly* (2004), pp. 21-41.

James Traub, "China's African Adventure," *New York Times Magazine*, November 19, 2006 (8pp)

TH August 14

Democratization

John L. Thornton, "Long Time Coming: the Prospects for Democracy in China," *Foreign Affairs*, (Jan/Feb 2008).

Elizabeth Economy, "Don't Break the Engagement," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 83, No. 3 (May/June 2004), pp. 96-109.

Bruce Russett, "Peace Among Democracies," *Scientific American* (1993).

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "The Perilous Path to the Democratic Peace," from *Electing to Fight*, Chapter 1 (10 pg)

Jennifer Lind, "Democratization and Stability in East Asia," Article ms.

TU August 19

East Asia and the Future of American Grand Strategy

Victor Cha, "Winning Asia," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 86, No. 6 (Nov/Dec 2007), pp. 98-113.

John Ikenberry, "America's Imperial Ambition: the Lures of Preemption," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 81, No. 5 (September/Oct 2002).

Christopher Layne, "China's Challenge to U.S. Hegemony," *Current History* (January 2008), pp. 13-18.

Review Gholz and Press (see August 7)

FINAL EXAM: Sunday, August 24th at 8:00am