

Syllabus POSC 370C
The United States and Asia
Spring 2016
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Course Objectives

This course will provide students essential background for understanding the complexities of U.S. relations with three East Asian countries and with East Asia as a region. China, Japan and a divided Korea, along with the region itself, will shape American life in the years ahead. This understanding includes an historical overview of U.S. interaction with these countries in a context of national security and commercial relations. The course will examine relations with each country during the Cold War as well as bilateral relations between the United States and each country in the post Cold War period.

The final portion of the course will consider key issues facing the world today: Security, trade, natural resources, and the environment, and how the U.S. and each country grapples with these challenges.

Requirements

Student evaluation will come from examinations based on readings and lectures, from weekly quizzes, and from class attendance and participation in three Seminar Question sessions. Accordingly, students are expected to attend all classes and to keep up with essential reading. If you cannot attend class, send an e-mail explaining that *in advance*.

Grades will be based on:

- Class Attendance and Seminar Question Sessions On February 11, March 1 and April 19. **(20%)**.
- Eight quizzes given on Tuesdays (except after holidays) **(20%)**. The lowest score is dropped.
- A take-home Mid-Term Exam distributed February 25 and due March 3 **(20%)**.
- A Take-Home Final Exam distributed April 21 and due May 1 **(40%)**.

Written assignments and communication should be e-mailed to pes15@case.edu.

NOTE: Exams more than one week late will receive a failing grade.

Incompletes are not given (except for serious health reasons).

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Room 315 Mather House, or by appointment. I am always available.

Disabilities:

Students with disabilities, or who experience acute illness or injury that may prevent them from successfully taking typical written exams should make arrangements for alternative formats through the Coordinator of Disability Services in Educational Service for Students, Sears Hall Room 470, 216-368-5230.

Drop

If you drop the course, please afford the courtesy of telling me so.

Reading:

Books available for purchase at the University Bookstore are:

Immanuel C. Y. Hsü: *The Rise of Modern China*, 6th Edition, Oxford University Press, 2000, ISBN 0-19-512504-5

Andrew Gordon: *Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present*, Oxford University Press, 2003. ISBN 0-19-511061-7

Robert G. Sutter: *The United States and Asia: Regional Dynamics and Twenty-First Century Relations*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4422-2633-3

Note there are two books by Robert Sutter used in this course. The first includes chapters on BlackBoard and is titled *The United States in Asia*. The second, available for purchase, is titled *The United States and Asia*. Note the difference.

Assignments marked with * are available on Blackboard.

Tentative Schedule

(subject to change)

Examining East Asia

January 12, 2016: The Need to Think Differently: Confucianism & Collectivism

Reading: ***Lucian Pye**, Chs 2 & 3

Assessing America in East Asia

January 14, 2016: Regional Dynamics and American East Asia Policy: America in Decline?

Reading: ***Robert Sutter**: *The United States in Asia*, Introduction and Chapter 5.
Robert Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Introduction and Chapter 2.
***G. John Ikenberry**: *The United States and Northeast Asia*, Chapter 1.
***Ian Johnson & Jackie Calmes**: "As U.S. Looks to Asia, It Sees China Everywhere" in *The New York Times*, Nov. 15, 2011.
***Bonnie Glaser & Lyle Morris**: "Chinese Perceptions of U.S. Decline and Power" in *The Jamestown Foundation: China Brief, Vol. 9: Issue 14*, July 9, 2009.

Incursion From the West

January 19 Colonialism in Japan, Korea, and China

Reading ***Beasley**, Chs 1-2
Gordon, pp. 46-54
***Pratt**, Chapters 6.
Hsü, Chs 7-9.

January 21 The Asian Response

Reading: ***Beasley**, Chs 3, 5, 11 & 12
Gordon: Chs 5-8
Hsü, Ch 11, Ch 12 (pp. 297-305) & Chs 13-14.
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***Pratt**, Chapter 7, pp. 209-226

East Asia as The Second Front in the Cold War

January 26 **Occupation of Japan**

Reading: ***Beasley**, Chs 13 & 14
 Gordon: Ch 13

January 28 **Civil War in China**

Reading: **Hsü** Ch. 25

February 2, **War in Korea**

Reading: ***Whiting**, Chs 1-3 & 8-9
 ***Judge & Langdon**, Ch 7
 ***Pratt**, Chapter 8

February 4, 2014 **Vietnam & East Asia**

Reading: ***Judge & Langdon** Ch 11

February 9 **China Isolated**

Reading: ***Lorenz Lüthi**, Chapter 2
 * **Chen Jian**: *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Chapter 3
 ***William Joseph, ed.:** *Politics in China*, 2010 Chapter 5
 * **Les Gelb**: "A New Anti-American Axis" in *The New York Times*, July 6, 2013.

February 10 **First seminar questions due via pes15@case.edu**

February 11 **Discussion of First Seminar questions**

Bilaterals

February 16 **Chinese Patterns of Behavior**

Reading: ***Ezra Vogel**: Introduction in *Living With China*
 ***Lampton**, Ch 1 in *Same Bed, Different Dreams*
 ***Zhang Biwu**: "Chinese Perceptions of American Power, 1991 - 2004" in *Asian Survey*, Vol. XLV, No. 5, September/October 2005.

February 18 The Grand Bargain With China

Reading: ***Judge & Langdon**, pp 225-226
 Hsü, Ch 30
 Chen Jian: *Mao's China and the Cold War*, Chapter 9
 Robert Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Chapter 5

February 23 Paradigm Shift in Japan

Reading: ***Steven Kent Vogel**, “The San Francisco System at Fifty” in Vogel: *U.S.-Japan Relations in a Changing World*.
 ***Michael J. Green** “The Balance of Power” in Vogel.
 ***William Grimes**: “Economic Performance” in Vogel.
 ***Keith Nitta**: “Paradigms” in Vogel
 Gordon: Chs 15 & 16
 Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Chapter 7

February 25 U.S.-South Korean & U.S.-North Korean Relations

Reading: ***Ikenberry** Chapter 5 & 6
 Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Chapter 6.

Take-Home Midterm Distribution

Midterm Due March 3 via pes15@case.edu

February 29 Second Seminar Questions Due

March 1 Discussion of Second Seminar Questions

March 7-11 -- Spring Break

East Asian Issues

March 15, 2012 **East Asian Economic Development: Trade**

- Reading:*
- ***Ming Wan** Ch 2 & 8
 - Gordon:** Pages 314-332
 - ***Charles Freeman:** “The Commercial and Economic Relationship” in David Shambaugh: *Tangled Titans*, Chapter 8.
 - Robert G. Sutter:** *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 4.
 - ***Neil Irwin:** “Why Did China Devalue Its Currency? Two Big Reasons” in *The New York Times*, August 11, 2015.
 - ***Peter Evans:** “Global Selling Shows Concerns About China’s Weakness” in *The New York Times*, August 11, 2015.
 - Landon Thomas Jr.:** “Investors Race to Escape Risk in Once-Booming Emerging Market Bonds” in *The New York Times*, August 22, 2015.
 - Keith Bradsher:** “China’s Renminbi Approved by I.M.F. as Main World Currency” in *The New York Times*, November 30, 2015.

March 17 **The Politics of Energy & the Environment**

- Reading:*
- ***Yergin:** Chapter 13 (read first, then Chapters 9 & 10)
 - ***John Broder:** “At Climate Talks, a Familiar Standoff Between U.S. and China” in *The New York Times*, December 8, 2011
 - ***David Jolly & Chris Buckley:** “US and China find convergence on climate,” in *The New York Times*, November 21, 2013
 - ***Elizabeth Economy & Michael Levi:** *By All Means Necessary*” Chs 1 & 3

Suggested Reading

Elizabeth Economy: *The River Runs Black*, 2nd edition.

March 22 **The South & East China Seas**

- Reading*
- Ben Blanchard & Andrea Shalal:** “Angry China Shadows U.S. Warship Near Man-Made Islands,” *Reuters*, October 28, 2015.
 - Barbara Bean:** “Law of the Sea” updated April 27, 2015.

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6yzz1_VZSQ

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8qo3h50OHc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yLf7NjKXjg>

YouTube: <http://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2015/10/27/south-china-sea-islands-us-destroyer-beeper-sciutto-nr.cnn>

American Priorities in East Asia

March 24, 2014 **United States and Taiwan**

Reading: ***Robert Sutter:** *U.S. - China Relations*, Chapter 10

March 29 **Evolving U.S. Priorities With Korea & Japan**

Reading: ***Robert Sutter:** *The United States in Asia*, Ch 2 (pp. 60-79) & Ch 3 (pp. 85-101)
***Takashi Inoguchi & Paul Bacon:** "Rethinking Japan as an Ordinary Country" in **Ikenberry**, *The United States and Northeast Asia*.
***Oberdorfer** Ch. 4
* **Choe Sang-Hun:** "U.S. Asks China to Press North Korea to Avoid Military Provocation" in *The New York Times*, January 6, 2012.

March 31 **The Pivot: Reengagement & China's Reaction**

Reading: ***Hillary Clinton**, "America's Pacific Century" in *Foreign Policy*, November 2011.
Robert Ross: "The Problem With the Pivot" in *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2012.
Kevin Rudd: "Beyond the Pivot" in *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2013.
***Matt Schiavenza:** "What Exactly Does It Mean That the U.S. Is Pivoting To Asia?" in *The Atlantic*, April 13, 2013
G. John Ikenberry: "The Rise of China, the United States, and the Future of the Liberal International Order in David Shambaugh: *Tangled Titans*, Chapter 3.
Jackie Calmes: "Trans-Pacific Partnership is Reached, but Faces Scrutiny in Congress," *The New York Times*, October 5, 2015
Jane Perlez: "U.S. Allies in Asia Welcome Trans-Pacific Partnership as a Victory," in *The New York Times*, October 6, 2015.

April 5 **Security Issues,**

Reading ***Lampton**, Ch 2 in *Same Bed*
***Mochizuki**, Ch 4 in Krause
***Ikenberry**, Ch. 7

April 7 **NO CLASS**

April 12 The Japanese Challenge

Reading: ***Eamonn Fingleton**, "The Myth of Japan's Failure" in *The New York Times*,
January 8, 2012
 ***Beasley**, Chs 15-17
 Gordon, Ch 14

April 14 The Chinese Challenge

Reading: ***Kenneth Lieberthal & Wang Jisi**: *Addressing U.S. -- China Strategic
Distrust*, Brookings, March 2012.
 Andrew Nathan: "How China Sees America" in *Foreign Affairs*,
September/October 2012.
 ***Ming Wan** Ch 3, pp. 59-70 & 78-87..

April 18 Third Seminar Questions Due

April 19 Discussion of Third Seminar Questions

**April 21 Course Review
Take-Home final distributed.**

May 1 Take-Home Fine Essay due via pes15@case.edu by 5 p.m.