

Syllabus POSC 370C
The United States and Asia
Spring 2020
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Main Idea: American diplomacy and war in East Asia.

Enduring Understandings:

Understanding the complexities of U.S. relations with three East Asian countries and with East Asia as a region.

Learning Objectives: Assessment of your work will depend on how well you prepare in advance of each class.

Understand: Essential background of China, Japan and a divided Korea, along with the region itself and how these nations will shape American life in the years ahead.

Analyze: 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.

Consider key issues facing the world today: Security, trade, natural resources, and the environment.

Assessment:

Assessment (grades) will be based on:

- Class Attendance and analytical periodic seminar questions. **(25%)**.
- An in-class mid-term exam on March 3 is multiple choice and/or true and false **(35%)**.
- An in-class final exam in May (date to be determined) is multiple choice and/or true and false **(40%)**.

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

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

Office Hours: Thursday from 1-2 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

Richard McGregor: *Asia's Reckoning*, 2017, Penguin Books, ISBN 9780399-56269-3

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

David Shambaugh, ed.: *Tangled Titans: The United States and China*, Rowman & Littlefield 2013. ISBN978-1-4422-1970-0.

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

Reading assignments marked with * are available on Canvas

Tentative Schedule

(subject to change)

Examining East Asia

January 14, 2020

American Approaches to Foreign Policy

Reading

***Stephen Walt:** *The Hell of Good Intentions*, Introduction & Chapter 1

Gideon Rachman: *Easternization: Asia's Rise and America's Decline*, Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2.

January 16, 2018:

The Need to Think Differently: Confucianism & Collectivism

Reading:

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

Assessing America in East Asia

January 21,

Regional Dynamics and American East Asia Policy: America in Decline?

Reading:

Robert Sutter: *The United States and Asia*, Introduction and Chapter 2.

Richard McGregor: *Asia's Reckoning*, Introduction

***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 23 & 28 Colonialism in Japan, Korea, and China

Reading

***Beasley**, Chs 1-2

Gordon, pp. 46-54

***Pratt**, Chapters 6.

Hsü, Chs 7-9.

January 30 & Feb. 4 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.
 : ***Pratt**, Chapter 7, pp. 209-226

February 6 Seminar Questions

East Asia as The Second Front in the Cold War

February 11 Occupation of Japan

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

February 13 Civil War in China

Reading: **Hsü** Ch. 25

February 18, War in Korea

Reading: ***Chen Jian**: *China's Road to the Korean War*, Columbia
 University Press, 1994. Chapters 5-7
 ***Judge & Langdon**, Ch 7
 ***Pratt**, Chapter 8

February 20 Vietnam & East Asia

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

February 25 Seminar Questions

February 27 Midterm Review

March 3 MIDTERM

March 5 No Class

March 9-13 Spring Break

March 17 China Isolated

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

Bilaterals

March 19 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
 * **Film**: The Week That Changed the World.

March 24 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

March 26 U.S.-South Korean & U.S.-North Korean Relations

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

March 31 Seminar Questions

East Asian Issues

April 2, 2020 **East Asian Economic Development: Trade**

Reading: ***Ming Wan** Ch 2 & 8
 Gordon: Pages 314-332

April 7, 2020 **The Politics of Energy**

Reading: ***Yergin:** Chapter 13 (read first, then Chapters 9 & 10
 ***Elizabeth Economy & Michael Levi:** *By All Means Necessary*”
 Chs 1, 3 & 4

April 9 **The South China Sear and Hong Kong**

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.
 Film: The Hague Rules China Has No Right to the South China Sea

American Priorities in East Asia

April 14, 2020 **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

April 16, 2020 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

April 21 The East Asian 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
 ***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 23,, 2020 *It Does Not Reboot*
 Paul Schroeder's Last Lecture**

May In-Class Final Exam