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:


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 Intensions, Introduction & Chapter 1

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.

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

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

*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 Sea and Hong Kong

*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 Inoguch & 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.  
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:  
*Beasley*, Chs 15-17  
Gordon, Ch 14  
*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