

# **Seminar on East Asia**

**Spring 2020, Prof. Philip Yang, philipyang101@gmail.com**

## **AIMS**

- This course is designed to serve as a major course for graduate and undergraduate International Relations students, but is also open to other students with a background or interest in studies of Asia.
- Its emphasis is on contemporary Asia, from current Asian economic development and integration, to bilateral and sub-regional issues.
- Lecture, presentation, and discussion on topics of modern Asia, including economic and political as well as cultural and historical aspects.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Class attendance, active participation in discussion, and all readings are required.
- In-class presentation: You should make at least two in-class presentations, and, if necessary, work closely with other classmates to prepare for the presentations.
- Short 2-page papers: You should submit SIX short 2-page papers, which focus on the analysis and comments on the scheduled topics that you choose. You are expected to submit two papers each month in March, April, and May.
- If you are ill and not able to come the class, you should send an explanatory email to me/teaching assistant BEFORE lecture. In Fairness: Absences (beyond one) are excused only for documented illness.

## **GRADING:**

- Presentations: 20%
- Six 2-page papers: 60%
- Attendance and participation: 20%

## **SCHEDULE**

- 2/18 Introduction: Asian Century?**
- 2/25 Asian Economic Integration: From APEC to RCEP**
- 3/03 China's Economic Reform and China Power**
- 3/10 Belt and Road Initiative: Meaning and Impact**
- 3/17 US in Asia: Economic and Security Interests**
- 3/24 US-China Trade War: Trump Set This Up?**
- 3/31 Japan's Economy and US-Japan Security Alliance**
- 4/07 Japan-South Korea Relations**
- 4/14 Southeast Asia: Regional Powerhouse and Conductor**
- 4/21 Incredible India: Modi and India's Asian trade strategy**
- 4/28 South China Sea and Maritime Security in the Asia-Pacific**
- 5/05 North Korea Nuclear Threat**
- 5/12 Women in Asia**
- 5/19 Youth in Asia**
- 5/26 Asian Mega-Cities**
- 6/02 Tech Innovation and AI in Asia**
- 6/09 Conclusion: Asian Century**