

East Asia Seminar

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AIMS

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- You are expected to read most the readings before the class and active participate in class discussion. Class attendance, active participation in discussion, and most 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.
- Term paper: You should submit a term paper, with no less than 8 pages in content, focusing on the analysis and comments on the topic that you consult with the Professor. You are expected to make a presentation and submit the paper at the end of the semester.
- If you are ill and not able to come the class, you should send an explanatory email to me/teaching assistant BEFORE class.

GRADING:

- One term paper: 50%
- Presentations: 30%
- Attendance and participation: 20%

SCHEDULE

- 2/19 Introduction**
- 2/26 Asian Economic Integration**
- 3/04 CPTPP and RCEP**
- 3/11 Asian Century? Rise of Asia**
- 3/18 China's Economic and Military Power**
- 3/25 China's Global Strategy and Belt and Road Initiative**
- 4/01 US in Asia: Biden's Indo-Pacific Strategy**
- 4/08 US-China Relations: Trade War and Tech War**
- 4/15 US-China Relations: A New Cold War?**
- 4/22 Taiwan-US-China Relations**
- 4/29 Japan: Economy and US-Japan Alliance**
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- 5/13 Maritime Security and South China Sea**
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- 5/27 Conclusion / Paper Presentations**

2/19 Introduction

2/26 Asian Economic Integration

- Asean Economic Integration Report 2023, Asian Development Bank, at https://aric.adb.org/pdf/aeir/AEIR2023_highlights.pdf
- Drysdale, Peter; Garnaut, Ross, “The Pacific: An Application of a General Theory of Economic Integration,” ANU Crawford School of Public Policy, November 2022, at <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/258413>

3/04 RCEP and CPTPP

- Cyn-Young Park, Peter Petri, Michael G Plummer, “Economic Implications of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership for Asia and the Pacific,” Economic Working Paper, Asian Development Bank, Oct. 2021, at <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/740991/ewp-639-regional-comprehensive-economic-partnership.pdf>
- About CPTPP, Global Affairs Canada, at https://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/cptpp-ptpgp/about_cptpp-propos_ptpgp.aspx?lang=eng

3/11 Asian Century? Rise of Asia

- Asia 2050: Realizing the Asian Century, Asian Development Bank, at <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/28608/asia2050-executive-summary.pdf>
- Martin Wolf, “The Myth of the Asian Century,” Financial Times, June 7, 2023, at <https://www.ft.com/content/4a779440-acd5-42dc-912c-6ff804d4ddb0>
- The Asian Century: Underreported yet Undeniable, Beijing Review, July 2023, at https://www.bjreview.com/Opinion/Voice/202307/t20230731_800338219.html

3/18 China’s Economic and Military Power

- Wayne M. Morrison, “China’s Economic Rise: History, Trends, Challenges, and Implications for the United States,” Congressional Research Service, February 5, 2018, at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33534.pdf>

- Chu Yun-han, “It’s Time to See China for the Emerging Reformist Power It Is,” *Global Asia*, June 2020, at https://www.globalasia.org/v15no2/cover/its-time-to-see-china-for-the-emerging-reformist-power-it-is_chu-yun-han
- Military and Security Developments Involving the PRC, 2023, Annual Report to Congress, Office of the Secretary of Defense, at <https://media.defense.gov/2023/Oct/19/2003323409/-1/-1/1/2023-MILITARY-AND-SECURITY-DEVELOPMENTS-INVOLVING-THE-PEOPLES-REPUBLIC-OF-CHINA.PDF>

3/25 China’s Global Strategy and Belt and Road Initiative

- “China’s Major Countries Diplomacy,” Contemporary International Relations, 2020 No. 2, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), at <http://www.cicir.ac.cn/UpFiles/file/20200529/6372633918259312732554463.pdf>
- China’s Massive Belt and Road Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations, Feb. 2023, at <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounders/chinas-massive-belt-and-road-initiative>
- “The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future,” Oct. 2023, at <https://www.beltandroad.gov.hk/whitepaper.html>

4/01 US in Asia: Biden’s Indo-Pacific Strategy

- Marking One Year Since the Release of the Administration’s Indo-Pacific Strategy, US Department of State, Feb. 2023, at <https://www.state.gov/marking-one-year-since-the-release-of-the-administrations-indo-pacific-strategy/>
- Zongyou Wei, “The Biden Administration’s Indo-Pacific Strategy and its Impacts on Asia-Pacific Order,” *East Asian Affairs*, April, 2023, at <https://www.worldscientific.com/doi/epdf/10.1142/S2737557922500085>

4/08 US-China Relations: Trade War and Tech War

- US-China Trade War, Peterson Institute of International Economics, at <https://www.piie.com/research/trade-investment/us-china-trade-war>
- Chip wars: how semiconductors became a flashpoint in the US-China relationship, *The Guardian*, July 2023, at <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/jul/05/chip-wars-how-semiconductors-became-a-flashpoint-in-the-us-china-relationship>

- Why the United States Is Losing the Tech War With China, Lawfare, Jan. 2024, at <https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/why-the-united-states-is-losing-the-tech-war-with-china>

4/15 US-China Relations: A New Cold War?

- Should the US pursue a new Cold War with China? Brookings Institute, Sep. 2023, at <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/should-the-us-pursue-a-new-cold-war-with-china/>
- Wang Jisi, “America and China Are Not Yet in a Cold War,” Foreign Affairs, Nov. 23, 2023, at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/america-and-china-are-not-yet-cold-war>
- “Beat China: Targeted Decoupling and the Economic Long War,” Office of Senator Tom Cotton, February 2021, at https://www.cotton.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/210216_1700_China%20Report_FIN_AL.pdf

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- “Strained US-China Relations and the Growing Threat to Taiwan,” Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment 2023, IISS, at <https://www.iiss.org/publications/strategic-dossiers/asia-pacific-regional-security-assessment-2023/aprsa-chapter-2/>
- Robert D. Blackwill and Philip Zelikow, The United States, China, and Taiwan: A Strategy to Prevent War, Council of Foreign Report, Feb. 2021, at https://cdn.cfr.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/the-united-states-china-and-taiwan-a-strategy-to-prevent-war.pdf

4/29 Japan: Economy and US-Japan Alliance

- Japan Economy: Forecast, Outlook & Reports, FocusEconomics, at <https://www.focus-economics.com/countries/japan/>
- U.S.-Japan Relations, CRS Reports, December 2023, at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF10199>
- “Reviewing Japan's security moves in 2023,” Japan Times, Dec. 27, 2023, at <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/commentary/2023/12/27/japan/japanese-security-2023/>

5/06 ASEAN: One Voice and Regional Powerhouse

- “What is ASEAN?” Council on Foreign Relations, Sep. 2023, at <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-asean>
- ASEAN economic outlook in 2024, S&P Global, Jan. 2024, at <https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/mi/research-analysis/asean-economic-outlook-in-2024-Jan24.html>
- Kaushik Das, ASEAN's transformation to a global player, McKinsey & Company <https://www.mckinsey.com/Videos/video?vid=6094062291001&plyrid=HkOJqCPWdb>

5/13 Maritime Security and South China Sea

- Navigating South China Sea Security in 2024, The Diplomat, Jan. 2024, at <https://thediplomat.com/2024/01/navigating-south-china-sea-security-in-2024/>
- The Geopolitical Dynamics of the South China Sea, GeoPolitical Monitor, Aug. 2023, at <https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/maritime-chessboard-the-geopolitical-dynamics-of-the-south-china-sea/>
- “PLA extends patrol to maritime, aerial joint exercise in S.China Sea as US, Philippines scale down patrol amid tensions,” Global Times, Jan. 2024, at <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202401/1304860.shtml>

5/20 Paper Presentations

5/27 Conclusion / Paper Presentations