COURSE CONTENT

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Course Code / Title: HA3019 East Asian Security: Past, Present, and Future

Pre-requisites: HA1001 Introduction to International Relations and Foreign Policy

HA2004 Theories and International Relations

No. of AUs.: 3

Contact Hours: 39

Course Aims

This course provides you with in-depth knowledge about the security development in East Asia from the post-World War II period as well as theoretical perspectives to capture the main characteristics of East Asian security mechanism. We will discuss the concept of “East Asia” and the various theories of “International Security”; history of East Asian security; US “hub-and-spoke” system; ASEAN multilateralism, particularly ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting, and East Asia Summit; advanced theoretical frameworks to make sense of East Asian security; and specific regional security issues, such as the Rise of China, the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Straits, East and South China Sea, and other non-traditional security issues, such as natural disaster and piracy. In order to facilitate discussions in the class, you need to be familiar with contemporary East Asian affairs, through newspaper, magazines, and on-line media.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. cogently explain history, characteristics, systems, and development of East Asian security from 1945;
2. effectively analyze and explain East Asian security issues by applying theories of international security;
3. intellectually assess the fundamental problems of contemporary East Asian security issues; and
4. logically, independently, and creatively discuss the prospects of East Asian security

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Reading and References


David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, *International Relations of Asia (Asia in World Politics)* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2014)


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Reading (Tentative)

1. Introduction and Course Overview

Paul Williams, ed.: Chapter 1.
Shambaugh and Yahuda, pp. 3-26.


Shambaugh and Yahuda, pp. 59-83.


2. Theories of International Security I: Neo-classical Realism

Other Theories (Suggested)
Paul Williams, ed.:

- Chapter 2 (realism)
- Chapter 3 (Liberalism)
- Chapter 5 (Constructivisms)

3. Theories of International Security II: Strategies

Paul Williams, ed.:

- Chapter 4 (Game Theory)
- Chapter 10 (Uncertainty)
- Chapter 14 (Coercision)


4. Theories of International Security III: Institutions

Paul Williams, ed.
Chapter 23 (Alliances)
Chapter 24 (Regional Institutions)
Chapter 26 (Peace Operations)
Chapter 27 (The Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation)


5. History: East Asian Security from 1945 to Present

Shambaugh and Yahuda, pp. 33-54, pp. 343-384.


Shambaugh and Yahuda, “The United States in Asia: Durable Leadership”, pp. 93-112

“India’s Role in Asia: A Rising Regional Power,” pp. 173-194,

“Japan’s Role in Asia: Searching for Certainty”, pp. 197-219,

7. Regional Security System II: ASEAN & ASEAN-led Multilateralism

Shambaugh and Yahuda, “ASEAN and Southeast Asia: Remaining Relevant,” pp. 225-244.


8. In-class exercise/ Excursion

TBD

9. Scenario Presentation I: Grand Strategy

10. Scenario Presentation II: System Evolution

11. Scenario Presentation III: Specific Regional Security Issues

Reference (To be updated):

i) The Rise of China
   a. Shambaugh and Yahuda, “China’s Role in Asia: Attractive or Assertive?” pp.147-168.


ii) Territorial Disputes: Northeast Asia


iii) Territorial Disputes: South China Sea


iv) The Korean Peninsula

v) The Taiwan Straits

vi) Non-Traditional Security
   a. Peace Operations/ Responsibility to Protect
      i. Paul Williams, ed.: Chapter 26
   b. Counter Terrorism/ Counter-Insurgency
      i. Paul Williams, ed.: Chapter 30 and 31
   c. The International Arms Trade
      i. Paul Williams, ed.: Chapter 29
12. Policy Analysis: Emergence of New Geographical Scope

Paul Williams, ed.:

Chapter 36 (The Academic and Policy Worlds)

TBD

13. Conclusion: The Future of East Asian Security


Paul Williams, ed.:

Chapter 37 (What Future for Security Studies?)