

Japan in East Asia

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Course Description

The East Asian region is perhaps *the* success story of post- World War Two economic development. First Japan, then the Asian Tiger economies, then China and the Tiger Cub economies all experienced periods of sustained economic growth that transformed their societies. Japan was a key player in transforming the East Asian region. As the economies of East Asia have become increasingly integrated, linkages between these societies have also become both deeper and broader.

However, the region is also facing considerable challenges. Security issues are dominant, examples being the Korean peninsula, and territorial disputes. Environmental/ natural resource issues provide another set of key challenges. How do we understand these challenges and how do we assess Japan's responses? This course will begin by outlining the prominent theories of international relations, which will then become the tools we use to analyze the important issues and challenges facing Japan in East Asia. We will pick up a number of prominent case studies from contemporary East Asia, and investigate from the perspective of Japan's international relations.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to both understand, and apply, the primary theories of international relations. In this way, students will become familiar with the theories and concepts of international relations as an academic subject. Students will also gain an understanding of the international relations of East Asia, focusing on Japan.

Students are expected to be masters of their own learning. All students will be expected to do a considerable amount of reading. Students will also be expected to take turns in making in-class presentations on the reading. The purpose of these presentations is to give students practice in presenting complex concepts in a clear and stimulating manner. Discussions will be centered around these student presentations. Students will be expected to participate fully in class discussions and presentations.

Students will be expected to write a number of short discussion papers, as well as a longer academic essay.

Grading Criteria

30% Presentations

20% Participation

30% Discussion Papers

20% Final Essay

Schedule

What follows is a tentative schedule. It includes the topic for each class, as well as the necessary reading for each class.

PART ONE: Theories of International Relations

Sept 5 – **Introductions; us and our subject**

- “The Balance of Power, Globalization, and Democracy: International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia” - Stephan Haggard, pp. 1-35 in *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “The significance of Japan’s international relations”, pp. 3-22 in, *Japan’s International Relations: Politics, economics and security* (3rd Ed), Glenn D. Hook, Julie Gilson, Christopher W. Hughes, Hugo Dobson. (Routledge, 2012).
- “The Japanese ‘Miracle’” - Chalmers Johnson, pp. 3- 34 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Sept 12- **International Relations Theory: Realism**

- Chapter 3, pp. 65-98 in, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches* 5th Edition, by Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen (Oxford, 2013)
- “Area Studies and Discipline Area Studies, Regional Studies, and International Relations” - Peter J. Katzenstein, pp. 35-42 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol. I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Sept 19 – no class

Sept 26- **International Relations Theory: Liberalism**

- Chapter 4, pp. 99-131 in, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches* 5th Edition, by Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen (Oxford, 2013)
- “Institutional Balancing and International Relations Theory: Economic Interdependence and Balance of Power Strategies in Southeast Asia” - Kai He, pp. 267-296 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “A Liberal Peace in Asia?” - Benjamin Goldsmith, pp. 185-214 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Oct 3- **International Relations Theory: International Society**

- Chapter 5, pp. 132- 158 in, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches* 5th Edition, by Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen (Oxford, 2013)
- “State, Social Forces, and Regions in Historical Time: Toward A Critical Political Economy of Eastern Asia” - Mitchell Bernard, pp. 89-110 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Oct 10- International Relations Theory: International Political Economy

- Chapter 6 and 7, pp. 159- 207 in, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches* 5th Edition, by Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen (Oxford, 2013)
- “Overview: Making of A Miracle” - World Bank, pp. 109-132 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “The Myth of Asia's Miracle” - Paul Krugman, pp133-146 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Oct 17- International Relations Theory: Social Constructivism

- Chapter 8, pp. 208- 230 in, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches* 5th Edition, by Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen (Oxford, 2013)
- “How Ideas Spread: Whose Norms Matter? Norm Localization and Institutional Change in Asian Regionalism” - Amitav Acharya, pp. 147-184 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “Realism and Constructivism in Southeast Asian Security Studies Today: A Review Essay” - Sorpong Peou, pp. 297-316 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia Vol. I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

PART TWO: Issues and Case Studies

Oct 24- Political relations

- “Japan-East Asia political relations”, pp. 167-214 in, *Japan's International Relations: Politics, economics and security* (3rd Ed), Glenn D. Hook, Julie Gilson, Christopher W. Hughes, Hugo Dobson. (Routledge, 2012).
- “Why is There No NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism, and the Origins of Multilateralism” - Christopher Hemmer and Peter J. Katzenstein, pp. 133-166 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “The Weight of History” - Mark Beeson, pp. 3-42 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. IV* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Oct 31 – no class

Nov 7- Economic relations

- “Japan-East Asia economic relations”, pp. 215-230 in, *Japan's International Relations: Politics, economics and security* (3rd Ed), Glenn D. Hook, Julie Gilson, Christopher W. Hughes, Hugo Dobson. (Routledge, 2012).
- “Beyond Product Cycles and Flying Geese: Regionalization, Hierarchy, and the Industrialization of East Asia” - Mitchell Barnard and John Ravenhill, pp. 35-70 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “The Rise of Industrial East Asia: The Role of Confucian Values” - Tu Wei-Ming, pp. 93- 108 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. III* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Nov 14- **Security relations**

- “Japan-East Asia security relations”, pp. 232-250 in, *Japan's International Relations: Politics, economics and security* (3rd Ed), Glenn D. Hook, Julie Gilson, Christopher W. Hughes, Hugo Dobson. (Routledge, 2012).
- “Japan's shifting security trajectory and policy system” - Christopher W. Hughes, pp. 297-320 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- Asian Practice of Security: Key Features and Explanations - Muthiah Alagappa, pp. 3-67 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Nov 21- **Japan and China**

- “China's 'Peaceful Rise' to Great Power Status” - Bijian Zheng, pp. 405-409 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “Studying China in An Era of Globalisation - Shaun Breslin, pp. 239- 266 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster? The Rise of China and U.S. Policy Toward East Asia” - Thomas J. Christensen, pp. 363-404 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Nov 28- **Japan and the Korean Peninsula**

- “The North Korean Nuclear Crisis and US Strategy in Northeast Asia” - Gilbert Rozman, pp. 335-354 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Dec 5- **Japan and Southeast Asia**

- “The South China Sea: ASEAN's Security Concerns About China” - Liselotte Odgaard pp. 321-334 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. II* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “The Long Peace of ASEAN” - Timo Kivimaki, pp. 345-369 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. I* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)
- “ASEAN Plus Three: Towards A New Age Of Pan-East Asian Regionalism? A Skeptic's Appraisal” - Markus Hund, pp. 295-328 in, *International Relations Theory in Northeast Asia, Vol. IV* - Stephan Haggard (Sage, 2010)

Dec 12- Final Review, general discussions and tentative conclusions