

**Boğaziçi University Asian Studies Graduate Program
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ASIA508: SEMINAR ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC

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Lecture Hours: Monday 18.00 – 21.00.

Office Hours: By appointment only.

Course description: The aim of this seminar is to introduce, discuss and analyze the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. It is designed to provide the students with an overview of the nature of the international politics in Asia, changing patterns of power relations, regional development, foreign and security policies of regional actors, and regional institution building. Topics to be discussed include measurement and perceptions of power, economic interdependence, alliance politics, regional integration, multilateral institutions, ideas and values, political regimes, nuclear proliferation, nationalism and historical memory, territorial and maritime disputes, non-conventional security issues, demography and climate change. By drawing upon theories and questions found in the international relations literature, the seminar will: i) emphasizes the value of theories and concepts for developing arguments; ii) familiarize students with the prominent scholars of the field; iii) encourage students to develop their expertise by conducting their own research and writing an academic paper; iv) help the students to gain the habit of following current issues through an analytical prism.

Course responsibilities:

- This is a seminar, meaning that the course will evolve around the discussions to be made in the classroom. It is therefore absolutely essential for the students *to do the readings before coming to the class and be able to discuss them during the lecture.*
- *Perfect attendance* is expected for this class. Students are allowed only TWO absences per semester (exceptions made for illness, under the condition that the reason of absence is officially documented). More than three absences will result in the loss of the right to take the final exam and a direct F for the course.
- The students are required to write brief summaries of each reading in the list below ('required' readings). The summaries will be submitted *electronically* (Microsoft Word format) to the instructor before each week's class.
- The students are required to write *one research paper*. There are no exams. The paper will be done individually; it will be based on the student's original research, and analyze a specific issue in international relations of the Asia-Pacific. *The topic must be approved by the lecturer.* The final paper must have a length of at least 3,000 words, and at most 5,000 words. Papers are to be submitted *electronically* (Microsoft Word format) to the instructor. Deadline is the last day of classes.
 - Grading: Research paper 50% / Article summaries 25% / Class participation 25%.
 - Evaluation of "class participation" is based on how effectively the students participate in class discussions.

- Extension: *Extensions will not be granted* (exceptions made for illness, under the condition that the reason is officially documented). Late submission will be penalized by grade deduction.
- *Stay current*: It is important to stay abreast of current developments in the Asia-Pacific region. A list of recommended news sources can be found in the appendix of this syllabus.
- *Academic honesty*: students are expected to strictly adhere to the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.
 - Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
 - Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
 - Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
 - An automatic “F” for the assignment or the exam or the entire course.
 - An oral explanation before the Ethics Committee.
 - Losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty.

Weekly lecture plan and readings:

Week 1

Introduction to the Asia-Pacific

Required:

Prasenjit Duara, “Asia Redux: Conceptualizing a Region for Our Times,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, v.69, no.4 (2010), pp.963-983.

Amitav Acharya, “Asia is Not One,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, v.69, no.4 (2010), pp.1001-1013.

David Shambaugh, “International Relations in Asia: A Multidimensional Analysis”, in *International Relations of Asia*, ed. David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014), pp. 3-29.

Recommended:

Arif Dirlik, “The Asia-Pacific Idea: Reality and Representation in the Invention of a Regional Structure,” *Journal of World History*, v.3, no.1 (1992), pp.55-79.

Pekka Korhonen, “Monopolizing Asia: The Politics of a Metaphor,” *The Pacific Review*, v.10, no.3 (1997), pp.347-365.

Ravi Arvind Palat, “Pacific Century: Myth or Reality?” *Theory and Society*, v.25, no.3 (1996), pp.303-347.

Week 2

Theoretical Perspectives

Required:

Amitav Acharya, "Thinking Theoretically about Asian IR", in *International Relations of Asia*, ed. David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014), pp. 59-89.

Gilbert Rozman, "The 2010s: Asia's Slide Toward Conflict and IR Theory," in *Misunderstanding Asia: International Relations Theory and Asian Studies Over Half a Century*, ed. Gilbert Rozman (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), pp.191-212.

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan, "Why is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory? An Introduction," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, v.7, no.3 (2007), pp.287-312.

Recommended:

Masaru Kohno, "East Asia and International Relations Theory," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, v.14, no.1 (2014), pp.179-190.

Michael Mastanduno, "Realism and Asia," in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford UP, 2014), pp.25-44.

Stephan Haggard, "The Liberal View of the International Relations of Asia," in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford UP, 2014), pp.45-63.

Week 3

War, Memory and Identity in Asia

Required:

Peter Preston, "The Shift to the Modern World in East Asia: War, Memory and Regional Identity," in *Routledge Handbook of Asian Regionalism*, ed. by M. Beeson and R Stubbs (London and New York: Routledge, 2012), pp. 33-45.

Warren I. Cohen, "The Foreign Impact on East Asia," in *Historical Perspectives on Contemporary East Asia*, ed. by Merle Goldman and Andrew Gordon (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000), pp.1-22.

Gi-Wook Shin, "Divided Memories and Historical Reconciliation in East Asia," in *Routledge Handbook of Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*, ed. Mikyoung Kim (London and New York: Routledge, 2015), pp.402-415.

Recommended:

Thomas U. Berger, “The Geopolitics of Remembering and Forgetting in Asia,” in *War Guilt and World Politics after World War II* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp.175-229.

Yinan He, “Remembering and Forgetting the War: Elite Mythmaking, Mass Reaction, and Sino-Japanese Relations, 1950-2006,” *History and Memory*, v.19, no.2 (2007), pp.43-74.

“Asia’s Second World War Ghosts”, *The Economist Essay*, August 13, 2015.

Week 4

Asian Power Balance

Required:

Amitav Acharya, “Power Shift or Paradigm Shift? China’s Rise and Asia’s Emerging Security Order,” *International Studies Quarterly* (2013), pp.1-16.

Xenia Wickett, John Nilsson-Wright and Tim Summers, *The Asia-Pacific Power Balance: Beyond the US–China Narrative* (London: Chatham House, September 2015).

Rajan Menon, “Asia’s Looming Power Shift,” *The National Interest*, v.127 (Sep/Oct 2013), pp.20-32.

Recommended:

David Kang, “Hierarchy and Stability in Asian International Relations,” in *International Relations Theory and the Asia Pacific*, ed. by G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp.163-190.

Christian Wirth, “Power and Stability in the China-Japan-South Korea Regional Security Complex,” *The Pacific Review*, v.28, no.4 (2015), pp.553-575.

Victor D. Cha, “The Security Dilemma in Asian Architecture: United States, Japan and China”, in *The US-Japan Security Alliance: Regional Multilateralism*, ed. T. Inoguchi, G.J. Ikenberry and Y. Sato (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), pp.157-176.

Week 5

Interdependence and the Economy-Security Nexus

Required:

Avery Goldstein and Edward Mansfield, “The Political Economy of Regional Security in East Asia, in *The Nexus of Economics, Security and International Relations in East Asia* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2012), pp.1-38.

Benjamin Goldsmith, "Different in Asia? Developmental States, Trade, and International Conflict Onset and Escalation," *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, v.13, no.2 (2013), pp.175-205.

Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, "Economic-Security Linkages in Asia," in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 569-585.

Recommended:

Thomas Wright, "Sifting Through Interdependence," *The Washington Quarterly*, v.36, no.4 (2013), pp.7-23.

Evan A. Feigenbaum and Robert A. Manning, "The Tale of Two Asias," *Foreign Policy*, October 31, 2012.

Week 6

Regional Powers I: China

Required:

Barry Buzan, "The Logic and Contradictions of 'Peaceful Rise/Development' as China's Grand Strategy," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, v.7, n.4 (2014), pp. 381-420.

Brantly Womack, "China and the Future Status Quo," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, v.8, no.2 (2015), pp. 115-137.

Yan Xuetong, "The Rise of China and its Power Status," *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, v.1, no.1 (2006), pp. 5-33.

Recommended:

Aaron L. Friedberg, "The Sources of Chinese Conduct: Explaining Beijing's Assertiveness," *The Washington Quarterly*, v.37, no.4 (2014), pp.133-150.

David Shambaugh, "China's Global Security Presence," in *China Goes Global :The Partial Power* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp.215-244.

Xuefeng Sun and Yuxing Huang, "Revisiting China's Use of Force in Asia: Dynamic, Level and Beyond," *Pacific Focus*, v.27, no.13 (December 2012), pp.393-420.

Week 7

Regional Powers II: Japan

Required:

Andrew L. Oros, "International and Domestic Challenges to Japan's Postwar Security Identity: 'Norm Constructivism' and Japan's New 'Proactive Pacifism'", *The Pacific Review*, v.28, no.1 (2015), pp. 139-160.

Mike Mochizuki and Samuel P. Porter, "Japan Under Abe: Toward Moderation or Nationalism," *The Washington Quarterly*, v.36, no.4 (2013), pp.25-41.

Christopher W. Hughes, "Japan's Foreign Security Relations and Policies," in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford UP, 2014), pp.371-390.

Recommended:

Stephanie Lawson and Seiko Tannaka, "War Memories and Japan's 'Normalization' as an International Actor: A Critical Analysis," *European Journal of International Relations*, v.17, no.3 (September 2011), pp.405-428.

Corey J. Wallace, "Japan's Strategic Pivot South: Diversifying the Dual Hedge," *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, v.13, no.3 (2013), pp. 479-517.

Eric Heginbotham and Richard J. Samuels, "Mercantile Realism and Japanese Foreign Policy," *International Security*, v.22, no.4 (Spring 1998), pp.171-203.

Week 8

Regional Powers III: India

Required:

T.V. Paul, "India's Role in Asia: A Rising Regional Power," in *International Relations of Asia*, ed. David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014), pp.173-196.

Ramesh Thakur, "Delinking Destiny from Geography: The Changing Balance of India-Pakistan Relations," *India Quarterly*, v.67, no.3 (September 2011), pp.165-182.

Arijit Mazumdar, "India's Search for a Post-Cold War Foreign Policy: Domestic Constraints and Obstacles," *India Quarterly*, v.67, no.2 (June 2011), pp. 165-182.

Recommended:

David Scott, "India's 'Extended Neighborhood' Concept: Power Projection for a Rising Power," *India Review*, v.8, no.2 (2009), pp.107-143.

Bharat Karnad, "An Elephant with a Small Footprint: The Realist Roots of India's Strategic Thought and Policies," in *India's Grand Strategy: History, Theory, Cases*,

ed. Kanti Bajpai, Saira Basit, V. Krishnappa (New Delhi: Routledge, 2014), pp.200-233.

David Brewster, "Beyond the 'String of Pearls': Is There Really a Sino-Indian Security Dilemma in the Indian Ocean?" *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*, v.10, no.2 (2014), pp.133-149.

Week 9

Sub-Regional Actors I: Southeast Asia

Required:

Amitav Acharya, "Imagining Southeast Asia," in *The Making of Southeast Asia: International Relations of a Region* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2012), pp.51-104.

Evelyn Goh, "Southeast Asia's Evolving Security Relations and Strategies," in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford UP, 2014), pp. 462-480.

Kim Hyung Jong and Lee Poh Ping, "The Changing Role of Dialogue in the International Relations of Southeast Asia," *Asian Survey*, v.51, no.5 (Sep/Oct 2011), pp.953-970.

Recommended:

Robert Dayley and Clark Neher, "Introduction," in *Southeast Asia in the New International Era* (Boulder: Westview Press, 2013), pp.1-26.

William Case, "Democracy's Mixed Fortunes in Southeast Asia: Torpor, Change, and Trade-offs," in *Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Democratization*, ed. William Case (Oxon: Routledge, 2015), pp.3-23.

See Seng Tan, "Spectres of Leifer: Insights on Regional Order and Security for Southeast Asia Today," *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, v.34, no.3 (December 2012), pp.309-337.

Week 10

Sub-Regional Actors II: Australia and the Pacific Realm

Required:

Nick Bisley, "Australia and Asia's Trilateral Dilemmas," *Asian Survey*, v.54, no.2 (2014), pp.297-318.

Mark Beeson and Richard Higgott, "The Changing Architecture of Politics in the Asia-Pacific: Australia's Middle Power Moment?" *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, v.14, no.2 (2014), pp.215-237.

Joanne Wallis, "The South Pacific: 'Arc of Instability' or 'Arc of Opportunity'?"

Global Change, Peace & Security, v.27, no.1 (2015), pp.39-53.

Recommended:

Jack Corbett and John Connell, "All the World is a Stage: Global Governance, Human Resources, and the Problem of Smallness," *The Pacific Review*, v.28, no.3 (2015), pp.435-459.

Hugh White, "Power Shift: Rethinking Australia's Place in the Asian Century," *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, v.65, no.1 (2011), pp.81-93.

Shahar Hameiri, "China's Charm Offensive in the Pacific and Australia's Regional Order," *The Pacific Review*, v.28, no.5 (2015), pp.631-654.

Week 11

External Powers: United States, EU and Russia

Required:

William Choong, "Trump and the Asia-Pacific: Managing Contradictions," *Survival*, v.59, no.1 (2017), pp.181-187.

William Tow and Satu Limaye, "What's China Got to Do With It? U.S. Alliances, Partnerships in the Asia-Pacific," *Asian Politics & Policy*, v.8, no.1 (2016), pp. 7-26.

Axel Berkofsky, "The European Union (EU) in Asian Security: Actor with a Punch or Distant Bystander?" *Asia-Pacific Review*, v.21, no.2 (2014), pp. 61-85.

Bobo Lo, "A Turn to the East," in *Russia and the New World Order* (London: Royal Institute of World Affairs, 2015), pp.132-164.

Recommended:

Sebastian Bersick, "Europe's Role in Asia: Distant but Involved," in *International Relations of Asia*, ed. David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014), pp.115-145.

Michael Yahuda, "The United States: From the End of the Cold War to the War on Terrorism and Beyond," in *International Politics of the Asia Pacific*, ed. Michael Yahuda, (Oxon: Routledge, 2011), pp.223-269.

Matthew Sussex, "Russia's Asian Rebalance," *Lowy Institute Analysis* (December 2015).

Week 12

Hotspots in Asia : Taiwan, Korean Peninsula, South China Sea

Required:

Jongseok Woo, "Structural Impediments, Domestic Politics, and Nuclear Diplomacy

in Post-Kim Il-sung North Korea,” *Pacific Focus*, v.30, no.1 (2015), pp.59-77.

Michael Intal Magcamit, “Games, Changes and Fears: Exploring Taiwan’s Cross-Strait Dilemma in the Twenty-first Century,” *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, v.2, no.1 (2015), pp.92-115.

Sanaa Yasmin Hafeez, “The Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands Crises of 2004, 2010, and 2012: A Study of Japanese-Chinese Crisis Management,” *Asia-Pacific Review*, v.22, no.1 (2015), pp.73-99.

Recommended:

David Shim and Patrick Flamm, “Rising South Korea: A Minor Player or a Regional Power?” *Pacific Focus*, v.28, no.3 (December 2013), pp.384-410.

Kevin G. Cai, *Cross-Taiwan Straits Relations Since 1979: Policy Adjustment and Institutional Change Across the Straits* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2011). Read: Chapter 1 Cross-Taiwan Straits Relations Since 1979.

Week 13

Creating a Regional Order

Required:

Richard Stubbs and Jennifer Mustapha, “Ideas and Institutionalization in Asia,” in *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, ed. Saadia Pekkanen, John Ravenhill and Rosemary Foot (New York: Oxford UP, 2014), pp.690-702.

Jinsoo Park, “Regional Leadership Dynamics and the Evolution of East Asian Regionalism,” *Pacific Focus*, v.27, no.2 (2012), pp.290-318.

Richard Stubbs, “ASEAN’s Leadership in East Asian Region Building: Strength in Weakness,” *The Pacific Review*, v.27, no.4 (2014), pp.523-541.

Recommended:

John S. Duffeld, “Asia-Pacific Security Institutions in Comparative Perspective,” in *International Relations Theory and the Asia Pacific*, ed. by G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp.243-270.

Mely Caballero-Anthony, “Understanding ASEAN’s Centrality: Bases and Prospects in an Evolving Regional Architecture,” *The Pacific Review*, v.27, no.4 (2014), pp.563-584.

David M. Jones and Michael L.R. Smith, “Constructing Communities: the Curious Case of East Asian Regionalism,” *Review of International Studies*, v.33, no.1 (2007), pp.165-186.

SOURCES FOR NEWS AND COMMENTARIES ON ASIAN CURRENT AFFAIRS

Asia Times	www.atimes.com
Asia Unbound (CFR)	blogs.cfr.org/asia/
Carnegie Endowment Foreign Policy	carnegieendowment.org/programs/asia/
Foreign Affairs	www.foreignpolicy.com
The Economist	www.foreignaffairs.com
The Diplomat	www.economist.com/world/asia
The Wall Street Journal	www.thediplomat.com
The New York Times	online.wsj.com/public/page/news-asiabusiness.html
Time	www.nytimes.com/pages/world/asia/index.html
BBC News	world.time.com/category/asia/
China Daily	www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/asia/
The Japan Times	www.chinadaily.com.cn
Nikkei Asian Review	www.japantimes.co.jp
Brookings Institution	asia.nikkei.com
	www.brookings.edu/research/topics/asia-and-the-pacific

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