

School of International Relations and Politics

Syllabus

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| Course Code | IRM21E51 |
| Name of the Course | International Relations in East Asia |
| Course Tutor | Dr. Jojin V. John |
| Course Type | Elective |
| Course Credits | Four |
| Description | <p>Through a survey of existing scholarship, the course is designed to introduce international relations in East Asia. East Asia is defined as the states of Northeast Asia (in particular, China, two Koreas, Japan and Taiwan), and the two main external actors, the United States and Soviet Union/Russia who played a key role in shaping the region's international affairs. As one of the most dynamics regions of the world East Asia presents fascinating case studies in the study of international relations by bringing together the world's three largest (US, China, Japan) and two technologically dynamic economies (South Korea and Taiwan), three of the UN Security Council's permanent members (US, Russia, China), four nuclear weapons states (US, China, Russia and North Korea) and two divided nations (China/Taiwan and the two Korea). East Asia is also one of most geostrategically volatile region with two live flashpoints (the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan Strait) and the potential super power rivalry (US-China confrontation).</p> |
| Course Objectives | CO1- Introduce international relations in East Asia from a historical, theoretical and empirical perspective. |
| COs | CO2-Understand the historical circumstances and forces in the international relations of Asia from the pre-modern period to the present. CO3-Introduce existing theoretical approaches to analyse the intra- |

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| | <p>regional relations and foreign policy making of the major states in the region.</p> <p>CO4-Develop skills of oral and written communication</p> |
| <p>Learning Outcomes</p> <p>LOs</p> | <p>LO1- Demonstrate a familiarity with academic and policy debates in East Asian international relations</p> <p>LO2- A nuanced understanding of the evolution and the dynamics of East Asian international order.</p> <p>LO3- A fair ability to analytically evaluate East Asian international relations applying international relations theory.</p> <p>LO4- Analyse the points of conflict and cooperation in the region and the role of key outside actors and critically evaluate the past, current and future challenges in the region.</p> |
| <p>Pedagogic Methods</p> | <p>72 Hours of Learnings Comprises of:</p> <p>Lectures, Seminars , Case Study, Simulation, Audio/video aid</p> |
| <p>Evaluation</p> | <p>(Broadly) 40 percent continuous assessment/ 60 percent external examination</p> |
| <p>Content through Modules</p> | <p>Module - I Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Asia: An Introduction • International Relations Theory and East Asia |
| | <p>Module 2- East Asian International Order: Historical Perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Asian International Order- Premodern Period- Chinese Tributary System • East Asian Order Transition- Late 19th Century • Japanese Colonialism and East Asian International Order |

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| | <p>Module 3 – Post-War East Asian International Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Cold War System in East Asia- Northern and Southern Security Triangle • Political Economy of Cold War and the evolution of East Asian Developmental States • Collapse of the China-Soviet Alliance, US-China Rapprochement |
| | <p>Module 4 -Post-Cold International Order in East Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Tigers and East Asian Economic Miracle • Asian Financial Crisis and East Asian regionalism • Ripe for Rivalry? US China relations |
| | <p>Module 5- Rise of China and the Future of East Asian International Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Rise of China in East Asia • US-China Confrontation • Taiwan Crisis • Crisis in the Korean Peninsula |
| | <p>Essential reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Friedberg (1994), “Ripe for Rivalry: Prospects for Peace in a Multipolar Asia,” <i>International Security</i> 18-3. • Avery Goldstein and Edward D. Mansfield (2012), <i>The Nexus of Economics, Security, and International Relations in East Asia</i>, Stanford University Press. • David C. Kang (2012), <i>East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute</i>, Columbia University Press. • David Kang (2003), “Getting Asia Wrong: The Need for New Analytical Frameworks,” <i>International Security</i>. • David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (2014), <i>International Relations of Asia</i>, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield. • Goh, Evelyn (2013), <i>The Struggle for Order: Hegemony, Hierarchy and Transition in Post-Cold War East Asia</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press. • Kent Calder and Min Ye (2010), <i>The Making of Northeast Asia</i>, |

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Suggested Reading

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