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## THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE PACIFIC BASIN

This is a graduate seminar designed to provide students an opportunity to survey political, economic and military trends in one of the world's most critical regions. For our discussion, the region will be defined as all nations whose borders touch on the Pacific, but the reading will concentrate on Asia. Students in both politics and economics should be able to explore the inter-relationship between theory and policy choices in several areas of current controversy.

The course has three basic objectives:

- 1) to identify the major trends shaping economic developments in the Pacific Basin;
- 2) to suggest ways to integrate and explain the political, economic and military factors which have shaped the region's turbulent cycles in the past two decades;
- 3) to have students do an in-depth research paper on some aspect of the region or the region's relationships to another part of the world.

There is a substantial amount of reading necessary, and much of it is in recent articles. The reading must be done before you come to class.

### Requirements

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| A) <u>Reading:</u>          | Assignments are on the attached list.   |
| B) <u>Papers:</u>           | There will be one research paper required of approximately 20-25 pages, depending upon the research methodology and availability of the sources. Presentations of the papers will take place on December 03. The <b>Major Paper</b> is due <b>December 10</b> . |
| C) <u>Exam:</u>             | There will be a <b>Mid-Term Exam</b> on <b>October 15</b> .   |
| D) <u>Class Discussion:</u> | All students will be expected to participate fully in class discussions.  |
| E) <u>Grading:</u>          | Class discussion and presentations 20%, mid-term exam 30%, major paper 50%.   |

## The Political Economy of the Pacific Basin

### 1. Pacific Basin Concepts:

**Sept. 03**

- J. Kurth                      “Pacific Basin vs. the Atlantic Alliance,”  
The Annals, Vol. 505, Sept. 1989, pp. 34 - 45
- D. Denoon                    Real Reciprocity - Balancing U.S. Economic and  
Security Policy in the Pacific Basin, Chapt. 1,5

### 2. Economic Performance:

**Sept. 10**

- World Bank                The East Asian Miracle Chapt. 1, 3
- K. Jackson, ed.            Asian Contagion, Chapt. 7
- I.M.F.                        World Economic Outlook, April 2008, 1 – 63
- C. Horioka                 “The Causes of Japan’s Lost Decade,” Stern Working  
Paper Series, No. N-002, November 2006
- D. Denoon                 The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India,  
Chapt. 1,2

### 3. The Strategic Setting:

**Sept. 17**

- G. Rozman et.al.        Japanese Strategic Thought Toward Asia (2007), Chapt. 1
- R. Ross                     “The Geography of Peace,” International Security,  
Spring 1999, 81-118
- Z. Bijian                    "China 'Peacefully Rising' to Great Power Status,"  
Foreign Affairs, Sept./Oct. 2005, 18-24
- Dept. of Defense        The Military Power of the PRC -2008, 1-56

4. Northeast Asia:  
**Sept. 24**

- T. Inoguchi Japanese Politics (2005), 1-16
- L. Hughes "Why Japan Will Not Go Nuclear (Yet)," International Security, Spring 2007, 67-96
- T. Cargill & H. Patrick "South Korea's and Japan's Response to Financial and Economic Distress," KEI, Korea's Economy 2005, 17-23
- W. Lord & L. Gelb "Bad Nuclear Deal," Washington Post, 4/26/08
- S. Haggard et.al. "N.Korea on the Precipice of Famine," Peterson Institute of International Economics #PB08-6, May 2008

5. Northeast Asia:  
**Oct. 01**

- S. Zhao "China's global Search for Energy Security," Journal of Contemporary China, May 2008, 207-227
- T. Christensen "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster?" International Security, Summer 2006, 81-126
- PRC State Council China's National Defense in 2006, "White Paper," 1-36
- M. Swaine "Does China have a Grand Strategy?" Chapt. 3 in D. Denoon, Ed., China: Contemporary Political, Economic, and International Affairs (2007) 39-59
- E. Rumer Russian Foreign Policy Beyond Putin (2007) 7-42

6. Southeast Asia:  
**Oct. 08**

- D. Denoon & E. Colbert "Challenges Facing ASEAN," Winter 1998-99  
"Pacific Affairs, Vol. 71, No. 4, pp. 505-523
- J. Lee "China's ASEAN Invasion," The National Interest, May / June 2007, 40-46
- D. Weatherbee International Relations of Southeast Asia, 1-23
- D. Denoon The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India, Chapter 3

7. Mid-Term Exam:  
**Oct. 15**

8. Southeast Asia:  
**Oct. 22**

- J. Bresnan                    Indonesia – The Great Transition (2005), Chapt. 4
- D. Kingsbury                “Indonesia in 2007,” Asian Survey, Jan./Feb. 2008, 38-46
- U. Pathmanand              “A Different Coup D’Etat?” Journal of Contemporary Asia,  
Vol. 38, No. 1, Feb. 2008, 124-142

9. The Indian Subcontinent, Central Asia and East Asia:  
**Oct. 29**

- A. Tellis                      “The Evolution of U.S.-Indian Ties,” International Security, Spring 2006, 113-151
- K. Marten                    “Central Asia: Military Modernization and the Great Game,” in A. Tellis & M. Wills, eds., Strategic Asia 2005-06, 209-235
- D. Markey                    “Securing Pakistan’s Tribal Belt,” Council on Foreign Relations CSR No. 36, July 2008, 1-54

10. Future Security Issues:  
**Nov. 05**

- D. Denoon &  
S. Brams                    “Fair Division: A New Approach to the Spratly Islands” International Negotiation, Vol. 2,  
No. 2, 1997, pp. 303-329
- C. Freeman                    “Same Strait, Different Memories,” pp.38-59,  
in G. Gong, ed., Remembering and Forgetting
- Zhao Hong                    “India & China: Rivals or Partners in SE Asia?”  
Contemporary Southeast Asia, 2007, 121-142
- M. Matsumura                “Simpleminded or Farsighted? US Handling of  
North Korea,” Japan Inst. of Int. Affairs #36, July 2008

11. Moslem Asia:  
**Nov. 12**

- G. Chufrin "The SCO: Changing Priorities," International Affairs, 2007, Vol. 53, No. 1, 57-61
- D. Gladney "Islam in China: Accommodation or Separatism?" China Quarterly, 2003, 451-467
- K. Sheives "China Turns West: Beijing's Contemporary Strategy Toward Central Asia," Pacific Affairs, Summer 2006, 205-224
- A. Rabasa Political Islam in SE Asia: Moderates, Radicals, and Terrorists, IISS, Adelphi Paper No. 358, 2003, entire
- A. Boyer "U.S. Foreign Policy in Central Asia," Naval War College Review, Winter 2006, 91-117

12. Are Asia's Patterns of Development Changing?:  
**Nov. 19**

- M. Ghosh "India and Jpan's Growing Synergy," Asian Survey, March / April 2008, 282-302
- J. Kurlantzick Charm Offensive (2007), Chapt. 1,3
- A. Acharya The Quest for Identity, "Imagining Southeast Asia," 17-42
- The Economist "China: A Large Black Cloud," March 15, 2008
- D. Solinger "Inequality's Specter Haunts China," Far Eastern Economic Review, June 2008, 19-24

13. Presentations of Student Papers:

**November 26 (session postponed due to Monday make-up classes)**  
**December 03 (extended session)**