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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 November 28 and December 5. The Major Paper is due December 05 . |
| C) <u>Exam:</u> | There will be a Mid-Term Exam on October 17 . |
| 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. 5

- 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. 12

- World Bank The East Asian Miracle Chapt. 1, 3
- K. Jackson, ed. Asian Contagion, Chapt. 7
- I.M.F. World Economic Outlook, April 2007, 1 – 34
- J.Y. Lin, et.al. “China’s Economic Reforms: Competition...” Am. Econ. Review,
May 1998, Vol. 88, No. 2, 422-427
- D. Denoon The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India,
Chapt. 1,2

3. The Strategic Setting:
Sept. 19

- 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 - 2007, 1-42

4. Northeast Asia:
Sept. 26

- 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
- E. Cody "Tentative Nuclear Deal Struck With N. Korea," Washington Post, February 13, 2007
- N. Eberstadt The End of North Korea, pp. 115-146

5. Northeast Asia:
Oct. 3

- D. Zwiag &
J. Bi "China's Global Hunt for Energy," Foreign Affairs, Sept./Oct. 2005, 25-38
- 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
- J. Bugajski "Russia & New Europe," National Interest, Winter 2003/04, 84-91

6. Southeast Asia:
Oct. 10

- 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
- E. Goh Developing the Mekong (2007) Chapt. 1,2
- D. Denoon The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India, Chapter 3

7. Mid-Term Exam:
Oct. 17

8. Southeast Asia:
Oct. 24

C. Dalpino & D. Steinberg	<u>Georgetown Southeast Asia Survey 2004-2005,</u> Chapt. 1 Introduction, 1-14 Chapt. 3 Reorienting Trade, 31-42 Chapt. 5 Rethinking Hub and Spokes? 53-64
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J. Bresnan Indonesia – The Great Transition (2005), Chapt. 4

U. Pathmanand "Thaksin's Policies Go South," Far Eastern Economic Review,
July/Aug. 2005, 8-13

9. The Indian Subcontinent, Central Asia and East Asia:
Oct. 31

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

10. Future Security Issues:
Nov. 09

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

11. Moslem Asia:
Nov. 14

- D. Trenin "Russia Redefines Itself and Its Relations With The West," The Washington Quarterly, Spring 2007, 95-105
- D. Gladney "Islam in China: Accommodation or Separatism?" China Quarterly, 2003, 451-467
- C. Chung "The Shanghai Cooperative Organization: China's Changing Influence in Central Asia," China Quarterly, 2004, 989-10009
- 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. 21

- A. MacIntyre Business and Government in Industrializing Asia, Chapt. 1, pp. 1-28
- M. Kahler, ed. Capital Flows and Financial Crises, 1-67
- J. Kurlantzick Charm Offensive (2007), Chapt. 1,3
- A. Acharya The Quest for Identity, "Imagining Southeast Asia," 17-42

13. Presentations of Student Papers:

November 28
December 5