CONTEMPORARY EAST ASIAN POLITICS   POZ 311

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Course Description

East Asia is one of the most dynamic and consequential regions in world politics. This course will examine the historical and contemporary patterns of state relations in East Asia. In the first week we will delve into theoretical approaches to analyze international relations and the historic developments and structures of the region until the end of the Cold War. In week two we will analyze the most important actors and powers in (mainly) Northeast Asia, before we take a closer look on recent developments and their consequences for the security complex in East Asia.

Requirements

To get an assignment for the course, students are required to write a short essay, which is due to the end of the course (session on Thursday, June 28). Details will be provided in the first class of the course on Tuesday, June 11.

Syllabus:

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**Suggested Reading List**


- Lucian W. Pye, “International Relations in Asia: Culture, Nation and State” (Gaston Sigur Annual Lecture 1998), available at [https://www2.gwu.edu/sigur/assets/docs/scap/SCAP1-Pye.pdf](https://www2.gwu.edu/sigur/assets/docs/scap/SCAP1-Pye.pdf) (Read pp.1-12)

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1 This list is for interested students if they want to read on the topics of the classes. It’s not a mandatory reading list.


- Dunne, Timothy, Milja Kurki und Steve Smith (Hrsg.) (2010), International Relations Theories : Discipline and Diversity, 2. Ausgabe, Oxford [u.a.]: Oxford Univ. Press.

- Webber, Mark und Michael Smith (Hrsg.) (2002), Foreign Policy in a Transformed World, Harlow [u.a.]: Prentice Hall.


