

Tasks ahead for Peace and Security in East Asia

Global Collaborative Summer 2023

Section I

Mondays to Fridays 13:30-16:30

June 27-July 6, 2023

Room XX, XX building (Full In-Person Class)

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Course Outline

This class is part of the Global Collaborative Summer 2023 program at Kyung Hee University. Section I deals with a number of topics concerning peace and security of East Asia, which lasts over 8 days (each day consisting of 2 rounds). Conflicts of interest among states and serious challenges coming from multiple quarters abound across political, economic, cultural, geographic and environmental domains. East Asia ventured to produce various schemes and institutions to promote peace and security for its people. The key themes of this course include the San Francisco system, Asian values, Pyongyang's nuclear adventure, U.S. presence, China rising, and East Asian regionalism, among others. Classes will consist of lectures, presentations and discussions. Students are expected to read the assigned reading materials before class, and actively participate in class discussion.

Class Objectives

1. To identify challenges facing East Asia;
2. To trace Korean-Japanese-Chinese relations;
3. To study rivalry and alliance politics in the region;
4. To understand the evolving nature of East Asian politics;
5. To understand regional architecture for peace and prosperity.

Grading Policy

Examination 20 points, Puzzle-solving Presentation 10 points, Participation 10 points, Attendance 10 points

Reading Material

Reading and other class materials will be provided in electronic files on XX.

Assignment: Puzzle-solving Project

Students will make a presentation on a given topic. The PowerPoint presentation should contain a title, three body slides and a conclusion (consisting of 3 or 4 arguments). Use citation when necessary. Presentation shall last 4 minutes (5 minutes maximum).

Class Schedule

1. 6/27 (Tue) Orientation and Puzzle Introduction

2. 6/28 (Wed) North Korea's Nuclear Issues

S. Hecker, "North Korea's Nuclear Weapons."

J. Bermudez, Jr., *North Korea's Development of a Nuclear Weapons Strategy*.

Puzzle: What should South Korea do against North Korea's nuclear threats?

Puzzle: What should the U.S. do against North Korea's nuclear threats?

Puzzle: Why is South Korea not going nuclear?

Puzzle: Why is Japan [Taiwan] not going nuclear?

3. 6/29 (Thu) China

Masaru Kohno, "East Asia and International Relations Theory."

Robert Gervis, "Theories of War."

Chi Fang, "Strategic Ambiguity in the Taiwan Strait."

(On Taiwan; The Soong Sisters)

Puzzle: What is your country's China policy? How do you deal with China?

Puzzle: What will the future of East Asian regional order look like?

4: 6/30 (Fri) Asian Values: Lee Kwan Yew and Kim Dae Jung

Fareed Zakaria, "Culture is Destiny."

Kim Dae Jung, "Is Culture Destiny?"

S. P. Huntington, "Democracy's Third Wave."

Puzzle: What are Asian values? How do you describe Asian culture?

Puzzle: Why did democracy rise in Europe first and not in East Asia?

Puzzle: How did democracy rise in some East Asian countries in the late 1900s?

5: 7/3 (Mon) China-North Korea vs. U.S.-ROK vs. Japan-the U.S.

A. Lankov, "Chinese Interest on the Korean Peninsula."

John W. Dower, "The San Francisco System."

T. Dalton and Ain Han, "The Future of the South Korea-U.S. Alliance."

S. Walt, "Why Alliances Endure."

Puzzle: How does the rise of China affect South and North Korea?

Puzzle: What are the problems with alliance politics between China and North Korea?

Puzzle: What are the problems with alliance politics between South Korea and the U.S.?

Puzzle: How will the U.S.-Japan alliance evolve?

6: 7/4 (Tue) Inter-Korean Relations and North Korea's future

Seongji Woo, "South Korea's Search for a Unification Strategy."

Seongji Woo, "The Park Chung-hee Administration amid Inter-Korean Reconciliation in the Détente Period"

Inyeop Lee, "Can North Korea Follow China's Path?"

Puzzle: What variables affect inter-Koreana relations most?

Puzzle: What variables cause inter-Korean rapprochement?

Puzzle: Why are North Korea and Vietnam following different paths?

Puzzle: Why are North Korea and China following different paths?

7: 7/5 (Wed) East Asian Regional Order

Amitav Acharya, "China's Rise and Asia's Emerging Security Order."

Puzzle: What are the main characteristics of East Asian order today?

Puzzle: How is it different from other regional orders?

Puzzle: In East Asia, which state is a leader in economy, diplomacy and military, respectively?

Puzzle: In East Asia, which state is a leader in culture, technology and education, respectively?

8: 7/6 (Thu) Examination

Section II

Mondays to Fridays 13:30-16:30

July 7-July 17, 2023

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Course Outline

This class is a part of the Global Collaborative Summer 2023 program at Kyung Hee University. Section II continues to deal with topics concerning the peace and security of East Asia, which lasts over 7 days (each day consisting of 2 rounds) to dovetail Section I. Geopolitical risks are around us in every part of the world which is going through an inflection point, after the end of the Post Cold War era. Ukraine-Russia war, vigorous competition between the United States and China, Japan's increasing role in Northeast Asia, coming elections in the United States, risks posed by North Korea and the roles of the EU and the ASEAN in the regions are the matters of interest. Classes will consist of lectures, presentations and discussions in the similar pattern to Section I, with emphasis on actual diplomacy and negotiation cases. Students are expected to read the assigned reading materials before class, and actively participate in class discussion.

Class Objectives

1. To grasp the interactive nature of geopolitics;
2. To trace relations among countries in the Asian and European regions;
3. To study evolving rivalry and alliance politics in East Asia;
4. To understand the interactive nature of East Asian politics;
5. To trace regional architecture for peace and prosperity in Europe and Asia.

Grading Policy

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Attendance 10 points

Reading Material

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Assignment: Puzzle-solving Project

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Class Schedule

1. 7/7 (Fri)

Orientation and Puzzle Introduction

Geopolitical Risks in East Asia

Institute for Future Strategy, "Geopolitical Risks Surrounding Korea" (to be published)

2. 7/10 (Mon) War in Ukraine

CSIS, "One Year Later: Assessing Russia's War in Ukraine"

Kremlin, "Presidential Address to Federal Assembly", February 21, 2023

Henry Kissinger, "How to avoid another world war" The Spectator, 17 December, 2022

Puzzle: What could the West have done to prevent the war?

Puzzle: What will be the conditions for both sides decide to cease the war?

Puzzle: What can be the motivation behind Russia's actions?

Puzzle: What can be the motivation behind the United States's measures?

Puzzle: What will China try to achieve?

Puzzle: What will be the strategic interests for Korea?

3. 7/11 (Tue) The Rise of China and Sino-American Relations

The White House, "National Security Strategy", October 2022

MOFA of PRC, “U.S. Hegemony and Its Perils”, February 2023

(Optional) James Mann, “About Face”, PP3-12, PP53-77

Puzzle: What is the United States trying to achieve?

Puzzle: What is China trying to achieve?

Puzzle: What will the future Sino-American relations look like?

Puzzle: What are the choices for the third countries?

Puzzle: What should Korea consider in its policies?

4: 7/12 (Wed) Japan’s Role in East Asia

Tsuneo Watanabe, “What’s New in Japan’s Three Security Documents?” CSIS, February 2023

MOFA of Japan, “Diplomatic Bluebook 2022” Chapter 1

(Optional) R. Taggart Murphy, “Japan”, PP3-31

Puzzle: What is your evaluation of Japan’s foreign and security policy?

Puzzle: What motivates Japan’s policy?

Puzzle: What should Japan’s role be in Asia, especially in relation to China?

Puzzle: What is the United States trying to achieve?

Puzzle: How should Japan’s past issues be resolved?

Puzzle: What will be the strategic interests for Korea?

5: 7/13 (Thu) U.S.’s Role in East Asia

The White House, “Indo-Pacific Strategy of the United States”, February 2022

“Remarks by President Biden in a Press Conference - Bali, Indonesia” November 14, 2022

MOFA of PRC, “President Xi Jinping meets with U.S. President in Bali” 2022-11-14

(Optional) Don Oberdorfer, “The Two Koreas”, Preface, Chapter 15 - North Korea in Crisis

Puzzle: What is the U.S. aiming at in East Asia?

Puzzle: What is China aiming at in East Asia?

Puzzle: What is Japan aiming at in East Asia?

Puzzle: What is Russia aiming at in East Asia?

Puzzle: What should Korea do in East Asia?

6: 7/14 (Fri) Comparison of Regional Organizations in Europe and Asia

Hoang Thi Ha et.al, “Diverging Regionalisms: ASEAN and the EU”, ASEANfocus, 2016

The Economist, “Fifty years ago, the EU cracked the secret of its current success”, 5-1-2023

(Optional) Andreas Staab, “The End of Europe”, PP1-13

Puzzle: What reference can East Asia get from the experiences of Europe?

Puzzle: What do you think of Brexit?

Puzzle: How will the relationship between ASEAN and China evolve?

Puzzle: How will the relationship between the EU and China evolve?

Puzzle: How will the relationship between the EU and the U.S. evolve?

7: 7/17(Mon)

Examination

End of Post Cold War in East Asia