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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

- A) Reading: Assignments are on the attached list.
- B) Papers: 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 30 and December 07. The **Major Paper** is due **December 07**.
- C) Exam: There will be a **Mid-Term Exam** on **October 19**.
- D) Class Discussion: All students will be expected to participate fully in class discussions.
- E) Grading: Class discussion and presentations 20%, mid-term exam 30%, major paper 50%.

**The Political Economy of the Pacific Basin**

1. Pacific Basin Concepts:  
**Sept. 07**

- 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, entire

2. Economic Performance:  
**Sept. 14**

- World Bank                    The East Asian Miracle Chapt. 1, 3
- K. Jackson, ed.                Asian Contagion, Chapt. 4,6,7
- I.M.F.                            World Economic Outlook, April 2005, 1 – 43
- 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, ms.,  
Chapt. 2, "Why Was the 1997 Financial Crisis So Severe?"

3. The Strategic Setting:  
**Sept. 21**

- R. Betts                        “Wealth, Power and Instability,” International Security,  
Winter 1993-94, 34-77
- 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 - 2005, 1-45

4. Northeast Asia:  
**Sept. 28**

- T. Inoguchi Japan's Foreign Policy, Chapt. 1, 3-56
- T. Christensen "China & the U.S.-Japan Alliance," International Security, Spring 1999, 49-80
- T. Cargill & H. Patrick "South Korea's and Japan's Response to Financial and Economic Distress," KEI, Korea's Economy 2005, 17-23
- D. Zagoria Multilateral Dialogue to Resolve the N. Korean Nuclear Issue, NCAFP, July 1, 2005
- N. Eberstadt The End of North Korea, pp. 115-146

5. Northeast Asia:  
**Oct. 05**

- D. Zwiag & J. Bi "China's Global Hunt for Energy," Foreign Affairs, Sept./Oct. 2005, 25-38
- D. Shambaugh "China Engages Asia - Reshaping the Regional Order," International Security, Winter 2004/05, 64-99
- PRC State Council China's National Defense in 2004, "White Paper," Chapt. 1-10, plus appendixes
- J. Bugajski "Russia New Europe," National Interest, Winter 2003/04, 84-91

6. Southeast Asia:  
**Oct. 12**

- S. Haggard The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis, 87-136
- D. Denoon & E. Colbert "Challenges Facing ASEAN," Winter 1998-99  
"Pacific Affairs," Vol. 71, No. 4, pp. 505-523
- P. Delhaise Asia in Crisis - The Implosion of the Banking and Financial Systems, 11-32, 47-79
- D. Denoon The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India, ms., Chapter 3, "Is the Current Recovery Sustainable?"

7. Mid-Term Exam:  
**Oct. 19**

8. Southeast Asia:  
**Oct. 26**

C. Dalpino & D. Steinberg	<u>Georgetown Southeast Asia Survey 2004-2005,</u> Chapt. 1 Introduction, 1-14 Chapt. 2 Political Contests, 15-30 Chapt. 3 Reorienting Trade, 31-42 Chapt. 5 Rethinking Hub and Spokes? 53-64
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World Bank Vietnam: Delivering on Its Promises, Chapt. 1-2

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

9. The Effect of the Subcontinent and Central Asia on East Asia:  
**Nov. 02**

R. Blackwill "The India Imperative," National Interest, Summer 2005,  
9-17

Z. Brzezinski "Hegemonic Quicksand," National Interest, Winter 2003/2004,  
5-16

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

E. Heginbotham &  
C. Twomey "America's Bismarkian Asia Policy," Current History,  
Sept. 2005, 243-250

11. Moslem Asia:  
**Nov. 16**

- R. Trenin                    The End of Eurasia, "The Far Eastern Backyard,"  
pp. 201-224
- 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

12. Are Asia's Patterns of Development Changing?:  
**Nov. 23**

- A. MacIntyre               Business and Government in Industrializing Asia,  
Chapt. 1, pp. 1-28
- M. Kahler, ed.             Capital Flows and Financial Crises, 1-67
- A.T. Kearney               "Measuring Globalization," Foreign Policy, May/June 2005,  
52-60
- P. Samuelson               "When Ricardo and Mill Rebut and Confirm Arguments of  
Mainstream Economists Supporting Globalization," Journal of  
Economic Perspectives, Summer 2004, 135-146
- A. Acharya                 The Quest for Identity, "Imagining Southeast Asia,"  
17-42

13. Presentations of Student Papers:

**November 30**  
**December 07**