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,”
   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  Chpts. 1, 3
   K. Jackson, ed.  Asian Contagion, Chpts. 4, 6, 7
   I.M.F.  World Economic Outlook, April 2005, 1 – 43
   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
4. **Northeast Asia:**
   **Sept. 28**

   T. Inoguchi  
   Japan’s Foreign Policy, Chapt. 1, 3-56

   T. Christensen  

   T. Cargill & H. Patrick  

   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. Zwieg & J. Bi  

   D. Shambaugh  

   PRC State Council  

   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  
   “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
     *Georgetown Southeast Asia Survey 2004-2005,*
     - 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

   - World Bank
     *Vietnam: Delivering on Its Promises,* Chapts. 1-2

   - U. Pathmanand
     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
     5-16

10. **Future Security Issues:**
    **Nov. 09**

    - D. Denoon & S. Brams
      "Fair Division: A New Approach to the Spratly Islands"

    - 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**
   - D. Gladney: "Islam in China: Accommodation or Separatism?" *China Quarterly,* 2003, 451-467

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. Acharya: The Quest for Identity, “Imagining Southeast Asia,” 17-42

13. **Presentations of Student Papers:**
   **November 30**
   **December 07**