

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Department of Political Science
Political Science 405M: The Pacific Rim and World Politics

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Course Content: This course examines the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region with an emphasis on the political economy of unilateral, regional, and global integration in East Asia. There will be attention to the interplay between domestic and international politics, especially for the major powers in the Pacific Rim.

Format: As this is an upper-level course, the instructor assumes that students who have registered for the class are interested in the topic. The course will be conducted as a seminar. The instructor expects students will read the assigned materials prior to coming to class. Students are expected to actively participate in a constructive manner during class discussions.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To offer an examination of how political and economic forces have shaped East Asia
- 2) To familiarize students with major theories of international relations applied in the Pacific Rim context
- 3) To facilitate the use of empirical evidence to assess theoretical perspectives

Course Requirements: Exams: There will be two exams each worth 100 points. All make-up exams are scheduled for December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Make-up exams will only be allowed when the instructor is notified *before* the scheduled exam and only for verifiable and excusable grounds. All in-class exams and quizzes must be written in black ink, dark blue ink, or a “number 2” pencil. Exams and quizzes not conforming to this requirement will not be graded. Students who do not exercise intelligible penmanship will be penalized on exam and quiz grades. Please note that *all* final exams must be taken during the officially scheduled time and that make-up exams are not offered for the final exam.

Research Project: Students will write a research paper worth 100 points. More information on this assignment will be handed out in class.

Class Participation and attendance, including quizzes, will account for another 100 points. Make-up quizzes will not be offered. At least once during the semester each student will be called on to answer a question related to the assigned readings. This assignment is worth 50 points toward your participation grade. Missing more than 3 classes lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into a B+). Missing more than 5 classes determines that your grade is an F. Students who arrive late or leave early will be marked absent.

Synopsis of Grading:

Exams	200 points
Participation	100 points
Research Project	100 points
Total	400 points

Disruptions – such as using a cell phone, text messenger, pager, computer or other device – will have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. *The instructor requires all cell phones and similar devices to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment, may not be used during exams. Recording devices may not be used at anytime; if any unauthorized recording is made and distributed you will be subject to civil suit. If you use a computer to take notes the instructor reserves the right to obtain a copy of your notes within 24 hours of the request; failure to comply with this will result in a failing grade for the course. Late assignments will be penalized 20 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will only be offered when requested in writing on behalf of a

student by the Chair of the Department of Political Science or the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. All grade disputes must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified in writing regarding the anticipated absence by the last day of late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructor in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

The instructor reserves the right to have students' written materials submitted electronically and assessed by plagiarism detection software. The University requires all members of the University Community to be familiar with and to follow copyright and fair use laws. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability as well as disciplinary action under University policies. To help familiarize yourself with copyright and fair use policies, the University encourages you to visit its copyright page at: www.unlv.edu/committees/copyright. Plagiarism of any form will result in a failing grade for the course and the instructor will file a case with the Office of Student Conduct.

Required Texts:

David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (2008) *International Relations of Asia*. Lanham, MD: Roman & Littlefield

Ellen Frost (2008) *Asia's New Regionalism*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner

Mark Beeson (2007) *Regionalism & Globalization in East Asia*. New York: Palgrave

Student Accommodation: The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137, and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability>. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) coordinates all academic accommodations for students with documented disabilities. The DRC is the official office to review and house disability documentation for students, and to provide them with an official Academic Accommodation Plan to present to the faculty if an accommodation is warranted. Faculty should not provide students accommodations without being in receipt of this plan. UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented

Course Outline: The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed. In addition to the course texts, additional *required* readings have been uploaded to Webcampus. On occasion an additional reading assignment will be added to this schedule.

August 25, August 27 and September 1: What is a Region?

Beeson, Chapter 1

Frost, Chapters 1 and 2

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 1 (Shambaugh) and Chapter 3 (Acharya)

Kim, Joongi (2003) "Sub-regionalism, Regionalism, Trans-regionalism: Implications for Economic Integration and International Trade Policies," *Asia Europe Journal* 2, 1: 183-196.

September 3: The History Problem for the Asia-Pacific

Beeson Chapter 2

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 2 (Kim)

September 8, September 10, September 15: Geostrategic Relations

Beeson Chapter 3

Frost Chapters 3, 4, and 9
Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 15 (Cossa)

September 17 and September 22: Domestic Sources of Regional Politics

Beeson Chapters 4 and 5

Frost Chapter 5

Taniguchi, Rie and Sarah Babb (2009) "The global construction of development models: the US, Japan and the East Asian miracle," *Socio-Economic Review* 7: 277–303.

September 29: The Regional Powers

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 6 (Saunders), Chapter 7 (Ganguly), and Chapter 8 (Green)

October 1: Intra-regionalism

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 9 (Simon), Chapter 10 (White), Chapter 11 (Olcott) and Chapter 12 (Snyder)

October 6: Inter-regionalism

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 4 (Sutter) and Chapter 5 (Bersick)

Dent, Christopher M. (2003) "From Inter-regionalism to Trans-regionalism? Future Challenges for ASEM," *Asia Europe Journal* 2, 1: 223-235.

Maull, Hanns W. and Nuria Okfen (2003) "Inter-regionalism in International Relations: Comparing APEC and ASEM," *Asia Europe Journal* 1, 2: 237-249.

Shaw, Timothy M., Andrew Cooper and Antkiewicz A. (2007) "Global and/or regional development at the start of the 21st century? China, India and (South) Africa," *Third World Quarterly* 28, 7: 1255-1270.

October 8: Mid-term Exam

October 13, October 15, and October 20: Regional Integration I

Beeson Chapters 6 and 7

Frost Chapter 6

Shambaugh and Yahuda, Chapter 13 (Lincoln) and Chapter 14 (Chanda)

Katzenstein, P. J. (1997) "Introduction: Asian Regionalism in Contemporary Perspective," in P. J. Katzenstein and T. Shiraishi (eds) *Network Power: Japan and Asia*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Kim, Samuel S. (2004) "Regionalization and Regionalism in East Asia," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 4, 1: 39-67.

October 22, October 27, and October 29: Regional Integration II

Frost Chapters 7 and 8

Ravenhill, John (2002) "A Three Block World? The New East Asian Regionalism," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 2, 2: 167-195.

Narine, Shaun (2004) "State sovereignty, political legitimacy and regional institutionalism in the Asia-Pacific," *The Pacific Review* 17, 3: 423-450.

Terada, Takashi (2003) "Constructing an 'East Asian' Concept and Growing Regional Identity: from EAEC to ASEAN+3," *The Pacific Review* 16, 2: 251-277.

November 3, November 5 and November 10: Regional Integration III

Breslin, Shaun and Richard Higgott (2003) "New Regionalism(s) in the Global Political Economy: Conceptual Understanding in Historical Perspective," *Asia Europe Journal* 2, 1: 167-182.

Morrison, Charles E. (2004) "Track 1/Track 2 Symbiosis in Asia-Pacific Regionalism," *The Pacific Review* 17, 4: 547–565.

- Aggarwal, Vinod K. and Min Gyo Koo (2005) "Beyond Network Power? The Dynamics of Formal Economic Integration in Northeast Asia," *The Pacific Review* 18, 2: 189–216.
- Peng, Dajin (2002) "Invisible Linkages: A Regional Perspective of East Asian Political Economy," *International Studies Quarterly* 46, 3: 423-447.

November 12 and November 17: Regional Institutions

- Stubbs, Richard (2002) "ASEAN Plus Three: Emerging East Asian Regionalism?" *Asian Survey* 42, 3: 440-455.
- Dent, Christopher M. (2008) "The Asian Development Bank and Developmental Regionalism in East Asia," *Third World Quarterly* 29, 4: 767-786.
- Dent, Christopher M. (2007) "Full circle? Ideas and ordeals of creating a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific," *The Pacific Review* 20, 4: 447-474.
- Rapkin, David P. (2001) "The United States, Japan, and the power to block: the APEC and AMF cases," *The Pacific Review* 14, 3: 373-410.

November 19 and November 24: Asia within International Organizations

- Cooper, Andrew F. and Thomas Fues (2008) "Do the Asian Drivers Pull their Diplomatic Weight? China, India, and the United Nations," *World Development* 36, 2: 293-307.
- Rapkin, David P. and Jonathan R. Strand (2003) "Is East Asia Under-Represented in the International Monetary Fund?" *International Relations of the Asia Pacific* 3, 1: 1-28.
- Winkler, Sigrid (2008) "Can trade make a sovereign? Taiwan–China–EU relations in the WTO," *Asia Europe Journal* 6, 3/4: 467-485.

November 26 and December 1: Recent Developments

- Dieter, Heribert (2009) "Changing patterns of regional governance: from security to political Economy?" *The Pacific Review* 22, 1: 73–90.
- Chey, Hyoung-kyu (2009) "The Changing Political Dynamics of East Asian Financial Cooperation: The Chiang Mai Initiative," *Asian Survey* 49, 3: 450-467.
- Rajan, Ramkishan S. (2008) "Monetary and financial cooperation in Asia: taking stock of recent ongoings," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 8, 31–45.
- Ravenhill, John (2009) "East Asian regionalism: Much Ado about Nothing?" *Review of International Studies* 35: 215-235.
- Jakobson, Linda (n.d.) "China's diplomacy toward Africa: drivers and constraints," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*.

December 3: The Future for Regionalism in the Asia Pacific

- Beeson Chapter 8
Frost Chapters 10-12.

December 8 Final Exam 10:10 AM to 12:00 PM (subject to change)