

International Relations of Korea

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Spring 206

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North Korean nuclear weapons are not the only issue that exists in Korean international relations. For example, China, Japan, and Korea comprise 70% of the US trade deficit. This course will use international relations theories to explore the historical and current situation of both North and South Korea, and put the Korean peninsula in the wider context of Northeast Asia and global international relations. This course will explore four broad areas: Korea's relations with its neighbors, in particular China and Japan; North-South relations; the economic situation in Northeast Asia; and finally US-ROK relations.

I do not presume any knowledge of Korea or Korean language, although comfort with international relations theories would be helpful.

You should come to class prepared to answer the following questions about the readings:

1. What are the dependent variable(s)?
2. What are the independent variables?
3. How well is the argument made? Is it convincing? Is it interesting and important?
4. Students will present and discuss each others work

READINGS:

- All readings are on Coursework (<http://coursework.stanford.edu>)
- You are required to purchase Victor Cha and David Kang, *Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies* (Columbia University Press, 2004)

REQUIREMENTS:

In-class midterm (40%)

Take-home final (50%)

In-class participation (10%)

Recommended background: If you are unfamiliar with the basic theoretical concepts of international relations, or have limited exposure to Asian security, glancing at these books will provide a good overview.

- G. John Ikenberry , ed., *American foreign policy: theoretical essays* 3rd edition (New York : Longman, 1999)
- Art, Robert and Kenneth Waltz, eds., *The Use of Force* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003. Sixth Edition)
- Alagappa Muthiah, ed., *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features* (Stanford 2002)
- Alagappa, Muthiah, ed., *Asian Security Practice: Material and Ideational Influences* (Stanford 1998)
- Victor Cha, *Alignment Despite Antagonism: The US-Korea-Japan Security Triangle* (Stanford, 1999)

January 10: Introduction and overview

January 12: international relations theory and an introduction to Asia

- Susumu Awanohara, “Paradigm Paranoia,” *Far Eastern Economic Review* (June 27, 1991), p.15.
- Jack Snyder, “One World, Rival Theories,” *Foreign Policy* (Nov/Dec. 2004): 53-62.
- John Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power,” in *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: WW Norton, 2001), pp. 29-54.
- Robert Keohane, “International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?” *Foreign Policy*. (Spring 1998): 82-96.

Background :

- Ikenberry, chapters by Krasner (284-308), Khong (554-564), and Frieden (171-199).
- John Ikenberry, “Getting Hegemony Right” *National Interest* (Spring 2001).

January 17: The historical pattern of Northeast Asian international relations

- David C. Kang, “Hierarchy in Asian International Relations: 1300 to 1900,” *Asian Security* 1, no. 1 (2005): 53-79.
- Thomson et al., *Sentimental Imperialists: the American Experience in East Asia* (NY: Harper and Row, 1981), Chapters 1-2.
- Kirk Larsen, Introduction, *Tradition, Treaties and Trade: Qing Imperialism and Chosôn Korea, 1850-1910* (m.s., George Washington University), pp. 1-37.

January 19: the Korean War and its aftermath

- Bruce Cumings, *Korea’s Place in the Sun*, (W.W. Norton, 1997), Chapters 4 and 5: “The Passions,” and “Collision.”

Background:

- <http://www.koreanwar-educator.org/Home.htm>

- Sergei Goncharov, S. N., John Lewis, and Xue Litai, *Uncertain Partners: Stalin, Mao, and the Korean War* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1993)

January 24: China's foreign policy

- John Mearsheimer and Zbigniew Brzezinski, "Clash of the Titans," *Foreign Policy*, (Jan/Feb. 2005): 46-50.
- David Kang, "Getting Asia Wrong: the Need for New Analytic Frameworks," *International Security* 27, no. 4 (Spring 2003): 57-85.
- Tom Christensen, "Posing Problems without Catching up," *International Security* 25, no. 4 (Spring 2001): 5-40.

Background:

- David Shambaugh, "China Engages Asia: Reshaping the Regional Order," *International Security* 29, no. 3, (Winter 2004)
- Gerald Segal, "Does China Matter?" *Foreign Affairs* 78, no. 5, (Sept/Oct. 1999): 24-36.
- Avery Goldstein, *Rising to the Challenge: China's Grand Strategy* (Stanford, 2004)
- Iain Alastair Johnston, "Is China a Status Quo Power?" *International Security* 22, no. 5, (Sep/Oct. 1999): 24-36.

January 26: Korea-China relations

- Jaeho Chung, "South Korea Between the Eagle and the Dragon: Perceptual Ambivalence and Strategic Dilemma," *Asian Survey* 41, no. 5 (Sept/Oct. 2001): 777-796.
- Anne Wu, "What China Whispers to North Korea," *Washington Quarterly* 28, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 35-48.

January 31: Japan's foreign policy

- Christopher Hughes, *Japan's Re-emergence as a 'Normal' Military Power* (Oxford University Press, 2005).
- Thomas J. Christensen, "China, the U.S.-Japan alliance, and the security dilemma in East Asia," *International Security* 23, no. 4 (Spring 1999): 49-79.

Background:

- Nobuo Okawara and Peter Katzenstein, "Japan and Asian-Pacific Security: regionalization, entrenched bilateralism and incipient multilateralism," *The Pacific Review* 14, No. 2 (2001): 165-194
- Gil Rozman, "Japan's Quest for Great Power Identity," *Orbis* 46 (Winter 2002)

****February 2: NO CLASS****

February 7: Korea-Japan Relations

- David Kang, "Japan: U.S. Partner or Focused on Abductees?" *The Washington Quarterly* (Autumn 2005): 107-117.
- Victor Cha, *Alignment Despite Antagonism: the US-Japan-Korea Triangle* (Stanford, 1999), Chapters 1 and 6.

****February 9: in-class midterm****

February 14: North Korea: The 1994 Crisis

- Victor Cha and David Kang, *Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies* (Columbia, 2003), Chs 1-3
- Victor Cha and David Kang, "Think Again: the Korea crisis," *Foreign Policy* (May/June 2003): 20-28.
- "The 1994 Agreed Framework between the United States of America and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," Geneva (October 21, 1994) <http://www.kedo.org>

Background:

- Leon Sigal, *Disarming Strangers: Nuclear Diplomacy with North Korea* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1998)
- Official North Korea souvenir shop! (www.korea-dpr.com/souv.htm)
- Official North Korean tourist information! (www.korea-dpr.com/travel.htm)

February 16: The 2002 crisis

- Victor Cha and David Kang, *Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies* (Columbia, 2003), Chapters 4-6
- Scott Stossel, "North Korea: The War Game," *The Atlantic Monthly* (July/August 2005): 97-108

Background:

- Victor Cha and David Kang, "Can North Korea Be Engaged?" *Survival* 46, No. 2 (Summer 2004): 89-108.

February 21: North Korea: domestic politics

- Jasper Becker, *Rogue Regime*, (Oxford, 2005), prologue and Chapter 4, "Slave State."
- Hazel Smith, "Bad, Mad, Sad, or Rational Actor? Why the Securitization Paradigm Makes for Poor Policy Analysis of North Korea." *International Affairs* 76, no. 3 (2000): 593-617
- Denny Roy, "North Korea as an Alienated State," *Survival* 38, no. 4 (Winter 1996-7): 22-36

Background:

- Bradley Martin, *Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader* (New York: St. Martin's, 2004)
- Andrew Coe, "North Korea's New Cash Crop," *Washington Quarterly* (Summer 2005)
- David Kang, "The Avoidable Crisis in North Korea," *Orbis* (Summer 2003).

February 23: North Korea's Economic Development

- Marcus Noland, "Famine and Reform in North Korea," Institute for International Economics, WP 03-5 (July 2003)
- Ruediger Frank, "North Korea: 'Gigantic Change' and a Gigantic Chance," Nautilus Special Report, Policy Forum Online (PFO) 03-31 (May 9, 2003)
- David Kang, "Chapter Three: The economy," in Robert Worden, ed., *North Korea: A Country Study* (Washington, D.C.: forthcoming, 2005)

February 28: Class debate on North Korea (details handed out Feb 14)

March 2: Korea-US relations

- Michael Mastanduno, "Incomplete Hegemony: The United States and Security Order in Asia," in Muthiah Alagappa, ed., *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features* (Stanford, 2003), pp. 141-170.
- Chalmers Johnson, *Blowback*, Prologue and Chapter 1.

Background:

- Joseph S. Nye, "East Asian Security: The Case for Deep Engagement," *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 1995)
- Avery Goldstein, "Balance-of-Power Politics: Consequences for Asian Security Order," in Alagappa, ed., *Asian Security Order*, pp. 171-209.

March 7: Korea-US relations

- Derek Mitchell, ed., *US-Korea Relations in a Time of Crisis* (Washington, DC: CSIS, 2004). Chapters 5 and 6, "Generational Change in South Korea," and "Civil Society and Alliance Politics."
- Norbert Vollertsen, "A Depraved Society We Can't Ignore," *the American Enterprise* 16, no 5, (July/August 2005): 4-45.

Background:

- Katharine Moon, *Sex Among Allies* (Columbia University Press, 1999)

March 9: Territorial disputes in the modern era

- Sung-Jae Kim, "The Politics of the Dokdo Issue," *Journal of East Asian Affairs* 5, no. 3 (Fall 2005): 465-494.
- Sean Fern, "Tokdo or Takeshima? The International Law of Territorial Acquisition in the Japan-Korea Island Dispute," *Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs* 5, no. 1 (Winter 2005): 79-81.
- "The Dispute over Tokdo Island," on the web at: <http://www.geocities.com/mlovmo/page4.html>

Background:

- Taylor Fravel, "Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: explaining China's Compromises on Territorial Disputes," *International Security* 30, no. 2 (Fall 2005): 46-83.
- Andrew Horvat, "Overcoming the Negative Legacy of the Past: Why Europe is a Positive Example for East Asia," *Brown Journal of World Affairs* 11, no. 1 (Summer/Fall 2004): 137-148.

March 14: Regional cooperation

- Saadia Pekkanen, "Japan's FTA Frenzy," (University of Washington, m.s., 2004)
- T.J. Pempel, *Regionalism East Asia*, chapter 1 (introduction), pp. 1-28.
- Richard Stubbs, "ASEAN Plus Three: Emerging East Asian Regionalism?" *Asian Survey* 42, no. 3 (2002): 440-455.

Background:

- ASEAN Regional Forum homepage (<http://www.dfat.gov.au/arf/index.html>)
- Amitav Acharya, *Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia* (Routledge, 2000).
- Robyn Lim, "The ASEAN Regional Forum," *Contemporary Southeast Asia* 20, no. 2 (August 1998): 115-135.

March 16: what have we learned?

Take home final handed out today: due March 20