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JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY
AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EAST & SOUTHEAST ASIA

Tuesday 9:30 am -12:30 pm
VKC 204

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Course Objectives

The primary interest of this course is to expand students’ theoretical understanding of Japan’s relation with the world, Japanese foreign policy decision-making, Japan’s economic and political relationship with the Pacific Rim countries. Issues that influence Japanese foreign policy, the implication of Japan’s increasing economic power and that of changing U.S.-Japanese relations, will be discussed. In addition, we will cover policy-relevant literature in the course to analyze how the theories help understand important issues surrounding Japan: How does U.S.-Japanese relationship affect economic development and political security in Asia? Is Japan likely to shoulder more security burden in Asia in the near future?

The course focuses strongly on Japan and international political economy, and due to the time constraints, it will not cover all the important questions that exist in Asia. However, I would like to encourage students pursue their own research interests in their final research paper.

Pre-requisites


- Basic to intermediate understanding of international economics (or at least one course in IPE) is strongly suggested before taking this course.

- Interest in and knowledge of current discussions on U.S.-Japanese relations.

Course Structure

A five-page double-spaced paper is assigned to one student each week (except the first and last weeks). The paper should contain a synopsis of the week’s reading material taking into account possible discussion topics for the class. Students must submit the paper by E-mail to all the students in class and to me by 10:00 am on Monday before the seminar. In addition, the student in charge has to place copies of his/her paper in the Graduate Lounge (VKC 300A) the same time so that those who do not have access to E-mail account then can come to class can read it. All students are expected to come to class with critique of the paper in mind. The one who prepares the paper will present his/her analysis, and work as a discussion leader for the first half of the class. I will expand/refocus the discussions during the second half.
The final research paper is very important in this course. Students are free to choose any topic as long as it is relevant to this course substantively and/or theoretically, and once you clear the topic with me. The last week of class is reserved for each student to present his/her analysis and findings in class. Students are encouraged to write this paper with the intent to submit it as a conference paper or a journal article.

Finally, I require everybody to have an E-mail account. E-mail is the best way to communicate with me.

Assignments and Course Grades

During the 15 weeks (excluding the Spring break) of this semester, students are expected to do the following:

Two Five-page Papers and Discussion Leadership 40%

   Paper must be submitted via E-mail by Monday 10:00 am before the seminar.

Participation in Class Discussions 20%

   Regular attendance and active participation in class discussions.

Final Research Paper 40%

   Your topic cleared by me by February 13, two-page outline with a substantial bibliography due by March 6 (schedule an individual session with me on March 8 and 9), a twenty-minute presentation on April 24 in class, and the final paper due on May 3 (Thu) at 4:00 pm. The paper should be between 20 and 25 double-spaced pages (excluding bibliography) or around 6,000 words.

Main Books for the Course (in the bookstore and on reserve at VKC library)


Gerald L. Curtis (ed.), Japan’s Foreign Policy after the Cold War: Coping with Change, 1993. (Curtis FP)


Walter Hatch and Kozo Yamamura, Asia in Japan’s Embrace: Building a Regional Production Alliance, 1997.

Course Schedule

   (B) at Bookstore, (V) at VKC library, and (C) in your coursepak.

   W.G. Beasley, The Rise of Modern Japan, 1995 read by the end of January 27 (B)

2. January 16   Regime Shift?

### 3. January 23  Domestic Structure and Japanese Foreign Policy


Chalmers Johnson, *MITI and the Japanese Miracle*, 1982, chap. 8. (C)


Frances McCall Rosebluth “Internationalization and Electoral Politics in Japan,” in Keohane & Millner (eds.), *Internationalization and Domestic Politics*, 1996, p. 137-156. (C)

*Recommended:*


### 4. January 30  International Position and Japanese Foreign Policy


Akitoshi Miyashita, “Gaiatsu and Japan’s Foreign Aid: Rethinking the Reactive-Proactive Debate,” International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 43, No. 4, December 1999, p. 695-731. (C)


Susan J. Pharr, “Japan’s Defensive Foreign Policy and the Politics of Burden Sharing,” (Curtis, p. 235-262). (B), (R)


*Recommended:*

5. February 6 Negotiation Style and Japanese Foreign Policy
Michael Blaker, “Evaluating Japan’s Diplomatic Performance” (Curtis-FP, p.1-42). (B), (R)
Nathaniel B. Thayer, “Japanese Foreign Policy in the Nakasone Years” (Curtis-FP, p. 90-104). (B), (R)

6. February 13 Influence of Norms, Ideas and Paradigms
Recommended:

7. February 20 U.S.-Japanese Alliance and Japan’s Security Relations


Gerald Curtis, “U.S. Policy Toward Japan from Nixon to Clinton: An Assessment (Chapter 1),” (Curtis-USJ, p. 1-38), (B), (R).

Michael Green, “The Challenges of Managing U.S.-Japan Security Relations after the Cold War (Chapter 8)” (Curtis-USJ, p. 241-264), (B), (R).

Akihiko Tanaka, “The International Context of U.S-Japan Relations in the 1990s (Chapter 9),” (Curtis-USJ, p. 265-294), (B), (R).

Recommended:

Motohide Saito, “Japan’s “Northward” Foreign Policy,” (Curtis-FP, p. 274-302).


8. February 27 U.S.-Japanese Economic Relations and Japan’s Adjustment

Takatoshi Ito, “U.S. Political Pressure and Economic Liberalization in East Asia,” in Frankel and Kahler (eds.), Regionalism and Rivalry: Japan and the United States in Pacific Asia, 1993. Chap. 9. (C)

John Creighton Campbell, “Japan and the United States: Games that Work,” (Curtis-FP, p. 43-61). (B), (R)


Jennifer Hold Dwyer, “U.S.-Japan Financial-Market Relations in an Era of Global Finance (Chapter 3),” (Curtis-USJ, p. 82-128), (B), (R).


Yoshiko Kojo, “Japan’s Changing Attitude toward Adjusting its Current Account Surplus: The Strong Yen and Macroeconomic Policy in the 1990s (Chapter 5),” (Curtis-USJ, p. 146-174), (B), (R).

Robert Uriu, “The Impact of Policy Ideas: Revisionism and the Clinton Administration’s Trade Policy toward Japan (Chapter 7),” (Curtis-USJ, p. 213-240), (B), (R).

Recommended:

9. March 6  Japan’s International Role: Hegemony and Leadership


Recommended:


SPRING BREAK MARCH 12-16

10. March 20  Japan’s International Role: Provider of International Public Good?


Dennis Yasutomo, “Politicization of Japan’s ‘Post-Cold War’ Multilateral Diplomacy,” (Curtis-FP, p. 323-346). (B), (R)

Yasuhiro Ueki, “Japan’s UN Diplomacy: Sources of Passivism and Activism,” (Curtis-FP, p. 347-370). (B), (R)

Recommended:


Dennis T. Yasutomo, The New Multilateralism in Japan’s Foreign Policy, 1995.


11. March 27 Japan in Asia: Economic Regionalization

Walter Hatch and Kozo Yamamura, Asia in Japan’s Embrace: Building a Regional Production Alliance, 1997. Whole book. (B), (R)


Recommended:


12. April 3  
**Japan in Asia: Japan as a Leader?**


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13. April 10  
**Debate on the Future of Japan**


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14. April 17  
**No Class (Please work on your papers and presentations)**

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15. April 24  
**Paper Presentation**
Research Paper due on May 3 (Thu) at 4:00 pm.