Masters Programme in Asian Studies

CÖSM37: Asia in Global and Regional Politics

Autumn Semester

Credits: 7.5 ECTS

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Description of Course

This course is an elective, in the third semester of the master programme (can also be taken as a free standing course). It is an introduction to the international relations of East Asia. It is divided in two, the first half outlines three main theories of international relations, the second half applies these theories to contemporary issues in the region. Some students write their thesis on issues related to international relations in Asia, and this course provides them with the basic toolkit, and helps them understand how to apply those tools.

There are few female authors on the course (170 pages including co-authors). The theory section includes two textbooks, of which one has a female co-author. The seminal theoretical works, which is all we have time to look at, are written by men. This is a problem in International Relations generally. Although there are feminist approaches, these primarily look at issues such as female combatants or rape as a weapon of war (which is not the focus of the course). This course analyses topics such as regional geopolitics, nationalism, territorial disputes. Further, East Asia is notorious for gender inequality. There are very few prominent female academics in the field of International Relations from the region. None of the female authors on this course work in the region. The course provides three different perspectives on the subject (realism, liberalism, constructivism).

The topic of the final class is decided after the course has begun, in collaboration with the students. There are many potential topics on such a short course, and it is nice to include the students in the decision, as well as the fact that one never knows what will be happening at the time of the course: it would be tragic if, for example, before or during the course there is a crisis on the Korean Peninsula, in the Taiwan Straits, in the East China Sea, or if Japan reforms its pacifist constitution, or if the US announces a withdrawal of troops, etc.. and there is no class due to previous literature approval. Therefore part of the reading (140 pages) are decided by the teacher and students together during the course in order to be able to stay up-to-date with current issues, satisfy student interests, and make use of the most recent literature on the topics.

Total number of pages: 1045 (approx.)

Consisting of required reading (895) plus final paper research (150 approx).

The final paper requires that students begin with the course literature, but also find their own articles and books on the topic.

Unless otherwise stated, all articles are available through the library website. All prices are from Bokus.

**Textbooks:**

Baylis, John, Smith, Steve and Owens, Patricia (2014*) The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Several copies of the 5th edition in the library. Students can also use other editions. The chapter numbers have changed, but the topics have not.

Introduction & Chapter 3-6, 9.

95 pages

Price for 7th edition: 436 sek

Burchill, Scott, and Linklater, Andrew ed.s (2009) *Theories of International Relations*, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan

5th edition available as an ebook via library. Students can also use other editions. The chapter numbers change, but the topics do not.

Chapter 1-3, 9.

110 pages

Price for 5th edition: 489 sek

**Course literature**

Allison, Graham (2015), ‘The Thucydides Trap: Are the US and China headed for war?’ *The Atlantic* Sept 24, available online at: <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/09/united-states-china-war-thucydides-trap/406756/>

15 pages

Berger, Thomas (1993) ‘From Sword to Chrysanthemum: Japan’s Culture of Anti-militarism,’ *International Security*, Vol. 17, No. 4, pp. 119-150

31 pages

Cull, Nicholas J (2012) ‘Bulging Ideas: Making Korea’s Public Diplomacy Work’ *Asan Issue Brief,* No. 37, available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yb7r9gre>

8 pages

Chanlett-Avery, Emma, and Rinehart, Ian (2016) *The US-Japan Alliance* (Congressional Report Number RL33740). Available online at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33740.pdf>

30 pages

Friedberg, Aaron L. (2005), ‘The Future of U.S.-China Relations Is Conflict Inevitable?,’ *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Fall 2005), pp. 7–45

38 pages

Fukuyama, Francis (1989) ‘The End of History?*’ The National Interest*. Widely available online

15 pages

Hall, Ian and Smith, Frank (2013) ‘The Struggle for Soft Power in Asia: Public Diplomacy and Regional Security’, *Asian Security*, Vol. 9, No. 1 pp. 1-18.

18 pages

He, Yinan (2007) ‘Remembering and Forgetting the War: Elite Mythmaking, Mass Reaction, and Sino-Japanese Relations, 1950-2006,’ *History and Memory* Vol. 19 No. 2, pp. 43-74.

31 pages

Ikenberry, G. John (2018) ‘The end of the liberal international order’, *International Affairs*, Vol. 94, No. 1, pp. 7-23.

27 pages

Johnston, Alastair Iain (2013) *‘*How New and Assertive Is China's New Assertiveness?’ *International Security*, Vol. 37, No. 4, pp. 7–48.

41 pages

Katz, Richard (2013) ‘Mutual Assured Production: Why Trade Will Limit Conflict Between China and Japan’ *Foreign Affairs* Vol. 92, No. 4: 18-22.

5 pages

Kelly, Robert E. (2014) ‘The “pivot” and its problems: American foreign policy in Northeast Asia,’ *The Pacific Review*, Vol. 27, No. 3, pp. 479-503.

24 pages

Kingston, Jeff (2016) ‘The Japan Lobby and Public Diplomacy’ *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, Vol. 14, No. 9, Available online at: <http://apjjf.org/-Jeff-Kingston/4884/article.pdf>

25 pages

Lam, Peng Er (2016) ‘China, the United States, Alliances, War: Avoiding the Thucydides Trap?’ *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, Vol. 43, No. 2, pp. 36-46.

10 pages

Leheny, David (2015) ‘Naruto’s Limits: What Soft Power Can Actually Achieve’, Nippon.com, available online at: <https://www.nippon.com/en/in-depth/a03902/>

5 pages

Nye , Joseph S. (1995), ‘The Case for Deep Engagement,’ *Foreign Affairs,* Vol. 4, No. 4, pp.90-102.

12 pages

Nye, Joseph (2008) ‘Public diplomacy and soft power,’ *Annals, AAPSS*, Vol. 616: 94-109.

15 pages

O'Shea, Paul (2014) Overestimating the “Power Shift”: The US Role in the Failure of the Democratic Party of Japan's “Asia Pivot”. *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 38, No. 3, pp. 435-459.

24 pages

Reilly, James (2004) ‘China’s History Activists and the War of Resistance against Japan: History in the Making,’ *Asian Survey*, Vol. 44, No. 2 pp. 276-294

18 pages

Rose, G. (1998) ‘Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy’, *World Politics*, Vol. 51: 144-72.

29 pages

Roselle, Laura Miskimmon, Alister, and O’Loughlin, Ben (2014) ‘Strategic narrative: A new means to understand soft power’ *Media, Conflict and War*,Vol. 7 No. 1, pp. 70-84.

15 pages

Shambaugh, David (2015) ‘China’s soft power push’, *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 94, pp. 99-107

8 pages

Suzuki, Shogo (2007) ‘The importance of “Othering’ in China's national identity: Sino-Japanese relations as a stage of identity conflicts,’ *Pacific Review*, Vol. 20 No. 1, pp. 23-47

24 pages

Tsuruoka, Michito (2018) The Donald J. Trump Administration as Seen from Tokyo: Will the US-Japan Alliance Remain Unique? *IAE Papers*, Vol 18, No.2, available online at: <http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iaip1802.pdf>

15 pages

Wang, Zheng (2008) ‘National Humiliation, History Education, and the Politics of Historical Memory: Patriotic Education Campaign in China,’ *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 52, No. 4, pp. 783–806.

23 pages

Wendt, Alexander (1992) ‘Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics’, *International Organization* Vol.46 No.2 pp. 391-425.

34 pages

Final Class will be on a topic voted for by students. 140 pages (approx.).