

**TROY UNIVERSITY PACIFIC REGION  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
IR 6645 Asia in World Affairs  
Term 2, 2012 [15 October — 16 December 2012]  
Weekend/Web-Enhanced at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan  
17-18 November and 8-9 December 2012**

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**MEETING LOCATION, DATES & TIMES:** In-class sessions of the course will meet on the weekends of 17-18 November and 8-9 December, 0900-1800. The course will also include an online component in a web-enhanced format.

**CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An examination of Asian politics, legal systems, economics, culture, military power, geography, and their impact on regional relations and linkages to the world system.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

Christophe Dent, *East Asian Regionalism* (Routledge, 2008), ISBN-10: 041543484X.

Robyn Lim, *Geopolitics of East Asia* (Routledge, 2005), ISBN-10: 0415360307.

David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, *International Relations of Asia* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008), ISBN-10: 0742556964.

Zhiqun Zhu, ed., *New Dynamics in East Asian Politics: Security, Political Economy, and Society* (Continuum, 2012), ISBN-10: 1441166211.

**OTHER READING MATERIALS:** Some book chapters will be included in the required readings. Copies of the book chapters will be provided. The book chapters can be found in:

Muthiah Alagappa, editor, *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003).

Muthiah Alagappa, editor, *Civil Society and Political Change in Asia: Expanding and Contracting Democratic Space* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004).

**OVERALL OBJECTIVES/ PURPOSE:** Students will be introduced to historical issues surrounding Asia's integration into the global system of international relations, as well as contemporary issues related to decolonization, traditional and non-traditional security, economic development, regionalism, domestic government and politics, and political economy.

**GRADING AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

Student's grades will be determined as follows:

Participation in class 20%

Web-enhanced online assignment 30%

Final term paper 50%

**FINAL TERM PAPER:** The term paper must cover an appropriate topic in the Asian region. The topic can address a wide range of issues, but students must receive instructor approval for their paper topics. This is not meant to discourage anyone; I am quite flexible. However, it is better to communicate your ideas or intentions and make sure you're on the right track before wasting time and effort on an inappropriate topic. Students have the option of writing a research paper or a policy paper with policy recommendations. The details regarding paper format will be discussed in class. The paper should be about 12-20 pages double-spaced and is due by e-mail no later than Friday, 14 December 2012.

**WEB-ENHANCED PORTION:** This is a Web-Enhanced (W-E) course that combines instructions inside and outside of the classroom. Troy requires 45 hours of instruction for a three unit course. We will meet for a total of 36 hours in the classroom, so 19 hours must be covered outside of class. Troy regulations stipulate that the out-of-classroom portion may be Blackboard, CD/DVD, memory stick, reading/study/writing, and other methods, or a combination thereof.

The W-E portion in this course will consist of short answers to discussion questions in Zhiqun Zhu, ed., *New Dynamics in East Asian Politics: Security, Political Economy, and Society*. The discussion questions are at the end of chapters 1 and 2 (page 38 and page 58). The assignment should be submitted by email no later than 8 December 2012.

**STUDENT-INSTRUCTOR INTERACTION/COMMUNICATION:** Since I live in Seoul, I will only be able to meet with you individually outside of class by appointment while I'm at Kadena. I will respond to your e-mails as quickly as I can. If it is extremely urgent, or if you need to discuss something that cannot be addressed through email, you can reach me by telephone. If necessary, we can schedule a chat through Skype or Yahoo Messenger.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:** This schedule is subject to adjustment, and the instructor reserves the right to change the reading assignments if necessary. This is unlikely, but any changes will be made with sufficient time for students to complete the readings and assignments.

**17 November (Saturday)**

Readings:

Zhiqun Zhu, ed., *New Dynamics in East Asian Politics: Security, Political Economy, and Society*

Robyn Lim, *Geopolitics of East Asia*

Introduction; issues; the East Asian (Chinese) World Order; collapse, colonization and liberation; the Cold War

**18 November (Sunday)**

Readings:

David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, *International Relations of Asia*

Muthiah Alagappa, "The Study of International Order: An Analytical Framework," Chapter 1 in Muthiah Alagappa, editor, *Asian Security Order: Instrumental and Normative Features*, pp. 33-69.

Muthiah Alagappa, "Constructing Security Order in Asia: Conceptions and Issues," Chapter 2 in *Asian Security Order*, pp. 70-105.

Morning: IR in Asia

Shambaugh and Yahuda, chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Alagappa, *Asian Security Order*, chapters 1 and 2 (copies will be provided).

Afternoon: External and regional powers

Shambaugh and Yahuda, chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

### **8 December (Saturday)**

Readings:

David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, *International Relations of Asia*

Christophe Dent, *East Asian Regionalism*

Morning: Regionalism and regional integration

Shambaugh and Yahuda, chapters 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Afternoon: Regionalism and regional integration, continued

Christophe Dent, *East Asian Regionalism*

### **9 December (Sunday)**

Readings:

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, "Human Security: An Intractable Problem in Asia," Chapter 15 in Muthiah Alagappa, editor, *Asian Security Order*, pp. 536-567 (copies will be provided).

Muthiah Alagappa, editor, *Civil Society and Political Change in Asia: Expanding and Contracting Democratic Space*, Introduction, chapters 1, 4, 7, 14, and 15 (copies will be provided).

Morning: Economic development, human security, democratization, and civil society

Afternoon: Economic development, human security, democratization, and civil society, continued; course review

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Attendance is mandatory. By university policy, the Troy coordinator must be notified if students miss more than 25% of classes.

**INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY:** If a student requests an "INC", he or she must submit

to the instructor a signed Petition for and Work to Remove an Incomplete Grade form indicating the compelling reason for the “INC”. The instructor approving the request will document the required work and the deadline for completion. When the student completes the required work, the instructor will submit a Change of Grade form. In cases where a student fails to make up “INC” course work by the end of the next term in which they enroll, the “INC” will automatically be recorded as an “F” grade on the student’s record.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA):** Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:** By their enrollment, students are responsible for following the “Standards of Conduct” as they apply in the Troy University Pacific Region. Students may be disciplined up to and including suspension and expulsion for the commission of offenses in described in the Graduate Bulletin. As a reminder to graduate students, the “Standards of Conduct” regards dishonesty as an offense, which includes cheating and plagiarism. Students should carefully study the definitions of cheating and plagiarism:

1. Cheating includes:

- a) Copying, or relying upon, another student’s answers or submitting another student’s work as one’s own or submitting as new work assignments previously completed for another class, while completing any class assignment, study group assignment, or during in-class or take home examinations.
- b) Providing one’s own answers to another student while completing any class assignment, study group assignment (except where approved by the instructor due to the nature of the assignment itself), or during in-class or take-home examinations.
- c) Using notes, books, or any other unauthorized aids during an examination; or holding an unauthorized discussion of answers during in-class examinations.

2. Plagiarism is submitting a paper, other required student course requirement in which the language, ideas, or thoughts are identical to published or unpublished material from another source, including material found on the Internet, without correctly giving credit to that source. While computers and the Internet allow students to cut and paste work from other material, new software is making it easier for universities detect plagiarism. Instructors may screen electronic versions of student assignments using the detection software.

**LIBRARY SUPPORT:** Students can access online resources through the Troy University web site at [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) or [www.library.troy.edu](http://www.library.troy.edu). These resources include a variety of text data bases that give complete articles from many journals, magazines and newspapers. The MSIR Journal List, for instance, has over 90 publications, including Foreign Affairs and World Politics. Access to all of the data bases is through “remote services,” the university’s remote patron authentication system, which involves a three-step process (log on, select a service, and select an individual data base). The main full text information services are EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, InfoTrac and ProQuest. Tutorials and overviews are available on the library home page.