Asian Pacific Regional Relations 14:10 – 16:00 Thursday Spring 2010

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Syllabus

This course is about Asian Pacific regional relations. It is designed to provide you an overview of Asian Pacific regional development, changing patterns of power relations, foreign and security policies of regional actors, and regional institution-building. Among the course's more specific objectives are the followings: to promote greater understanding of regional relations and practices in Asia Pacific; to encourage students to take a continuing interest in the subject of international relations; and to help students to think constructively and critically through analytical exploration of relevant materials.

The class will convene once on Thursday every week. Class attendance is required and will be regularly checked. The maximum acceptable number of absences in a semester is Three. One point will be deducted from your final grade for each absence over the acceptable ceiling.

There will be one mid-term exam and a final paper during the semester. The date of the exam is listed on the schedule. No make-up exam or incomplete grade will be given under ordinary circumstances. You will also be expected to complete a policy paper at the end of the semester. The policy paper is a ten-page double space paper that critically analyzes a specific foreign policy of a regional actor. The details and format of this assignment will be specified later in class. Your course grade will be based on the following:

Mid-term Exam	40%
Final Paper	40%
Class Participation	20%

The reading materials for the course are edited by the instructor. You can get the copy from the print shop, which will be informed later in class.

Lectures and Reading Assignment

1st week Introduction

2nd week Regionalism & Analytical Framework

Buzan, "Explaining Regionalism," Nair, Bakar

3rd week Historical Background

Mackerras, Maswood

4th week Trends in the Post-Cold War

Wanandi, Smith, Reilly, Tonnesson

5th week Institution-Building

Soesastro, Park, Ball

6th week United States

Shaplen, Sutter, Clinton

7th week Japan

Funabashi, "Japan's East Asian Diplomacy," Drifte

8th week North Korea

Lankov, Cumings, Cha

9th week Mid-Term Exam

10th week South Korea

Choi, Kim,

11th week China

Ikenberry, deLisle, Chun, Economy

12th week Taiwan

Su

13th week

Asean

Gilson, Chirathivat, Sukma

14th week

South-Eastern Asian Countries

Murphy, Lintner, Cronin, Baviera

15th week

India

Sikri, Pant

16th week

Russia, And Paper Due

Lukin, Menon