

**IR/PO 788: International Relations in the Asian-Pacific Region:  
Conflict or Cooperation?**

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This course provides an overview of international relations in the Asian-Pacific region. The central issue thematic question is whether the Asian-Pacific region is heading towards greater peace and cooperation, or war and conflict in the 21st Century. There is plenty of evidence that could lead one to draw either conclusion. On the one hand, intra-regional trade and investment is reaching new highs. There are multiple efforts to build new regional institutions, most notably the ASEAN Plus Three initiative. There has been a limited, but significant spread of democratization, and signs of pluralism even in the PRC. For the time being, the interests of the major powers seem to be in accord on the most important issues. While a long way off from Western Europe, an optimistic observer could point to much that suggests that after centuries of war and turmoil, a new era of peace is about to dawn in Asia.

On the other hand, there remain lingering signs of trouble and discord. The region is confronted with two major, long standing points of crises; one on the Korean peninsula, the other in Taiwan straits, as well as a host of other lesser, but quite serious territorial disputes. Political developments in the largest countries in the region – Indonesia, Russia and the PRC – are far from settled and the possibility of the emergence of domestic instability and or aggressive nationalism cannot be ruled out. China's burgeoning economic power is placing new strains on the global trading regime and energy resources, and the region as a whole continues to be vulnerable to a systemic economic crisis of the sort that was seen during the Asian flu of 1997-1998. Meanwhile, the chief, ordering power in the region, the United States, is preoccupied with a War on Terror that is leading it into new and unpredictable directions. The possibility that one, or a combination of these factors, could pull apart the fragile equilibrium that has kept the peace in the region of nearly thirty years is all too easy to imagine.

Thus, at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is unclear what type of international order will emerge in Asia over the next few questions. To address this question the course begins by briefly reviewing the history of the region from the arrival of the European powers in the 16th century

to the end of the Cold War in the late 20th century. The course then proceeds to examine various aspects of international relations in the Asia-Pacific space, including: the military security balance, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, human rights, trade, immigration, the environment, the construction of regional institutions, and the international politics of the IMF bail out.

### **Required Texts:**

Victor Cha and David Kang, Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003) ISBN: 0231131291

Warren I. Cohen, Asia at the Center (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001) ISBN: 0231101090

Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003) ISBN: 0742516954

Peter Katzenstein and Takashi Shiraishi, Beyond Japan: The Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2006) ISBN: 0801472504

Edward Lincoln, East Asian Economic Regionalism (Washington, DC: Brookings, 2004) ISBN: 0815752172

Donald Weatherbee, International Relations in Southeast Asia (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), ISBN: 0742528

Course readings are available at the Reserve reading room in the library. Students are expected to have completed reading assignments before class. Readings marked with \* are recommended and may be of use to students doing term papers on related topics. Many journal readings are available as well through the electronic resources link at the BU libraries website. The following link will allow you to access these resources electronically; <http://www.bu.edu/library/ejournals/index.html>. The syllabus will indicate which readings are available electronically.

### Requirements

Two short, in-class based on the required readings - 50% identify key terms, 50% short answer. One 15 to 20 page term paper. The term paper is due on the last day of class. Grade is based 50% on the term paper and 50% on the tests. The term paper must be written in accordance with the guidelines to be provided.

Students are urged to make an appointment during the first half of the course to discuss possible term paper topics. A brief written summary of the progress made on the term paper, with tentative bibliography, is to be E-mailed to me by the end of the seventh week. I am willing to look over drafts of the term paper up to one week before they are due and give general comments.

## I. Course Introduction and IR Theory Primer January 16 and 18

### Readings:

Warren I Cohen, Asia at the Center (New York: Columbia University Press), pp.1-150 (skim – you should know roughly when the major dynasties were and what was going on in Asia over time – no need for memorization. Draw up a simple time line)

## II. History I - From the Sinocentric Order to 1945 – January 23 and 25

### Readings:

Cohen, Asia at the Center, pp.150-370 (220 pages)

David C. Kang, “Getting Asia Wrong: The Need for new Analytical Frameworks” International Security 27:4 (Spring 2003) pp.57-85 (20 pages) available through BU libraries, electronic resources

Thomas Berger, “Set for Stability?: Prospects for Cooperation and Conflict in East Asia” Review of International Studies (Spring, 2000), pp.408-428 (21) – will send as an e-mail attachment

Amitav Acharya, “Will Asia’s Past be its Future?” International Security 28:3 (Winter 2004), pp.149-164 (16) available through BU libraries, electronic resources

David C. Kang, “Hierachy, Balancing and Empirical Puzzles in East Asian International Relations,” International Security 28:3 (Winter 2004), pp.57-85 (16) available through BU libraries, electronic resources

### Recommended:

\* Milton J. Esman, "The Chinese Diaspora in International Politics," in Gabriel Shefer, Modern Diasporas in International Politics (London: Croon Helm, 1986), pp.130-160 (30)

\* Takeshi Hamashita, "The Intra-regional System in East Asia in Modern Times," in Katzenstein and Shiraishi, Network Power, pp.113-135 (21)

\*Gerald Segal, Rethinking the Pacific (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990), especially pp.19-84 (65)

\* Suisheng Zhao, Power Competition in East Asia (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997)

### III. History II - The Cold War 1945 to 1989 January 30 and February 1

#### Readings:

Warren I. Cohen, Asia at the Center, pp.370-end

Total Number of pages: 234

#### Recommended Readings:

\* Michael Yahuda The International Politics of the Asia Pacific, chapters 2-7 (231 pages)

\*Roger C. Thompson, The Pacific Basin Since 1945 (Harlow, Essex: Longman, 1994)

\*Gerald Segal, Rethinking the Pacific (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990)

### IV. The History Problem in East Asia – February 6 and 8

Gerrit W. Gong, ed., Remembering and Forgetting: The Legacy of War and Peace in East Asia (Washington DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1996), chapters 1,2 and 3 (59 pages) – on reserve

Thomas Berger, "Of Shrines and Hooligans: The History Problem in East Asia," ed manuscript under Review as part of an edited volume) – will e-mail to you – 23 pages

David Lehney, "A Narrow Place to Cross Swords: 'Soft Power' and the Politics of Japanese Pop Culture in East Asia," in Katzenstein, ed., Beyond Japan: The Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism, pp211-236 (25)

Daiki Shibuich, "The Yasukuni Shrine Dispute and the Politics of Identity in Japan: Whats the Fuss all about?" Asian Survey 45:2, pp.197-215 (18) available through BU libraries, electronic resources

James Reilly, "China's History Activists and the War of Resistance against Japan: History in the Making", Asian Survey 44: 2 (Mar./Apr. 2004): 276–294 (18) available through

BU libraries, electronic resources

Gilbert Rozman and Shin-Wha Lee, "Unraveling the Japan-South Korea 'Virtual Alliance': Populism and Historicval revisionism in the Face of Conflicting regional Strategic," Asian Survey 46:5 (September/October 2006), pp.761-784 (23) available through BU libraries, electronic resources

\*Peter Hays Gries, China's New Nationalism: Pride, Politics and Diplomacy (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2004)

\*Jane Yamazaki, Japanese Apologies for World War II (London and New York: Routledge, 2005)

#### V. The Foreign Policy of the US and Japan - February 13 and 15

Samuel S. Kim, The International Relations of Northeast Asia chapters 4,5 and 10 (95 pages)

T.J. Pempel, "A Decade of Political Torpor," in in Katzenstein, ed.,Beyond Japan: The Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism, pp.37-62 (26 pages)

H. Ridchard Friman et.al. "Immovable Object? Japan' Security Policy in East Asia" in Katzenstein, ed.,Beyond Japan: The Dynamics of East Asian Regionalism, pp. 85-107 (23 pages)

Edward J. Lincoln, "Japan: Using Power Narrowly," The Washington Quarterly 27:1 (Winter 2003-2004), pp. 111-127 (18), available at BU libraries, ejournals

Colin Dueck, "New Perspectives on American Grand Strategy," International Security 28:4 (Spring 2004), pp.197-216 (19), available at BU libraries, ejournals

John Ikenberry, "America in East Asia: Power, Markets and Grand Strategy," in Krauss and Pempell, Beyond Bilateralism pp.37-55 (18)

\*Christopher Hughes, Japan's Re-emergence as a 'Normal' Military Power Adelphi Paper 368-9 (London: Routledge - International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2004)

\*Matake Kamiya, "Nuclear Japan: Oxymoron or Coming Soon?" The Washington Quarterly 26:1 (Winter 2003)

\*Jennifer Lind, "Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security Policy," International Security 29:1 (Summer 2004), pp.92-121 (30)

\*Paul Midford, "Japanese Public Opinion and the War on Terrorism: Implications for Japan's Security Strategy," Policy Studies 27 (Washington, DC: East-West Center, 2006)

## VI. The Foreign Policies of Russia and China –22 and 27

**No Class on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday Schedule)**

Samuel S. Kim, The International Relations of Northeast Asia chapters 2, 3 and 6

Thomas J. Christensen, “Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster? The Rise of China and U.S. Policy towards Asia,” International Security , 31:1 (Summer 2006), pp.81-126

David Lampton, “The Faces of Chinese Power,” Foreign Affairs 86:1 (January/February 2007) available through BU libraries electronic resources

George C. Gilboy, “The Myth Behind China’s Miracle,” Foreign Affairs (July/August, 2004) available through BU libraries, ejournals

Peter Cornelius and Jonathan Story, “China and Global Energy Market” Orbis 51:1 (Winter 2007), pp. 5-20 (15), available through BU libraries, ejournals

\*Kent Calder, “China and Japan’s Simmering Rivalry,” Foreign Affairs 85:2 (March/April 2006) available through BU libraries electronic resources

\*D M. Taylor Fravel, “Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: Explaining China’s Compromises on territorial Disputes,” International Security 30:2 (Fall 2005),

\*Aaron L. Friedberg, “‘Going out’: China’s Pursuit of Natural Resources and Implications for the PRC’s Grand Strategy,” 17:3 NBR Analysis (September 2006), 34 pages

\*Aaron Friedberg, “The Future of US-China relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?” International Security 30:2 (Fall 2005), pp.7-45

\*Avery Goldstein, Rising to the Challenge: China’s Grand Strategy and International Security (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2005)

\*Lyle Goldstein and Vitaly Kozyrev “China, Japan and the Scramble for Siberia” - Survival 48:1 (2006)

\* Alastair Iain Johnson, “Is China a Status Quo Power?” International security 27:2 (Spring 2003), pp.5-56

\* David Shambaugh, “China Engages Asia: reshaping the Regional order,” International Security 29:3 (Winter 2004/2005).. pp.64-99

\*David Shambaugh, ed., Power Shift: China and Asia’s New Dynamics (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2005)

And of course, anything by BU’s own, redoubtable Joseph Fewsmith!

**Guest Lecture on March 1<sup>st</sup>, tba**

## VII. ASEAN and South East Asia - March 6 and 8

Weatherbee, Southeast Asia: The Struggle for Autonomy chapters 1-4 and 7 (pp.1-117, 277-291) (208 pages)

### **March 10 to 18 Spring break**

### **Midterm I – March 20**

#### VIII. Alliances, Alignments and dangerous Liaisons – March 22

Raja Menon, “The End of Alliances,” World Policy Journal (Summer 03), pp.1-20 (20) available through BU libraries, eresources

Seung-Hwan Kim, “Anti-Americanism in Korea,” The Washington Quarterly 26:1 (Winter 2002-2003), pp.109-122 (14) available through BU libraries, eresources

Jason Manosewitz, “Japan and South Korea: Security Relations Reach Adolescence,” Asian Survey 43:5 (September/October 2003), pp.801-825 (25) available through BU libraries, eresources

Renato Cruz de Castro, “Philippine-U.S.-Security relations: A Ghost from the Past or an Alliance for the 21st Century,” Asian Survey 43:6 (November/December 2003), pp. 971-989 (18) available through BU libraries, eresources

Alice D. Ba “China and ASEAN: Renavigating Relations for the 21st Century,” Asian Survey 43:4 (July/August 2003), pp.622-648 (26) available through BU libraries, ejournals

Sherman Garnett, “Challenges of Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership,” The Washington Quarterly 24:4 (Autumn, 2001), pp.41-54 (13) available through BU libraries, ejournals

Krauss and Pempel, eds. Beyond Bilateralism chapters 4 and 5, pp.87-132 (45) on reserve

\*Victor Cha, Alignment despite Antagonism

#### VIII. The Crisis on the Korean Peninsula – March 27 and 29

Samuel S. Kim, The International Relations of Northeast Asia chapters 8 and 9 (50)

Victor Cha and David Kang, Nuclear North Korea whole book (187 pages)

Mitchell B. Reiss, "A Nuclear-armed North Korea: Accepting the 'Unacceptable'?" Survival 48:4 (2006), pp.97-110 (14)

\*Michael O'Hanlon, "Why Stopping a North Korean Invasion may be easier than the Pentagon thinks," International Security 1997 available through BU libraries, eresources

\*Michael O'Hanlon, "Towards a Grand Bargain with North Korea," Washington Quarterly 26:4 (2003) pp.7-18

\*Michael Mochizuki and Michael O'Hanlon, Crisis on the Korean Peninsula: How to deal with a Nuclear North Korea (New York: McGraw Hill, 2003)

\*Ronald Oberdorfer, The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History (reading, Massachusetts, Addison-Wellsely, 1997)

#### IX. The Crisis in the Taiwan Straits - April 3 and 5

Samuel S. Kim, The International Relations of Northeast Asia, chapter 10, pp.301-330 (30)

Andrew Peterson, "Dangerous Games across the Taiwan Strait," The Washington Quarterly 27:2 (Spring 2004), pp. 23-41 (19) available through BU libraries, eresources

Yun Han Chu, "Taiwan's National Identity Politics and the Prospect of Cross-Strait Relations," Asian Survey XLIV:4 (July August 2004), pp.484-512 (28) available through BU libraries, eresources

Michal O'Hanlon, "Why China cannot conquer Taiwan," International Security 25:2 (Fall 2000), pp.154-203 (36) available through BU libraries, eresources

Michael A. Glosny, "Strangulation from the Sea: A PRC Submarine Blockade of Taiwan," International Security 28:4 (Spring 2004), pp.125-160 (35) available through BU libraries, eresources

Robert Ross, "Taiwan's Fading Independence Movement," Foreign Affairs 85:2 (March/April 2006) available through BU libraries electronic resources

Kenneth Lieberthal, "Preventing a War over Taiwan," Foreign Affairs 85:2 (March/April 2005) available through BU libraries electronic resources

\*Lyle Goldstein and William Murray, "Undersea Dragons: China's Maturing Submarine Force," International Security 28:4 (Spring 2004), pp.161-197

\*Michael O'Hanlon, et.al, "Damn the Torpedo: Debating Possible US Navy Losses in a Taiwan Scenario," International Security 29:2 (Fall 2004 ), pp.202-206

- \* Shelley Rigger, Taiwan's Rising Rationalism: Generations, Politics and 'Taiwanese Nationalism'; Policy Studies 26 (Washington DC: East-West Center, 2006) (59 pages)
- \*David Shambaugh, Modernizing China's Military (University of California Press, 2003)

#### X. Trade and Economic Cooperation and Competition – Accomplishments - April 10 and 12

Saadia M. Pekkanen, "At Play in the Legal Realm: The WTO and the Changing Nature of US-Japan Antidumping Disputes," and Saori Katada, "Japan's Counterweight Strategy," in Krauss and Pempell, eds., Beyond Bilateralism pp.221-248 and 176-198 (49)

Neil C. Hughes, "A Trade War with China?" Foreign Affairs 84:4 (July/August 2005) available through BU libraries electronic resources

Adam Segal, "Practical Engagement: Drawing a Fine Line for U.S.-China Trade," The Washington Quarterly, 27:3 (Summer 2004), pp.157-173 (16) available through BU libraries electronic resources

Margaret M. Pearson, "China's Integration into the International and Investment Regime," in Economy and Oksenberg, China Joins the World (35)

Munakata, "Has Politics caught up with Markets?" in Katzenstein, ed., Beyond Japan (30 pages)

Hamilton Hart, "Creating a Regional Arena," in Katzenstein, ed., Beyond Japan (22 pages)

Donald Weatherbee, Southeast Asia in International Relations Chapter 7, pp.197-214, (18 pages)

\*Edward Lincoln, Troubled Times: U.S.-Japan Trade Relations in the 1990s (Washington, DC: Brookings, 1999),

\*John Ruggie, "Unraveling Trade: The Global Institutional Challenge and the Pacific Economy," in R. Higgot, et.al. Pacific Economic Relations in the 1990s (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1993), pp.15-38 (24)

\*John Ravenhill, "The Japan Problem in Pacific Trade," in R. Higgot, et.al. Pacific Economic Relations in the 1990s (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1993), pp.106-132 (27)

\*Robert Wade, "Managing Trade: Taiwan and South Korea as Challenges to Economics and Political Science," Comparative Politics (January 1993), pp.147-167

\*Richard C. Stubbs, "ASEAN +3: Emerging East Asian Regionalism?," Asian Survey 42:3 (May/June 2002), pp.440-455

\*Barry Naughton, The China Circle: Economics and Technology In the PRC, Taiwan and Hong Kong (Washington, DC: Brookings, 1997), especially chapters 4 and 11

- \*Vinod K. Aggarwal and Charles E. Morrison, Asia-Pacific Crossroads: Regime Creation and the Future of APEC (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998)
- \* Donald C. Hellmann and Kenneth B. Pyle, From APEC to Xanadu: Creating a Viable Community in the Post-Cold War Pacific (Armonk, NY: National Bureau of Asian Research, 1997)
- \*Walter Hatch and Kozo Yamamura, Asia in Japan's Embrace - the Barnard and Ravenhill article in book-length format
- \*Nicole Gallant and Richard Stubs, "APEC's Dilemmas: Institution-building around the Pacific Rim," Pacific Affairs Vol. 70, No.2 (Summer 1997), pp.203-218 (15)
- \*Paul Bowles, "ASEAN, AFTA and the New Regionalism," Pacific Affairs Vol. 70, No.2 (Summer 1997), pp.219-233 (14)
- \*Robert Wade and Frank Veneroso, "The East Asian Crash and the Wall Street-IMF Complex," New Left Review no.228 (March-April, 1998), pp.3-24 (21)
- \*T.J. Pempel, ed., The Asian Economic Crisis (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1999) - recommended reading for the course, has excellent, up to date country analyses and a number of regional overviews of the crisis
- \*Karl Jackson, ed., The Asian Contagion: The Causes and Consequences of a Financial Crisis (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999) - another excellent reader on the crisis

## XII. Institution Building – The Economic Side – The Pessimists – April 17 and 19

Edward Lincoln, East Asian Economic Regionalism whole book

## XIII. Asian Regional Institution Building – The Security Side – April 24 and 26

Alagappa, The East Asian Security Order Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9, pp.242-348 (106)

Donald Weatherbee, Southeast Asia in International Relations chapters 6 and 7

- \*James L. Richardson, "The Asia-Pacific: Geopolitical Caldron or Regional Community?" in Gary Klintworth, ed., Asia Pacific Security (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996) (17)
- \*Trevor Findlay, "Disarmament, Arms Control and the Regional Security Dialogue," in Gary Klintworth, ed., Asia Pacific Security (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996) (22)
- \*Desmond Ball, "Building Confidence and Security in the Asia-Pacific Region," in Gary Klintworth, ed., Asia Pacific Security (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996)(12)
- \*Hugh Smith, "International Peacekeeping: Issues for the Region," in Gary Klintworth, ed., Asia Pacific Security (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996) (10)
- Susume Yamakage, "Japan's National Security and Asia-Pacific's Regional Institutions in the Post-Cold War Era," in Peter Katzenstein, ed., Network Power (30)
- \*Michael Oksenberg and Elisabeth Economy, "Introduction: China Joins the World," in Oksenberg and Economy, eds. China Joins the World (41)
- \*Samuel Kim, "China and the United Nations," in Oksenberg and Economy, eds. China

Joins the World (40)

\*Amitav Acharya, "Collective Identity and Conflict Management in Southeast Asia," in Emmanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., Security Communities (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998) (30)

\*Andrew Mack and John Ravenhill, eds., Pacific Cooperation: Building Economic and Security Regimes in the Asia-Pacific Region (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1995) - great, recent collection of articles based on the development of regional security institutions

\*Michael Leifer, ASEAN and the Security of South-East Asia (New York: Routledge, 1989) - Good overview of the development of SEATO

## XIV. Conclusions - May 3

**Some Journals available in the Library and which you may wish to consult for your papers:**

Asian Survey

Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars

China Quarterly

Current History (each issue focuses on different regions of the world)

The Economist (weekly)

Far East Asian Economic Review (weekly)

Foreign Affairs (Flagship of the Council on Foreign Relations and the main strwam American Foreign Policy establishment)

International Security

Journal of North East Asian Studies

The National Interest

Orbis

Pacific Affairs

Pacific Review

Survival (particularly good on security issues)

The Washington Quarterly

World Politics (more theoretical in orientation)

**Internet Sources:**

[http://www.apcss.org/Research/research\\_publications.html](http://www.apcss.org/Research/research_publications.html) - Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies – Hawaii based think tank with strong ties to the US military

[www.asiaobserver.com](http://www.asiaobserver.com) – a very useful portal with links to every country in the region

<http://www.chinaleadershipmonitor.org/> - excellent cite run out of Stanford University on various aspects of Chinese politics

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html> - the very large, academic web site for

Asian studies maintained by the Australian National University  
[www.bu.edu/asian](http://www.bu.edu/asian) - our very own, Boston University site. Especially helpful on local sources, it has a good and easy to use links section (although it needs to be updated)  
<http://www.mofa.go.jp> – The Japanese ministry of foreign relations website. Includes press bulletins and useful overviews, including copies of the official yearly Japanese Bluebook on diplomacy going back to 1994. See also their U.S. mirror site, <http://www.infojapan.org/>  
<http://www.nbr.org/> - The National Bureau of Asian Research – terrific website with forums, downloads on a broad range of topics, etc.  
[www.newsonjapan.com](http://www.newsonjapan.com) – useful English translations of major articles on Japan appearing in major newspapers. (Unfortunately its Korean counterpart has been taken over by pornographers!)  
<http://csis.org/pacfor/> - The CSIS Pacific forum – excellent quarterly reviews of various aspects of East interstate relations written by leading experts, with timelines. Extremely helpful in getting an overview of recent events.

### Some Possible Paper Topics:

1. Pretend you are a member of the policy planning staff in the the Foreign Ministry of a major East Asian Power (for example the United States, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea or Taiwan) and that you have been asked to write a long term policy planning paper regarding a central policy issue (human rights, Korean reunification, trade, Tibet, regional economic integration, nuclear nonproliferation, Hong Kong-Taiwan, foreign aid, relations to another country, etc.). Divide your paper into four or more parts. In part one give an overview of the history of the issue, identifying the salient trends and dilemmas. In part two identify what are the interests that your country has at stake in this particular area. In part three describe a number of different strategies (also known as policy options) that are available to your country. Give some thought to the advantages and drawbacks of each policy option, referring back to the interests that you defined in part two. Finally in part four recommend one of these strategies and explain why you think it is the best option.
2. Discuss the possible implications of Korean reunification for the region. What would different theoretical perspectives lead us to expect - in terms of the way in which reunification may occur and the implications of reunification for the balance of power and/or the development of regional institutions? What are the policy implications of your analysis?
3. Discuss the prospects for improvements in the human rights situation in the East Asian region. Give an overview of the recent U.S. debate on this subject, identify the key analytical issues and then discuss U.S./Western policy options. Some of the outstanding human rights issues that you might want to touch on include: Self-determination (especially a problem in Tibet and East Timor); freedom of speech and political rights (China, Singapore); forced labor (China); child labor (China, India and other South and South East Asian countries); support for human rights (Japan); women's rights (the entire region); children's rights (China, India); cultural rights

(Japan, South East Asian countries). Consider the potential costs of an activist human rights policy, as well as the benefits.

4. Will East Asia move towards a balance of power system, a bipolar system, or increased regional integration?. Consider some of the forces which might push the region in one direction or the other and identify some possible scenarios. Use IR theory (Realism, Interdependence-Institutionalism, Ideational, Domestic level approaches) where appropriate.

5. Discuss the implications of Nuclear Proliferation in Asia - what are some of the key forces driving the countries in the region to acquire weapons of mass destruction, what are some of the factors that might discourage them. What should the United States and the World Community try to do about it?

6. Discuss the pros and cons of the TMD and NMD initiatives. Should the United States and its allies pursue this option? Why? What are some of the different possibilities that emerge?

6. What are the implications of Asian industrialization for the World Trade Regime? In what ways is the current world trading system centered on WTO likely to change? What should the United States and/or countries do to defend their economic interests?

7. Is Asia moving towards a system of regional integration? If so, what kind of system is likely to emerge? Will it be an Asian common market? A Yen bloc led by Japan? A "Fortress Asia"? Or something entirely different? Discuss and compare with economic integration in other regions, i.e Western Europe, NAFTA, etc.

8. Discuss the geo-political position and foreign policy of a country that has not been covered in the course, for example Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Vietnam or Australia. What are some of the dilemmas that these countries face, what domestic political factors shape their decision making, and how are they likely to influence the development of international relations in the region?

9. How will countries in the Asia-Pacific respond to the emergence of a powerful China? Are they more likely to seek to accommodate to China (bandwagon) or are they more likely to balance against it? Or will they succeed in integrating it into a system of mutual restraint? What factors may affect the outcome?

10. Analyze some major developments in Asian history through the lenses of international relations theory. For instance was the Pacific war inevitable, given the rise in Japanese power? Could a different set of institutional factors help prevent conflict? Was US intervention in regional conflicts during the Cold War a neutral attempt to maintain the balance of power, a thinly concealed bid for hegemony, an ideologically driven misunderstanding of regional dynamics, or what?

11. What will be the likely long-term impact of the Asian financial crisis on interregional relations in the region? Has it wrecked the prospects for cooperation? Alternatively, has it increased the incentive of Asian countries to cooperate with the West? Has the crisis strengthened the position of those like Mahatir who would create a separate East Asian Trade bloc? Is the crisis likely to repeat itself, and if so, under what circumstances and with what consequences? What are the practical implications of your analysis?