

Conflict and Cooperation in Asia (IR 501)

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Course Description

Asia is home to a very diverse array of powers facing major and minor issues. These issues range from water, population control, health and environment to territory, armed conflict and nuclear threats. The goal of this course is to study some of the problems that can lead to instability in the region with enormous potential to affect the rest of the world, as well as ways developed by these states to cooperate with each other. In addition to South Asian countries, we will focus on China, Japan and some other East and South-East Asian countries.

NB: This course is only open to juniors, seniors and graduate students. Sophomores can take this course with the permission of the instructor.

Requirements

Students will be graded on in-class presentations, one 3-5-page research proposal, a 15 page policy/research paper, and contribution to class discussion. The grade distribution is as follows:

Presentations: 30%

Proposal: 25%

Paper: 35%

Discussion: 10%

Class Format

Every class we will have a lecture followed by class presentations (teams of 2-3 students will present each week for 15-20 minutes) and discussion. Depending on enrollment, the first presentations will start either Jan 23rd or Jan 30th.

Presentations

Teams will coordinate to present on the theme for each week. The goal is to narrow the issue theme down to a specific problem or two. In addition to using the readings, the teams will identify news articles that discuss the issue and possible solution(s). Also by Monday evening, the team will have come up with two poll questions with multiple choice answers (that could be as simple as yes/no, do you agree/or not). These questions will be posted on blackboard and every student is required to answer the poll before class on Wednesday morning.

Paper Proposal

The paper proposal (3-5 pages, 12 size font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins) should identify the specific problem as well as possible solutions to be researched. The proposals will be presented in class on the dates indicated on the syllabus. The goal is to get constructive feedback from classmates on the research.

Final Paper

The final paper (15 pages, 12 size font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins) should explore the problem, evolution of the problem, its ramifications, solutions and the advantage/disadvantage of the solutions. Note: quality is more important than quantity.

Class Policies

- All class members are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. You are expected to provide citations in papers for all quotations, paraphrases, and ideas taken from any source other than your own original thoughts. Boston University has very strict standards for intellectual integrity, and punishment for plagiarism is severe, and can include permanent expulsion from the university. For more on the definition of plagiarism and the standards to which you will be held, see the Academic Conduct Code, available at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/resources/academic-conduct-code/>.
- Punctual attendance is required. Reasons for non-attendance should be notified to the instructor. Please remember walking into class late is disruptive. Coming late to class without informing the instructor well in advance will severely affect your final grade.

- Cell phones should be turned off in class. Anyone texting or receiving calls in class will be asked to leave.
- Laptops are permitted in class. Surfing the net, however, is not. Anyone caught browsing the net will be asked to leave.
- Extensions will NOT be granted for either the paper proposal or final paper. Late papers will be docked half a grade for each day it is late (A to A-, A- to B+ etc.). Failure to show up for an in-class presentation will result in an automatic F for that presentation.

NB: This class meets on Wednesdays 9am-12pm, with the exception of BU Calendar holidays.

Readings

Readings are all either available from ereserves (Go to BU Libraries, under “services” click “course reserves,” then “search using the new course reserves” and type in IR501 in the search box), the course website or have URLs in the syllabus for you to link to.

1. Background

Conflict (01/16)

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Wrap up Discussion: 05/01

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