

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:	
IR 4250 ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS (Spring 2018)	UK LEVEL: 6 UK CREDITS: 15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3
PREREQUISITES:	PO 2004 Diplomacy PO 3031 International Relations
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	Current internal and external factors and issues influencing the foreign, defence and security policy of Asian states, including, but not restricted to, Chinese power consolidation and Asian regional integration efforts. The profound implications, for the international order, of the on-going shift of the global economy's centre of gravity to Asia.
RATIONALE:	This module equips students with conceptual and empirical insights necessary to discuss the evolution of foreign and security policies in Asia, including China's power consolidation and reactions to this trend. The main focus of this course is to explore historical and contemporary patterns of state-actors'behaviour in the fields of foreign, defence and security policy within the complex process of regional fragmentation and/or integration in Asia. Students gain awareness of the longer-term challenge the economic success of the region poses to the pre-eminence of the West, and its potential to generate, in due course, unforeseen international tensions and realignments.
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaborate on the historic, political, societal and economic frameworks pertinent to the process of Asian transformation. 2. Explain the role of the key regional and extra-regional national, international and transnational state and non-state actors in shaping the Asian security & economic environment. 3. Demonstrate understanding of (i) key developments, problems and issues shaping the present and future of the Asian and Chinese security environments and (ii) the worldwide reverberations from the rise of the Asian economies.
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the learning and teaching strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Classes consist of lectures, video presentations, discussions revolving around the content of the assigned readings, problem-solving exercises. Specialized video presentations familiarize students with professional skills and further develop their cognitive skills. ➤ Office Hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their instructor in order to consult and discuss issues related to the course's content. ➤ Use of blackboard site, where instructors post lecture notes, assignments instructions, timely announcements, as well as additional resources. ➤ Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.

<p>ASSESSMENT:</p>	<p>Summative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="625 136 1412 262"> <tr> <td>1st Assessment: Written examination essay-type questions (1 hour)</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Assessment: Term project (3,000 – 3,300 words)</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Formative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="625 315 1412 357"> <tr> <td>“Diagnostic” coursework</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>The formative assessment aims to prepare students for the summative assessments. The 1st summative assessment tests Learning Outcomes 1 and 2. The 2nd summative assessment tests Learning Outcomes 2 and 3.</p>	1 st Assessment: Written examination essay-type questions (1 hour)	40%	2 nd Assessment: Term project (3,000 – 3,300 words)	60%	“Diagnostic” coursework	0
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<p>INDICATIVE READING:</p>	<p>REQUIRED READING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Li, M., Kemburi, M., K. (eds.) (2015) <i>China's Power & Asian Security</i> (Routledge) ○ Goldstein, A., Mansfield, D., E. (2012) <i>The Nexus of Economics, Security, and International Relations in East Asia</i> (Stanford: Stanford University Press) <p>RECOMMENDED READING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allison, G. (2017) <i>Destined for War: Can America and China escape Thucydides's trap?</i> (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) ○ Beeson, M. (ed) (2009) <i>Contemporary Southeast Asia</i> (Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan) ○ Christensen T. (2011) <i>Worse Than a Monolith: Alliance Politics and Problems of Coercive Diplomacy in Asia</i> (Princeton: Princeton University Press) ○ Gaskarth, J. (ed) (2015) <i>China, India and the Future of International Society</i> (Rowman & Littlefield) ○ Holslag, J. (2015) <i>China's Coming War with Asia</i> (Cambridge: Polity) ○ Ikenberry, J., Mastanduno, M. (eds.) (2003) <i>International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific</i> (New York: Columbia University Press) ○ Jenner, J., C., Thuy, T., T. (eds.) (2016) <i>The South China Sea: A Crucible of Regional Cooperation or Conflict-making Sovereignty Claims?</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) ○ Kang, D. (2010) <i>East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute</i> (New York: Columbia University Press) ○ Kirchner, J., E., Christiansen, T., Dorussen, H. (2016) <i>Security Relations Between China and the European Union: From Convergence to Cooperation?</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) ○ Kissinger, H. (2012) <i>On China</i> (Penguin Books) ○ Shambaugh, D (2013) <i>China Goes Global: The Partial Power</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press) ○ Suisheng Zhao (ed) (2012) <i>China & East Asian Regionalism: Economic & Security Cooperation & Institution-Building</i> (Routledge) ○ Tabata, Shinichiro (ed) (2015) <i>Eurasia's Regional Powers Compared – China, India, Russia</i> (Routledge) ○ Weatherbee, E., D. (2015) <i>International Relations in Southeast Asia: The Struggle for Autonomy</i> (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield) ○ Yahuda, M. <i>Sino-Japanese Relations After the Cold War: Two Tigers Sharing a Mountain</i> (Routledge) ○ <i>The Geopolitics of China: A Great Power Enclosed</i> (Stratfor, 2012) 						

	Other library sources, including journal articles accessed through the library databases are recommended by the instructor throughout the semester.
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Assignment tasks presented in Word. Effective writing skills using appropriate terminology.
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Blackboard, MS Office, search engines.
WWW RESOURCES:	<p> www.crisisgroup.org https://jamestown.org www.stratfor.com www.chathamhouse.org.uk www.iiss.org www.eurasianet.org www.cfr.org http://eng.globalaffairs.ru valdaiclub.com www.rand.org http://eng.sectesco.org/(The Shanghai Cooperation Organization) http://www.cis.org.cn/english/index.htm(China Institute of Int. Studies) http://www.sis.org.cn/EnIndex(Shanghai Institutes for International Studies) </p> <p>Other internet sources suggested by the instructor throughout the semester.</p>
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<p>Introduction: Searching for a regional stability</p> <p>Part 1: The rise of Asia in World Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Short History of Asia: Empire-Colonialism-Independence-Cold War-Revival • Identity & Balance of Power in Asia • Chinese Grand Strategy in a new Asia: Capabilities, perceptions & practice - economic prowess&military buildup <p>Part 2: South and East Asian balance of power calculus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US strategy of “Offshore Balancing” in South East Asia • The Russian “Pivot to Asia”strategy • China and the Japanese strategic reorientation • The Korean issue in the regional balance of power calculus • China, India and Pakistan’s delicate balance <p>Part 3: Security & economic challenges in the peripheral/global context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response of Southeastern Asian states to the rise of China • The South China Sea dispute & the International Maritime Law in the peripheral and global balance of power

- New challenges and hybrid threats
- The Chinese energy-security riddle
- ASEAN's institutional responses to China's emergence
- China & the BRICS
- China in Central Asia: "One Belt, One Road"
- The Trans-Pacific Partnership
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- China and the EU: economic, security and political challenges

Part 4: Asia in the 21st century

- The geopolitics of China: Theory, practice, strengths & weaknesses
- Asia and images of a new order: Multilateralism vs Regionalism – Cooperation vs Conflict