

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:	
IR 4250 ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS (Updated Fall 2023)	
US CREDITS: 3/0/3 UK LEVEL:6 UK CREDITS:15	
PREREQUISITES:	PO 2004 Diplomacy PO 3131 Theories of 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. Demonstrate an understanding of the geopolitical, societal, and economic frameworks pertinent to the process of Asian transformation. 2. Critically assess the global and regional trends and dynamics that shape the Asian security, the economic environment, and the balance of power among regional and external players. 3. Critically evaluate key developments, challenges, and opportunities regarding the present and future of the Asian and especially Chinese security environments and global reconfigurations from the rise of Asia as an alternative center of power. 4. Examine the correlation between China's emergence, Russia's assertiveness and India's neutrality and the challenge for the global liberal order.
METHOD OFTEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures and class discussions • Homework assignments. • Office hours held by the instructor to provide further assistance to

	<p>the students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of library facilities for further study and preparation for the exams. • Use of the Blackboard course management platform to further support communication, by posting lecture notes, assignment instruction, timely announcements, formative quizzes, and online submission of assignments. 								
<p>ASSESSMENT:</p>	<p>Summative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="602 464 1386 606"> <tr> <td>1st Assessment: Take home assessment-Policy Recommendation essay-type question (12 hours)</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Assessment: Term project (3,000 words)</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Formative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="602 680 1343 791"> <tr> <td>In-class presentations.</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Case Discussion.</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, 3, and 4.</p> <p><i>The final grade for this module will not be determined through grade averaging. Students are required to resit any failed assessments.</i></p>	1 st Assessment: Take home assessment-Policy Recommendation essay-type question (12 hours)	40%	2 nd Assessment: Term project (3,000 words)	60%	In-class presentations.	0%	Case Discussion.	0%
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<p>INDICATIVE READING:</p>	<p>REQUIRED READING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kilcullen, D. <i>The Dragons and the Snakes: How the Rest Learned to Fight the West</i> (Hurst Publishers) ○ Parag, K. (2019) <i>The Future is Asian: Global Order in the Twenty-first Century</i> (Weidenfeld & Nicolson) <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) ○ Markovits, C. (2021) <i>India and the World</i> (Cambridge University Press) ○ Li, M., Kemburi, M., K. (eds.) (2015) <i>China's Power & Asian Security</i> (Routledge) ○ Galeoti, M. (2020) <i>A short history of Russia</i> (Hanover Square Press) ○ 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) 								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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) <p>Other library sources, including journal articles accessed through the library databases are recommended by the instructor throughout the semester.</p>
<p>INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</p>	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL:N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:N/A</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Assignment tasks presented in Word. Effective writing skills using appropriate terminology.</p>
<p>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Blackboard, MS Office, search engines.</p>
<p>WWW RESOURCES:</p>	<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.sectsco.org/ (The Shanghai Cooperation Organization)</p>

	<p>https://en.odkb-csto.org (Collective Security Treaty Organization)</p> <p>http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/index.htm (China Institute of Int. Studies)</p> <p>http://www.siis.org.cn/EnIndex (Shanghai Institutes for International Studies)</p> <p>Other internet sources suggested by the instructor throughout the semester.</p>
<p>INDICATIVE CONTENT:</p>	<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"> • Identity & Balance of Power in Asia • Chinese Grand Strategy in a new Asia: Capabilities, perceptions & practice - economic prowess and military buildup <p>Part 2: Regional balance of power calculus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US strategy of “Offshore Balancing” in Southeast 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 • Asia after US withdrawal from Afghanistan <p>Part 3: Security & economic challenges in the peripheral/global context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response of 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 Belt-Road Initiative • The Chinese energy-security riddle • China & the BRICS • China and the AUKUS agreement • The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) • China and the EU: trade partners with diverging geopolitical interests <p>Part 4: Asia in the 21st century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implications of the economic shift of power from West to Asia • Asian powers’ opposition to the current status quo • Asia and images of a new global order: Multilateralism vs Regionalism, Cooperation vs Conflict.