



The United States and Asia

Course Code			
Class Times	Mon/Wed/Thu Type A(9:00~12:00)/B(13 :00~16:00)	Classroom	Bldg
Equivalent Year Level	1	Course Credit	3
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□ Instructor's Profile



Andrew Yeo

Andrew Yeo is an associate professor of politics at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC and director of the Asia Studies program. He is the author of [*Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests*](#) (Cambridge University Press 2011), and co-editor of [*Living in an Age of Mistrust*](#) (Routledge 2017). He was also a principle investigator of a two year project on North Korean human rights discourse and transnational advocacy which will appear in a forthcoming co-edited book, [*North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks*](#) (Cambridge University Press 2018). Professor Yeo's current book project explores the evolution of U.S. bilateral alliances and multilateralism in East Asia from 1945 to the present. Other writings have appeared in *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of International Security*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, and the *Journal of East Asian Studies*. He is a frequently contributor to the *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage blog. Professor Yeo was awarded the Young Faculty Scholar's Award in 2013 from Catholic University and received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2005-06. He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He and his family reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Education

Ph.D. in Government, Cornell University

B.A. in Psychology & International Studies, Northwestern University

Expertise

International relations theory, East Asia, social movements, civil society, overseas military basing strategy, North Korea

Most Recent Works

- North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks [edited with Danielle Chubb] (Cambridge University Press 2018)



- “Realism, Critical Theory, and the Politics of Peace: Lessons from Anti-base Movements on Jeju Island.” *European Journal of International Security*. Forthcoming 2018.
- “Overlapping Regionalism in East Asia: Determinants and Potential Effects.” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 18 (2). 2017.
- [“Four reasons Trump’s Asia trip is so important.”](#) *Washington Post*, Nov. 4, 2017
- [“South Korea just elected a new president. Will there be new friction with the U.S.?”](#) *Washington Post*. May 9, 2017

□ Course Information

Course Description	This course presents a survey of U.S. relations with Asia over the past century with a focus on post-1945 foreign and economic policy. In particular, we discuss how U.S. strategic thinking about Asia as a region has evolved and how this shapes security and economic priorities for the region.
Course Evaluation	Attendance and class participation 25% Group Project 25% Midterm exam 25% Final exam 25%
Course Materials	Required readings will be provided as either PDF files distributed through a course webpage, or as a course packet. Additional readings related to current events will be circulated in class. Students should also purchase or have access to the following book: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Cohen, <i>East Asia at the Center</i>. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000 • Andrew Yeo, <i>Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests</i>, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.



Class Policy	<i>(Insert as necessary)</i>
Etc. <i>(e.g. Guidelines)</i>	Students are expected to read the chapters of the lecture.

□ Course Schedule

Session 1 (Jun. 27, Wed) Overview: The United States and Asia

- Mira Rapp-Hooper. "Deciphering Trump's Asia Policy." *Foreign Affairs* 2016.

Session 2 (Jun. 28, Thu) – International Relations Perspectives and U.S. Foreign Policy

- Stephen Walt. "International Relations: One World, Many Theories." *Foreign Policy* 110, no. Spring (1998): 29-44.
- Foreign Policy Reading (TBA)

Session 3 (Jul. 2, Mon) – The West and East Asian Modernity

- Warren Cohen, *East Asia at the Center*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000, Ch. 8-11

Session 4 (Jul. 4, Wed) – Postwar Bargain and U.S. Priorities in Cold War Asia

- John Ikenberry, "The Political Foundations of American Relations with East Asia." In *The United States and Northeast Asia: Debates, Issues, and New Order*, edited by G. John Ikenberry and Chung-in Moon. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, pp.19-38.
- Robert Jervis, "The Impact of the Korean War on the Cold War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42, no. 4 (1980): 563-92.
- Warren Cohen, *East Asia at the Center*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000, Ch. 12

Session 5 (Jul. 5, Thu) – East Asian Miracle?

- Cohen, "The Resurgence of East Asian Economic Order." In *East Asia at the Center*, Ch. 13.
- Vogel, Ezra F. *The Four Little Dragons: The Spread of Industrialization in East Asia*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1991, Ch. 1, 5.

Session 6 (Jul. 09, Mon) – Midterm Exam

Session 7 (Jul. 11, Wed) – U.S. Bilateral Alliances in Asia (Japan and South Korea)

- Victor D. Cha, "Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia." *International Security* 34, no. 3 (2009): 158-96, (Read pp.158-68; 178-96).
- Jennifer Lind, "Japan's Security Evolution" *Policy Analysis*, CATO Institute, February 25, 2016, pp. 1-9.



- Youngshik Bong, "The U.S.-South Korea Alliance: Local, Regional, and Global Dimensions," *Asian Politics & Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2016), pp. 39-49.

Session 8 (Jul. 12, Thu) – U.S. Military Presence in Asia

- Andrew Yeo. *Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Session 9 (Jul. 16, Mon) – It's Complicated: U.S.-Sino Relations

- Aaron Friedberg, *A Contest for Supremacy*: New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2011, Ch. 1
- Graham Allison, "China vs. America: Managing the Next Clash of Civilizations" *Foreign Affairs*, Sept/Oct 2017.
- Susan Shirk, "Trump and China: Getting to Yes with China," *Foreign Affairs* March/April 2017 <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2017-02-13/trump-and-china>

Session 10 (Jul. 18, Wed) – Fire and Fury: The United States and North Korea

- Joel S. Wit, "Trapped in No-Man's-Land: The Future of U.S. Policy toward North Korea," US-Korea Institute, SAIS, June 2016.
- Jung Pak and Ryan Haas. "Beyond Maximum Pressure: A Pathway to North Korean Denuclearization." Brookings Institution, 2017.

Session 11 (Jul. 19, Thu) – North Korean Human Rights (Film)

- Andrew Yeo. "The Politicization of North Korean Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy." *North Korean Review* 10, no. 2 (2014): 71-87.

Session 12 (Jul. 23, Mon) – Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy in Asia/Trans-Pacific Partnership and Business Relations in Asia (Guest Speaker)

- Michael J. Green, and Matthew P. Goodman. "After Tpp: The Geopolitics of Asia and the Pacific." [In English]. *The Washington Quarterly* 38, no. 4 (2016): 19-34.

Session 13 (Jul. 25, Wed) – The U.S. and East Asian Regional Architecture (Group Projects)

- Victor Cha, "Complex Patchworks: U.S. Alliances as Part of Asia's Regional Architecture." *Asia Policy* 11, no. 1 (2011): 27-50.
- Richard Fontaine, Patrick M. Cronin, Mira Rapp-Hooper, and Harry Krejsa. "Networking Asian Security." Washington DC: Center for New American Security, 2017.
- Ash Carter. "The Rebalance and Asia-Pacific Security: Building a Principled Security Network." *Foreign Affairs* 95, no. 6 (2016).

Session 14 (Jul. 26, Thu) – From Strategic Rebalance to Asia First (Group Projects)

- Van Jackson. "Red Teaming the Rebalance: The Theory and Risks of US Asia Strategy." *Journal of Strategic Studies* 39, no. 3 (2016): 365-88.
- Yuki Tatsumi. "The US National Security Strategy: Implications for the Indo-Pacific." *The Diplomat*, December 21, 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/12/the-us-national-security-strategy-implications-for-the-indo-pacific/>

Session 15 (Jul. 27, Fri) – Final Exam