The United States and Asia

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**Instructor’s Profile**

Andrew Yeo is Associate Professor of Politics and Director of Asian Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC. He is the author of *Evolution of Asia’s Regional Architecture: Alliances and Institutions in the Pacific Century* (Stanford University Press, 2019). He has also written or edited three other books: *North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks* (Cambridge University Press 2018); *Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests* (Cambridge University Press 2011); and *Living in an Age of Mistrust: An Interdisciplinary Study of Declining Trust in Contemporary Society and Politics and How to get it Back* (Routledge Press 2017).

As an expert on international relations, East Asia, and North Korea, Dr. Yeo has written reports, given talks, or participated in roundtable discussions at the Brookings Institution, Council on Foreign Relations, Center for International and Strategic Studies (CSIS), Korea Economic Institute, Stimson Center, Asia Foundation, the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), and on Capitol Hill. Dr. Yeo’s scholarly publications have appeared in *International Studies Quarterly, European Journal of International Relations, Perspectives on Politics, Comparative Politics, Journal of East Asian Studies,* and *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* among others. He contributes frequently to the *Washington Post* ‘s Monkey Cage blog, and has appeared or been quoted in a variety of media outlets including MSNBC, Channel News Asia, CBS radio, Channel News Asia, Voice of America, RTHK-Hong Kong, *New York Times Magazine, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Al Jazeera, Korea Times,* and *The Diplomat*. As part of the Bridging the Gap network, Dr. Yeo is a firm believer in connecting academic theory with policy relevant research.

**Education**

Ph.D. in Government, Cornell University
B.A. in Psychology & International Studies, Northwestern University

**Expertise**

International relations, Asian security, East Asian regionalism, social movements, civil society, overseas military basing strategy, North Korea, Korean politics
Most Recent Works


Course Information

| Course Description & Objectives | What role has the United States traditionally played in global affairs, and has this role now shifted under President Trump? What are U.S. policy priorities in Asia? Given the unpredictable nature of Trump, how do allies such South Korea and Japan, or competitors and adversaries such as China and North Korea deal with the U.S. at a strategic level? 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 objectives:
- Develop a better understanding of international relations and foreign policy in theory and practice.
- Understand the interests, role, and influence of U.S. stakeholders in Asia
- Practice and improve speaking and writing skills in smaller seminar setting. |

| 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 might find the following books useful:
Class Policy

Students are expected to come to each class and participate actively in discussion. Assigned readings should be completed before each class. Laptops and tablets are permitted in class for note taking and in class activities, but please refrain from texting or using social media. The instructor reserve the right to ban use of electronic devices in class if it is deemed a distraction to the class.

Course Schedule

Session 1 (Jun. 26, Wed) Overview: The United States and Asia

Session 2 (Jun. 27, Thu) – International Relations Perspectives

Session 3 (Jul. 1, Mon) – The West and East Asian Modernity
- Warren Cohen, East Asia at the Center. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000, Ch. 8-10

Session 4 (Jul. 3, Wed) – Postwar Bargain and U.S. Priorities in Cold War Asia
- Andrew Yeo, Asia’s Regional Architecture: Alliances and Institutions in the Pacific Century (Stanford University Press 2019), pp. 28-48 (Ch. 2).

Session 5 (Jul. 4, Thu) – East Asian Miracle?
- Warren Cohen, “The Resurgence of East Asian Economic Order.” In East Asia at the Center, Ch. 13.

Session 6 (Jul. 08, Mon) – Midterm Exam

Session 7 (Jul. 10, Wed) – U.S. Bilateral Alliances in Asia (Japan and South Korea)
Session 8 (Jul. 11, Thu) – U.S. Military Presence in Asia and Grand Strategy

Session 9 (Jul. 15, Mon) – It’s Complicated: U.S.-Sino Relations
- Aaron Friedberg, *A Contest for Supremacy*: New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2011, Ch. 2

Session 10 (Jul. 17, Wed) – U.S., China, and Asia’s Regional Architecture

Session 11 (Jul. 18, Thu) –The United States and North Korea

Session 12 (Jul. 22, Mon) – Field Trip to U.S. Embassy in Seoul (tentative)
- Readings TBA

Session 13 (Jul. 24, Wed) – From the Asia Pivot to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific
- Additional readings TBA

Session 14 (Jul. 25, Thu) – U.S. Alliances and Strategic Partnerships (Group Presentations)

Session 15 (Jul. 26, Fri) – Final Exam
The United States and Asia: Politics from the Postwar Era to the Age of Trump

Seoul National University International Summer Program
June 26 to July 26, 2019
Meets Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9am-noon

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