McGill University
Political Science 349
FOREIGN POLICY: ASIA

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Objectives: This course provides an overview of the foreign policies of three key states of Asia: Japan, China, and India. We will study the historical evolution, goals and determinants of their foreign policies, and the conflictual and cooperative interactions of these states with other countries in Asia and the world. We will also cover the efforts at institutionalized cooperation in East, Southeast, and South Asia. The course begins with a discussion of various approaches to foreign policy analysis, intended to provide the necessary theoretical and conceptual tools to understand the foreign policy behavior of states.


Requirements: All students are expected to attend lectures. All readings are required, and are fair game for the exams, even if they are not discussed in class! Ensure therefore that you are always caught up with the readings, if you intend to make the most out of this class. If you do not do so already, make sure you regularly read the international political section of a newspaper or newspaper’s website, especially the sections on Asia. The Guardian and the New York Times are excellent options, as are the BBC, NPR and CNN websites.

Evaluation
Mid-term Examination 20%
Research Essay 20%
Conferences 10%
Final Examination 50%

The exams consist of identifications and essays. Participation is primarily your contributions in conferences. Conferences will be conducted by a TA as a discussion group and this will be a useful opportunity for you to both clarify materials and think through your ideas. The essay could be on a specific foreign policy topic pertaining to one or more Asian countries. Credit will be given to essays that apply a conceptual or theoretical framework in the analysis. Deadline: Wednesday Nov. 22, 2017. Be aware that the university rules stipulate severe penalties for plagiarism and double submission.

Statement on Academic integrity
"McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information).
Part I: Understanding Foreign Policy

9/6 Introduction

9/11 Goals and Strategies of Foreign Policy
K.J. Holsti, International Politics: A Framework for Analysis, Prentice Hall, 82-114

9/13 Sources of Foreign Policy

9/18 Approaches to Foreign Policy Analysis

9/20 Foreign Policy Learning and Adaptation

9/25 Asia In the International System

Part II: Foreign Policy of Japan

9/27 The Historical Background; Post-War Objectives

10/2 Explaining Japanese Foreign Policy: Security Dimensions

10/4 Political Economic Dimensions

10/11 Post-Cold War Era Foreign Policy


10/16: Foreign Policy in the Korean Peninsula

10/18: Mid-term

**Part III: Foreign Policy of China**

10/23 Explaining China's Foreign Policy Behavior

10/25 The Maoist Era

10/30 The Deng Era

11/1 The Post-Cold War Period


11/6 China and its Neighbors


11/8 China as a Rising Power


**Part IV: Foreign Policy of India**

11/13 Historical Background
Nayar and Paul *India in the World Order* Chaps 1-3.

Kanti Bajpai, “Indian Strategic Culture,” in *South Asia in 2020: Future Strategic Balances and*
11/15 The Nehru Era: Non-alignment
Nayar and Paul, India in the World Order, Ch 4.

11/20 The Post-Nehru Era
Nayar and Paul, India in the World Order, Ch.5.

11/22 Post-Cold War Era
Nayar and Paul, India in the World Order, Ch.6 and 7.
Tandon, Aakriti, “India’s Foreign Policy Priorities and the Emergence of a Modi Doctrine,” Strategic Analysis, 40, 5, 2016, 349-56.
Hall, Ian, Multi-alignment and Indian Foreign Policy under Narendra Modi,” The Round Table, 105, no. 3, 2016, 271-86.

11/27 India as a Rising Power

Part V: Conflict and Cooperation in Asia

11/29 Conflict & Cooperation in South Asia

12/4 Southeast Asia and East Asia

12/6 Review