

SPINAker Summer School course

Complexity of Asian International Relations in the 21st Century

Course description

Asia, or the Indo-Pacific region (better said) is a perfect example of complex relations. One definitely has to make an analysis on different levels, namely transnational, international and systemic, but also see at different dimensions and networks building those relations. This course aims at providing students with basic knowledge of the complex international relations of Asia including introduction to geography, demography, socio-cultural, economic and strategic situation of the region. The role of the PRC, Japan, Korean Peninsula, Southeast Asia and the United States, as well as regional organizations may also be discussed.

Subject's learning outcomes

Outcomes in terms of	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:	
Students will learn and know more about the complex nature of IR in Asia, with cultural, economic, and strategic relations.	Active class participation, complexity report
Skills - Student can:	
Students will be able to adapt complexity approach to both domestic and international relations in Asia.	Classroom discussions Debates
Social competences - Student is ready to:	
Student is ready to discuss issues connected with complexity, prepare small assignments.	Active class participation, complexity report

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*	
Lecture	12	
preparation for classes	10	
preparation for the exam	6	
Student workload	Hours	ECTS
		2
Workload involving teacher	Hours	ECTS
	12	2

*hour means 45 minutes

Study content

The course is to be composed of 4 modules, focusing on different aspects of complexity in the Asia-Pacific region:

1) *Socio-cultural conditions of the region and theoretical background:*

- D. Shambaugh, (ed.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2022: **CHAPTER 2** S. Kim, *The Evolving Asian System: Three Transformations*
- D. Shambaugh, (ed.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2022: **CHAPTER 1**: D. Shambaugh, *International Relations in Asia: Grasping with Complexities*.
- M. Grabowski, T. Pugaczewicz (eds.), *Application of International Relations Theories in Asia and Africa*, Peter Lang Verlag, Berlin 2019: **CHAPTER 4**: M. Grabowski, *International Relations Theory Development in Asia*

2) *Political complexity of the region and great powers:*

- X. Huang, J. Young, *Politics in Pacific Asia: An Introduction*, Palgrave 2017: **CHAPTER 3**: *Types of States in Pacific Asia*.
- D. Shambaugh, M. Yahuda (eds.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2014: **CHAPTER 6**: Ph. Saunders, *China's Role in Asia: Attractive or Assertive?*

- D. Shambaugh, M. Yahuda (eds.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2014: **CHAPTER 4: The United States in Asia: Durable Leadership.**
- D. Shambaugh, (ed.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2022: **CHAPTER 14: B. Gill, The Asian Regional Security Environment**
- S. Pekkanen, J. Ravenhill, R. Foot (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, Oxford University Press, New York 2014: **CHAPTER 27: M. Taylor Fravel: Territorial and Maritime Boundary Disputes in Asia**

3) Economic cooperation and integration – diads and networks:

- W. Ming, *The Political Economy of East Asia: Wealth and Power*, Edward Elgar, Washington 2020. **CHAPTER 2: The East Asian National Systems of Political Economy**
- Dent Ch., *East Asian Regionalism*, Routledge, New York 2017, 2nd edition:
 - CHAPTER 3: Regionalism in Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia;
 - CHAPTER 4: East Asia and Asia-Pacific Trans-Regionalism
- M. Grabowski, P. Laidler (eds.), *Global Development Policy in the 21st Century: New Challenges*, Peter Lang Verlag, Berlin 2018, chapter: M. Grabowski, S. Wycisłak: The Impact of the Asian Economic Crises 1997–1998 and 2008–2009 on Regional Security and Development, on-line: https://www.academia.edu/40398737/The_Impact_of_the_Asian_Economic_Crises_1997_1998_and_2008_2009_on_Regional_Security_and_Development_co-authored_with_S%C5%82awomir_Wyci%C5%9Bla_k

Course advanced

Activities	Examination methods
In-class lectures and discussions	Class participation (including assignments) – 60% Complexity report – 40%

Literature

Obligatory

As indicated for each session.

Supplementary

- D. Shambaugh, (ed.), *International Relations of Asia*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Lanham 2022 (whole book).

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- S. Pekkanen, J. Ravenhill, R. Foot (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia*, Oxford University Press, New York 2014.
- M. Williams (ed.), *The Politics of the Asia-Pacific: Triumphs, Challenges and Threats*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto 2022.

