

2019 International Summer Session (ISS)

Northeast Asian Economic Relations

Course Outline

Term: July 18 – August 14, 2019

Class Hours: 09:00 – 10:50 (Monday through Thursday)

Course Code: IS434

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Credit: 3

Course Description

Northeast Asia (NEA) covers main economies of the global economy. The region has been consistently the world's fastest growing economic region over the last 50 years. The NEA countries account for 26 percent of global GDP – the largest economic bloc in terms of combined purchasing power parity of its members. Although NEA is primary engine of global economic growth and economic interdependence between member economies is growing, institutionalized regionalization has not made much progress. Since 1990s, there have been positive changes, including a growing number of small and large scale projects to enhance trade, transport and infrastructure development.

The course provides a comprehensive understanding of mutual actions to create regional cooperation mechanisms in the NEA region. The course will explore factors that have contributed to the NEA regional integration along with constraints to creation of institutions. Students will also examine ongoing multilateral projects in the region as a case study. Various topics will be covered such as trade, investment, cross-border projects and migration in the region.

Course Objectives

The course design is an attempt to enhance the students understanding of critical issues on contemporary NEA region and intraregional relations. The course enables students to be capable of offering systematic explanations about main issues in the region.

Textbook

Pekkanen, Ravenhill, Foot "Oxford handbook of the International Relations of Asia," Oxford University Press, 2014.

Grading and Evaluation

Final grade will be based on attendance and class participation, mid-term exam and final term paper.

Class attendance and participation: 20%

Mid-term: 40% / Final term paper: 40%

Please note that class attendance is mandatory. And good attendance and active participation will be reflected in grade.

Tentative Course Schedule

This schedule is tentative and subject to change depending on the pace of the class

Week 1.

(7/18) Session 1: Introduction to the class and Northeast Asia

Week 2

(7/22) Session 1: Complicated and but interesting points on the area

(7/23) Session 2: The area in the international society

(7/24) Session 3: Global economy and Northeast Asian region

(7/25) Session 4: Historical background – East Asian development model and 1997-98 Financial crisis

Week 3

(7/29) Session 1: Why NEA countries need regional cooperation?

(7/30) Session 2: Trade relations in NEA

(7/31) Session 3: FTAs in NEA

(8/1) Session 4: Mid-term

Week 4

(8/5) Session 1: Financial cooperation in NEA

(8/6) Session 2: Regional development projects in NEA

(8/7) Session 3: 'GTI', 'Belt and Road'

(8/8) Session 4: Migration and human resource cooperation in NEA

Week 5

(8/12) Session 1: International laws in the area

(8/13) Session 2: Korean peninsula issue

(8/14) Session 3: Final Exam

(8/15) Session 4: Holiday