

MC 323 Japanese Foreign Policy *Spring 2007*

Monday and Wednesday 3:00-4:20 pm
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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to explore issues of Japanese foreign policy and foreign policy decision making process. As historical memory and historically-rooted national identity is a significant informer of Japan's external relations, particularly those with its Asian neighbors, the first half of the course will be devoted to an overview of the history of Japanese foreign policy. We will examine issues relevant to foreign policy of Japan in key historical time frames that have shaped the issues that Japan currently faces. In the first part, the course will provide a historical survey of Japanese foreign policy up until the occupation of Japan following the Second World War. In part 2, we will then spend more time to examine Japan's experiences with the occupation and the ensuing Cold War. We will question how the legacy of these periods is still felt on the way Japanese national identity is constructed and in turn externalized into foreign policy. In the second half, which consists of part 3 and 4, we will turn our attention to some of the central issues that Japan today faces in its external relations, and reflect on some critical questions regarding its future.

In dealing with these issues, we will often refer to theories of International Relations such as realism, liberalism, and constructivism. However, due to time constraints, we will not be able to study them in detail. Hence students are strongly recommended to review them at their earliest opportunity. The following sources provide a basic, if somewhat overly simplified, summary of IR theories:

Walt, Stephen M. "International Relations: One World, Many Theories." *Foreign Policy*, no. 110 (1998): 29-46.

Snyder, Jack. "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*, November 2004.

For constructivism see:

Hopf, Ted, "The Promise of Constructivism in International Relations Theory," *International Security* 23 (Summer 1998).

Required Texts:

Glenn D. Hook, *Japan's International Relations*, 2nd Edition, Routledge, 2005. ISBN: 0415336384.

Michael Green, *Japan's Reluctant Realism: Foreign Policy Challenges in an Era of Uncertain Power*, Palgrave, 2003. ISBN: 1403962359.

Marius Jensen, *The Making of Modern Japan*, Harvard U. P., 2002. ISBN: 0674009916.

All other readings are available through several databases that the MSU library subscribes to. There is no coursepack for this course. For easy access, links to databases are provided, but for them to work one needs to access the Internet through a computer linked to the campus network. If you use an off-campus computer, see <http://www.lib.msu.edu/proxy/>.

grade distribution:

Midterm	20 %
Final Exam	40 %
Paper	30 %
Participation	10 %
Total:	100 %

Your total percentage score will be converted to MSU grading system based on the following scale:

64%	68%	74%	78%	84%	88%	94%
1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4

Please note:

1. Attendance does not equal participation.
2. Further instructions about the final paper will be given early in the semester. You are welcome to turn in *one* early draft of your paper, but if you choose to do so, your draft needs to be turned in before February 28.

Honors Option: those who are interested in honors option should see me early in the semester to talk about extra requirements.

Introduction

January 8: Does Japan still matter?
Read: Hook, Ch.1

January 10: institutions of Japanese foreign policy making

- Green, Ch. 2.
- Pempel, T.J., "[The Unbundling of Japan, Inc.: The Changing Dynamics of Japanese Policy Formation](#)," *Journal of Japanese Studies* 13, no. 2, 1987.

Part 1: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

January 15: Overview

- Pyle, Kenneth B. "[Profound Forces in the Making of Modern Japan](#)," *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 32, no. 2, Summer 2006, pp. 393-418.

January 17: Tokugawa Period and Japanese foreign policy

- Jensen: Chs. 2, 3, and 9.

January 22-24: Meiji Period and Japanese foreign policy

- Jensen: Chs.11, 12, 13, and 15

January 29: Taisho Period and Japanese foreign policy

- Jensen: Chs. 16-17

January 31: Japan's Disillusionment with the West and Panasian Imperialism

- Selected parts, from Hasan Kosebalaban, "Contested National Identity And Foreign Policy: The Case Of Turkey And Japan," Ph.D. Dissertation, The University of Utah, 2006.
- Minichiello, Sharon A. Review of [*Japan, Race, and Equality: The Racial Equality Proposal of 1919*](#) by Naoko Shimazu 54, no. 1 (1999): 130-32.

February 5: Second World War and Japan's Defeat

- Jensen: Ch.18

February 7: Japan under Occupation: Key Occupation Policies that affected the course of Japanese Foreign Policy

- Hook: Ch. 1-2
- Schaller, Michael. "[America's favorite War Criminal: Kishi Nobusuke and the Transformation of U.S.-Japan Relations](#)," Japan Policy Research Institute Working Paper No. 11, July 1995.

Part 2: Cold War Japanese Foreign Policy
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February 12-14: Cold War Japanese Identity: Yoshida Doctrine

- Jensen, Ch. 19

February 19: Japan's Relations with the United States during the Cold War

- Hook: pp. 99-107; pp. 143-156

February 21-26: Japan's Relations with China and Korea during the Cold War

- Hook: pp. 190-196

February 28: Japan and the Middle East

- Yorke, Valerie. "[Oil, the Middle East and Japan's Search for Security.](#)" *International Affairs* 57, no. 3 (1981): 428-48.
- Naramoto, Eisuke. "[Japanese Perceptions on the Arab-Israeli Conflict.](#)" *Journal of Palestine Studies* 20, no. 3 (1991): 79-88.

Paper Drafts Due

3/5-9 Spring Break

March 12: Japan's Foreign Economic Policies during the Cold War

- Rix, Alan. "[Japan's Foreign Aid Policy: A Capacity for Leadership?](#)" *Pacific Affairs* 62, no. 4 (1989): 461-75.
- Miyashita, Akitoshi. "[Gaiatsu and Japan's Foreign Aid: Rethinking the Reactive-Proactive Debate.](#)" *International Studies Quarterly* 43, no. 4 (1999): 695-731.

March 14 Test I

Part 3: Japanese Foreign Policy after the Cold War
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March 19-21: Japan's Search for a post-Cold War Identity

- Green: Ch.1
- Yoichi Funabashi, "[Japan and the New World Order,](#)" *Foreign Affairs*, Winter 1991/92.
- Inoguchi, Takashi. "[Four Japanese scenarios for the future,](#)" *International Affairs* 65, no.1 (1988/89): 15-29.

March 26-28: Security Alliance with the United States

- Hook: pp. 156-176
- Green, Michael J. "[U.S.-Japanese Relations after Koizumi: Convergence or Cooling?](#)" *The Washington Quarterly* 29, no. 4 (2006): 101-10.
- Former Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, "[Are US Troops in Japan Needed? Reforming the Alliance,](#)" *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 1998.

April 2-4: Coping with the Rise of China

- Green: Ch.3
- Yang, Bojiang. "[Redefining Sino-Japanese Relations after Koizumi.](#)" *The Washington Quarterly* 29, no. 4 (2006): 129-37.

April 9: Japan and the Korean Crisis

- Green: Ch.4
- Rozman , Gilbert and Shin-wa Lee. “[Unraveling the Japan-South Korea ‘Virtual Alliance’: Populism and Historical Revisionism in the Face of Conflicting Regional Strategies](#),” *Asian Survey* 46, no. 5, (2006): 761-784.
- International Crisis Group, *Japan and North Korea: Bones of Contention*, Asia Report No. 100, 27 June 2005.

Final Paper Due

Part 4: The Future of Japanese Foreign Policy

April 11: Is Japan Returning to “Normal Power” Status?

- Inoguchi, Takashi, and Paul Bacon. “Japan's emerging role as a ‘global ordinary power’,” *International Relations of the Asia Pacific* 6 (2006): 1-21.
- Hughes, Christopher W., “[Introduction](#),” *Japan's Re-emergence as a ‘Normal’ Military Power*, Adelphi Papers.

April 16: Japan, Eurasia, and Geopolitics of Energy

- Green: Ch.5
- BBC News report, “[Energy Key to Japan’s Central Asia Ties](#),” August 26, 2006.

April 18-23: Japan’s Future in Asia: Towards re-Asianization?

- Green: Chs. 6, 7, and 8.

April 25: Conclusion

Final Exam: May 2, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm (confirm with the schedule)