



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

INTP 442: ASIAN SECURITY

30 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Last assessment item due: 18 October 2013

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lectures: Wednesdays 17:10-20:00

Lecture Venue: MY 401

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Dr Alexander Bukh

Room No: MY 509

Phone: 463 9450

Email: Alexander.Bukh@vuw.ac.nz

Office hours: Wednesdays 15:30-17:00

Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course introduces theoretical approaches to the study of conflict and regional order and applies them to the contemporary Asia-Pacific region. Specific topics covered may include great

power rivalry in Asia; real and potential inter-state and intra-state conflicts; a range of so-called 'non-traditional' and 'human security' challenges; and the role of regional institutions such as ASEAN, the ARF, APEC and the East Asian Summit. 100% internal assessment.

Course content

A course schedule will be provided during the first class.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students passing the course should be able to:

1. Acquire a broad introductory understanding of Asian security history from various perspectives;
2. Gain some familiarity with the security cultures and predicaments of major powers in Asia;
3. Explore the nature, rationale and consequences of Asian foreign and security policies and their institutions;
4. Consider the appropriateness of realist, liberal, constructivist and other approaches to international security in this region;
5. Assess critically the various threats to regional and global security emerging in Asia, and the proposals for addressing them.
6. Articulate their understanding in written and oral form through essays, examinations and presentations.

Teaching format

This course involves a three hour seminar each week. There are no tutorials but discussions and debate are incorporated into the three-hour structure.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Submit the written and oral work specified for this course, on or by the specified dates (subject to provisions as are stated for late submission for work)
2. Sit the in-class test.

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at seminars, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Oral presentation of readings – Students will present on the required readings for a particular week in order to initiate a class discussion. Presentations will be for about fifteen minutes, and presentation dates will be assigned via a signup sheet at the end of the first lecture. Students presenting that week will be summarising the readings as well as offering critiques.	5%	1, 2, 3,4,5,6	TBA
2	Research essay proposal – The essay proposal will involve a 1500-2000 word précis of the proposed final research essay, and will include the research question, thesis statement/argument and a provisional bibliography. The proposal will be due on Wednesday, 21 August 2013 at 1600 and must be submitted in hard copy to the School office	10%	3,4,5,6	21 August 2013

	(Murphy 5 th floor).			
3	One in-class test - 90 minutes in-class test covering lectures and mandatory readings will be held on 25 September 2013 .	35%	1,2,3,4, 5, 6	25 September 2013
4	Research essay – This essay will be the main written product of the class and should be on a subject relevant to East Asian or Southeast Asian security. The essay should be about 8000 words (inclusive of footnotes) and will be due on Friday, 18 October 2013 at 1700 . Hard copies should be submitted to the Political Science office <i>with</i> an electronic copy emailed directly to the lecturer. <i>The course lecturer reserves the right to request that papers be submitted to Turnitin.</i>	50%	1,2,3,4, 5, 6	18 October 2013

Submission and return of work

All written work must be submitted in hard copy in the course essay box outside the School office on the fifth floor of the Murphy building. All assignments must have a Programme cover sheet attached.

The Programme's policy requires that students also submit an **electronic copy** along with the hardcopy. For this course, please email to me an electronic copy of your work on the same due date for your hardcopy submission. The subject line of your email submission should be "INTP 442 Assignment Submission". The email copy however does not constitute a formal submission and an email submission only will not be marked.

Essays and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the School Office, Murphy 518 between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday.

Penalties

There is a uniform deadline for the submission of Honours research papers in Political Science and International Relations. This deadline is adhered to firmly. Extensions are granted in exceptional circumstances only, under the conditions stipulated in Victoria University's aegrotat regulations, and extensions must be approved by Honours Coordinator (Dr Kate MacMillan) in advance of the deadline. The deadline for Honours research papers is **5.00pm, Friday 18th October**. Work not submitted by this deadline will not be taken into consideration when determining final results.

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. Work that is more than 10 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked. Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In all such cases, prior information will be necessary.

Set texts

The core text for this class will be *Security Politics in the Asia-Pacific*, edited by William T. Tow (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), available from VicBooks. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop the day after placing an order online.

Other readings will be made available via Blackboard.

Recommended reading

Students are recommended to keep up with news regarding Asia-Pacific security issues to assist with class discussions during the term. Other recommended readings will be posted during the trimesters to assist with essay preparation and course work.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/psir-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz