Introduction
This course will consider the economic, political, and security issues of the East Asian region, defined as including both Northeast and Southeast Asia. Within this region, a rising China, a dominant U.S.-led system, and an emergent regional community are struggling to define norms of cooperation while avoiding conflict. Attention will be paid to national, regional, and global dimensions of the international politics of East Asia, paying particular attention to proposals for new regional institutions and the possible emergence of a new “Eastphalian” system of international order. We consider case studies in regional relations concerning security, trade and finance, human rights, and the environment.

Course Readings
All readings for this course will be posted on the class D2L site.

Course Evaluation
10%: Attendance
10%: Participation (Including one Reading Review posted on D2L)
50%: Undergraduates: Two Take-Home Tests (25% each)
      Graduates: Four Review Essays (12.5% each)
30%: Strategic Journal

Strategic Journal
A strategic journal is a summary of lessons you have learned during the class. It summarizes for each topic, the main issues and strategies that you have arrived at through individual reading, classroom instruction, and group discussions. In effect, it is your daily meditations on the course and how it suggests ways of responding to the challenges of international relations in Asia. Ideally, it is kept up to date each day. The
Course Outline

PART I: POWER AND ORDER

July 21 & 22: Chinese, Japanese, and American Imperiums


July 23 & 24: The Return of China


July 28 & 29: The Adjusting U.S. Role

Ling, Wei (2013) Rebalancing or De-Balancing: U.S. Pivot and East Asian Order. American Foreign Policy Interests.

July 30 & 31: An Emergent “Eastphalian” Order?

July 31-August 4: Take-Home Exam #1 -- Due on D2L by 12 Noon on August 4

PART II: ISSUES

August 4 & 5: South China Sea


August 6 & 7: Trade and Finance


August 11 & 12: Human Rights


August 13 & 14: Environment

August 15: Strategic Journals Due on D2L by 4pm

August 14-18: Take-Home Exam #2 -- Due on D2L by 12 Noon on August 18