

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3019 East Asian Security: Past, Present, and Future

Pre-requisites : HA1001, HA2004

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course provides you with in-depth knowledge about the security development in East Asia from the post-World War II period as well as theoretical perspectives to capture the main characteristics of East Asian security mechanism. We will discuss the concept of "East Asia" and the various theories of "International Security"; history of East Asian security; US "hub-and-spoke" system; ASEAN multilateralism, particularly ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting, and East Asia Summit; advanced theoretical frameworks to make sense of East Asian security; and specific regional security issues, such as the Rise of China, the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Straits, East and South China Sea, and other non-traditional security issues, such as natural disaster and piracy. In order to facilitate discussions in the class, you need to be familiar with contemporary East Asian affairs, through newspaper, magazines, and on-line media.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Cogently explain history, characteristics, systems, and development of East Asian security from 1945;
2. Effectively analyze and explain East Asian security issues by applying theories of international security;
3. Intellectually assess the fundamental problems of contemporary East Asian security issues; and
4. Logically, independently, and creatively discuss the prospects of East Asian security

Course Content

Various theories of "International Security"; history of East Asian security; US "hub-and-spoke" system; ASEAN multilateralism; advanced theoretical frameworks to make sense of East Asian security; and specific regional security issues, such as the Rise of China, the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Straits, East and South China Sea, and other non-traditional security issues, such as natural disaster and piracy.

Course Assessment

Class Participation	: 10%
Weekly Group Discussion & Class Mini-Exercise	: 15%
Participation in in-class exercise/ Excursion	: 5%
Mid-term Mini-Paper	: 10%
Scenario Building Exercise	: 30%
Final Research Paper	: 30%
Total	----- 100%