



# POL 389

## US Foreign Policy in the Asian Century

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

39cp at 100 level or above or (6cp in HIST or MHIS or POL units at 200 level including 3cp in POL)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

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## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

To enhance students' understanding of the role that the United States plays in contemporary global and East Asian affairs

To illuminate the historical continuities (and discontinuities) in U.S. foreign policy in East Asia

To enable students to critically evaluate the main theoretical and ideological approaches

to U.S. foreign policy in East Asia

To sharpen students' understanding of the relationship between, and the blurring of, 'domestic' and 'international' spheres of U.S. politics

To enhance students' capacity to clearly express, in written form, ideas and debates that are central to US foreign policy and international relations in East Asia

## General Assessment Information

### Late Submissions

Late Submission Penalty: "Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests."

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Review Article</a>	20%	Yes	Week 3, 16/8/2016
<a href="#">Major Essay</a>	40%	Yes	Week 8, 2/10/2016
<a href="#">Final Exam</a>	30%	No	Week 13, 8/11/2016
<a href="#">Participation</a>	10%	No	All year

### Review Article

Due: **Week 3, 16/8/2016**

Weighting: **20%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

Students are to write a short review (1000 words) of one of the readings posted on ilearn for weeks one and two. The author should (1) situate the article within the broader debates of which it is a part; (2) summarize the key arguments of the article and (3) provide a critical evaluation (do you find the article convincing, and why?). All students should submit their reviews via turnitin, by midnight on the due date.

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## Major Essay

Due: **Week 8, 2/10/2016**

Weighting: **40%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

Students will write a 2000 word essay chosen from a list of essay topics that will be put on ilearn in week 2 of this unit. This essay must be correctly referenced and provide a bibliography. All students should submit their essays via turnitin by midnight on the due date.

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## Final Exam

Due: **Week 13, 8/11/2016**

Weighting: **30%**

For internal students, the final exam will be two hours long and will require you to write three short essays drawn from a list of 12, which will cover content from the entire unit. Internal students will do the exam during normal class time, while external students will do the exam as a take home test over the weekend 10-11 November. I will post the questions on Friday 9 November at midday. External students must submit their test via turnitin, in one file, labelled with their family name, no later than midnight on Sunday 11 November.

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## Participation

Due: **All year**

Weighting: **10%**

For internal students, participation marks will be assigned for 'participation', not just for attending tutorials. I will be grading you on the regularity and quality of your in class participation. Students will get marks for having obviously done the reading for that week, and for engaging critically with the topic that we are discussing. I will be taking notes on individual student participation as we go. Students may miss up to two tutorials without penalty. If students miss more than 4 tutorials they will receive a grade of 0/10 for this piece of assessment.

For external students, participation marks will be assigned for regularly 'participating' on the online discussion forums. I will be grading you on the regularity and quality of your in contributions, and on your engagement with other students' comments. Students will get marks for having obviously done the reading for that week, and for engaging critically with the topic that we are discussing. Students' contributions should be made in the same week that the topic is being dealt with in class. Contributions should be a minimum of 200 words, but there is no upper limit. Students may miss up to 2 weeks without penalty. If students do not contribute for 4 or more weeks they will receive a grade of 0/10 for this piece of assessment.

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## Delivery and Resources

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### **Week 1 (2 August) Introduction: The United States and East Asia in the Age of Trump**

In this first week, an overview of the unit will be provided, followed by an introductory lecture that identifies the significance of the Trump Presidency for US foreign policy in East Asia, and the key issues that the United States faces in East Asia today. These include economic challenges entailed by increased integration and competition in the region, and security challenges posed by the rise of China, North Korean nuclear proliferation, and juggling the competing claims of various bilateral relationships and alliances. We will also explore in a preliminary way some of the issues raised by President Trump's recent posturing in the region, and his shifting of US trade policy onto a more protectionist footing

#### **Reading**

Lowell Dittmer, 'Trump on China', *Asian Perspectives* 41 (2017), pp. 673-700.

Jennifer Lind, 'Asia's other Revisionist Power: Why U.S. Grand Strategy Unnerves China', *Foreign Affairs*, 96 (2017), pp. 74-82.

Peter Harris, 'The Imminent US Strategic Adjustment to China', *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* Vol. 8, No 3 (2015) pp. 219-250

### **Week 2 (9 August) Hiroshima and the Shaping of US Hegemony in East Asia**

In the first of several historically focused lectures, we explore the roots of US power in East Asia. We start with the US's nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which represented both the end of an era and the beginning of a new one: the era of US hegemony in the Asia-Pacific and the so-called "free world". We explore the foundations and nature of US hegemony, and the ways in which the early years of the Cold War shaped US priorities and actions in East Asia.

#### **Reading**

Michael H. Hunt, 'East Asia in Henry Luce's "American Century"' in Michael J. Hogan, *The Ambiguous Legacy: US Foreign Relations in the American Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 232-278.

Gar Alperovitz, *The Decision to use the Atomic Bomb* (New York: Vintage Books, 1995), pp. 319-365.

J. Samuel Walker, 'Recent Literature on Truman's Atomic Bomb Decision: A Search for Middle Ground', *Diplomatic History*, Vol 29, 2 (2005) pp. 311-334.

### **Week 3 (16 August) Challenges to US Hegemony; The Chinese Revolution and the Korean Civil War**

To say that the US was hegemonic in East Asia in the years immediately following the conclusion of the Second World War, is not the same as saying that its supremacy was unchallenged. The two greatest challenges to US hegemony in these years were the Chinese Revolution in October 1949 and the Korean War (1950-1953). These events would shape US perceptions of and activities in East Asia for decades to come, and their effects continue to be felt right up to the present day. This week we explore the causes and consequences of these events and discuss the US's involvement.

#### **Reading**

Chen Jian, 'Mao and Sino-American Relations' in Melvyn P. Leffler and David S. Painter, *The Origins of the Cold War: An International History* (2nd edn.) (New York: Routledge 1994), pp. 283-298.

Warren I. Cohen, 'The Korean War and its Consequences', in Warren I. Cohen, *The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations (Vol. V): America in the Age of Soviet Power, 1945-1991* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993), pp. 58-80.

### **Week 4 (23 August) The Vietnam War and US Credibility in East Asia**

As part of the general policy of containment, the US supported first French colonialists, then a brutal, dictatorial regime, in what became South Vietnam. Their military involvement intensified over time, to the point where they deployed combat troops in March 1965. The ensuing Vietnam War was fought on the rationale of the domino theory (if South Vietnam fell to Communists then neighboring states would surely follow) and the need to maintain US credibility - in the eyes of both allies (Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Australia etc) and enemies (China, North Korea, the USSR). In this lecture we examine the Vietnam war in the broader context of US diplomacy and efforts to preserve hegemony in East Asia.

#### **Readings**

Robert Dallek, 'Fear, Ambition, and Politics' in Robert J. McMahon (ed), *Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War* (3rd edn.) (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003), pp. 177-189.

Fredrick Logevall, 'Choosing War' in Robert J. McMahon (ed), *Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War* (3rd edn.) (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003), pp. 189-205.

### **Week 5 (30 August) Detente and Normalizing Relations with China**

Increasingly exhausted and economically weakened by the Vietnam war, the US sought detente (a relaxation of tensions) with both the USSR and China from the late 1960s. This expressed

itself in a normalization of relations with China after 1972, which would grow into a flourishing economic relationship by the early 1990s, though not without tensions and crises along the way. This week we explore the evolving relationship that the United States developed with China in the 1970s and 1980s, and discuss how this effected China's immediate neighbors. This is important as it laid the foundations for the US's relationship with China today, which includes many tensions and contradictions that are at the heart of the unfolding economic and security challenges that the US faces in the region.

### **Reading**

Raymond L. Gartoff, 'Establishing Triangular Diplomacy: China and American-Soviet Relations, 1969-1972', in Raymond Gartoff, *Detente and Confrontation: American-Soviet Relations from Nixon to Reagan* (1994), pp. 227-278.

### **Week 6 (6 September) End of the Cold War: Promises and Challenges**

More than one US statesman has commented that US foreign policy was easy during the Cold War because we knew who our enemy was. Consequently, the end of the Cold War created uncertainty about how the United States should exercise its power on the world stage in general, and East Asia in particular. We identify and examine some key episodes in the decade after the end of the Cold War (e.g., the Taiwan crisis of 1995, the forced landing of a US spy plane on Chinese territory in 2001, North Korea's nuclear ambitions throughout this period), in order to illustrate the challenges that the US faced in East Asia after the end of the Cold War.

### **Reading**

Richard Betts, 'Wealth, Power, and Instability: East Asia and the United States after the Cold War', *International Security*, Vol. 18, 3 (1993-94), pp. 34-77.

Michale Mastanduno, 'Preserving the Unipolar Moment: Realist Theories and US Grand Strategy after the Cold War', *International Security*, Vol 21, 4 (1997), pp. 49-88.

### **Week 7 (13 September) Essay Writing Workshop**

Clarity of writing expresses clarity of thinking, while clarity of thinking is manifested in clear writing. With this in mind, we will use this week to discuss what a good University Masters essay should accomplish and what it should include. I will begin by giving a presentation, which will be followed by a practical exercise and then a discussion. We will end by briefly considering each of the essay topics that will be on the ilearn site from week two.

### **No Reading for the week**

### **Week 8 (4 October) The US and the Japanese Alliance**

The United States has had a permanent military presence in Japan since 1945, and continues to do so despite the ostensible rationale for its presence having long since ended. The US's alliance with Japan, and its military bases on Japanese soil, constitute the bedrock of US



hegemony and strategy in East Asia. It has taken on renewed importance with the growing influence of China in the region, though the Trump administration has created some uncertainty around the relationship. In this lecture we examine the nature and relevance of the US-Japan alliance, and analyze its role in the contemporary era.

### **Reading**

Linus Hagstrom, "'Power Shift' in East Asia? A Critical Reappraisal of Narratives on the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands Incident in 2010' *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 10 (2012) pp. 267-297.

Christopher W. Hughes, 'Japan's 'Resentful Realism' and Balancing China's Rise', *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 9, No 2 (2016), pp. 111.

### **Week 9 (11 October) The US and the Korea Peninsular**

As we saw in week three, the Korean Peninsular has been a central element in the US's strategic posture in east Asia since the end of the Second World War. It has continued to be so for different but related reasons. We examine these reasons, paying particular attention to the shifting US orientation to North Korea over the past decade, and how this impacts on diplomacy in the entire region. We end by considering the implications of the latest round of posturing and sabre rattling by both North Korea and the United States.

### **Reading**

John Delury, 'Trump and North Korea: Reviving the Art of the Deal', *Foreign Affairs*, 96 (2017) pp. 46-51.

Bruce Cummings, 'The North Korean Problem: Dealing with Irrationality', *Current History*, Vol 108 (2009), pp. 284-290.

Jae Jeok Park, 'The US-led alliances in the Asia -Pacific: hedge against potential threats or an undesirable multilateral security state', *The Pacific Review*, Vol 24 No. 2 (2011), pp. 137-158.

### **Week 10 (18 October) The United States and China 1: Economics**

China surpassed Japan in the mid-2000s to become the world's second largest economy. Many economists predict that it will overtake the US as the world's largest economy sometime in the 2020s. This spectacular growth has been accompanied by an increased integration with the regional economy, and indeed an increased interdependence between the Chinese and US economies. This process has been riven with tensions and contradictions, which this week's lecture explores in some detail.

### **Reading**

Christopher Layne, 'The US-China Power Shift and the End of Pax Americana', *International Affairs*, Vol 91, 1 (2018), pp. 89-111.

Robert Brenner and S. J. Jeong, 'Overproduction not Financial Collapse is the Heart of the

Crisis: the US, East Asia and the World', *The Asia Pacific Journal* Vol 7, issue 6 number 5 (2009).

Jochen Prantl, 'Taming hegemony: Informal Institutions and the Challenge to Western Liberal Orders', *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 7, no 4 (2014), pp449-482

### **Week 11 (25 October) The United States and China 2: Politics**

As China's economy has grown, so to has its political and diplomatic influence in the region. China has become increasingly assertive in promoting its regional agenda, sometimes at the expense of its neighbors, all of whom look to the US as a guarantor of their security. More broadly, China is challenging the unrivaled hegemony that the US has enjoyed in East Asia for decades. In this lecture we expand on some of the themes that we began to talk about in the previous session, and examine the politics of increased US and Chinese rivalry.

#### **Reading**

G. John Ikkenberry, 'Between the Eagle and the Dragon: America, China and Middle State Strategies in East Asia', *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol 131, 1 (2016) pp. 9-43.

John J. Mearsheimer, 'The Gathering Storm: China's Challenge to US Power in Asia', *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol 3 (2010), pp. 381-396.

Jihyun Kim, 'Possible Future of the Contest in the South China Sea', *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 9, No 1 (2016) pp. 27-57

### **Week 12 (1 November) War and Peace in East Asia?**

Recent developments in the South China Sea, along with Trump's escalating Trade War, have been interpreted by many as a dangerous escalation of brinkmanship that could, ultimately, lead to war. Most liberal internationalists reject this interpretation as exaggerated, arguing that the level of economic integration between the US and Chinese economies precludes the possibility of war. We evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the contending positions, and put the US/ Chinese rivalry into a longer-term historical perspective, before summing up what we have learned over the previous 12 weeks.

#### **Reading**

Charles A. Kupchan, 'The Normative Foundations of Hegemony and the Coming Challenge to Pax Americana', *Security Studies*, Vol. 23, 2 (2014) pp. 219-257.

James Dobbins, 'War with China', *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*, Vol. 54, No. 4 (2012) pp. 7-24

Mel Gurtov, *Will this be China's Century? A Skeptic's View* (Boulder, Lynne Rienner 2013), pp. 137-148

### **Week 13 (8 November) Class Test (for internal students - externals have a take home test)**

For internal students there will be a 2 hour test that will be conducted in the usual lecture time and place.

## Policies and Procedures

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- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

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## Learning Skills

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- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

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## Student Enquiries

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When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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## Assessment tasks

- Review Article
- Major Essay
- Participation

## Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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## Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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## **Problem Solving and Research Capability**

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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## **Effective Communication**

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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## **Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens**

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should

have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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