About the Course:
This course focuses on three East Asian countries – China, Japan, and South Korea – from the perspective of international political economy. The course will examine the postwar developmental strategies of these countries and how the globalized world economy has transformed their state-led economies. It will address the challenges posed for East Asian countries by the Asian financial crisis and how the financial turbulence has led to institutional and policy reforms in these countries. We will also discuss the international trade relations between these countries and the U.S. and explore the domestic and international political implications of their trade relations.

Course Requirements:

Participation (10%): Students are expected to read required readings for each lecture and actively participate in class discussion. As part of class participation, students are expected to send an email to the instructor with at least 3 questions from the assigned readings that they would like to address during class. The questions are due each week on Monday at 6 PM.

Short presentation (10%): Every student needs to sign up to present at one of the class sessions marked with “***”. For each session, student(s) in charge should each present one of the assigned materials for the session, and upload a 1-2 page short report on BlackBoard by 6 PM on the day before the presentation. Each presenter will have 5 minutes to make a presentation during the class. The presenter should report the question addressed, main argument, and conclusion, and then evaluate the reading critically and suggest questions based on readings.

Paper (25%): Each student will write a 10 – 12 page paper. Further guidance regarding the research paper and its submission will be given in class.

Midterm Exam (25%)

Final Exam (30%)

(Note: There will be no make-up exam after the exam dates.)
Make sure you update your email address on BlackBoard. The instructor will rely on email and BlackBoard to make announcements.

**Course Readings:**

Readings will be available on BlackBoard. They are under “Course Materials” or “E-reserves.” (Most of them will be under E-reserves.)

**Course Meetings and Topics:**

**Introduction and Overview**

January 15

*Introduction*

January 20

*No Class (and no office hours this week)*

January 22

*East Asian Growth: Overview and important concepts*


**Government, Markets, and Industrial Policy: Models on the “East Asian Miracle”**

January 27 **

*State-centered Approach*


January 29 **

*Alternative Approaches*

Stephan Haggard. 1990. *Pathways from the Periphery*. Ch. 1 (pp. 9 – 22)

**February 3**
*Globalization, Financial Crisis and Change: The end of the Asian Miracle? (Overview)*

Documentary Screening: *Commanding Heights*


**Economic Development in East Asia**

1. **Japan**

**February 5**
*Overview*

Documentary Screening: *Examining the "Economic Miracle" of East Asia*


**February 10 **
*Japanese Model I*


**February 12 **
*Japanese Model II*


**February 17**
*No Class*
2. China

Feb. 19 **
_The Socialist Era_


Feb. 24 **
_The Era of Economic Reform_


Feb. 26
Documentary Screening: *China in the Red*

March 3
Documentary Screening: *China in the Red*

March 5
_Midterm Exam_

March 10, March 12
_No Classes (Spring break)_

3. Korea

March 17 **
_Overview_


March 19
*Korean Economic Development*

Documentary Screening: *Korea: Tiger of Asia*


March 24
Issues in Korean Economic Development

Documentary Screening: Korea: Inside the Miracle


March 26 **
Japan’s Economic and Political Transformation


March 31 **
China’s Economic Reform


April 2 **
Crisis and Reform in Korea


April 7 **
**Globalization and East Asia**


April 9 **
**Asian Financial Crisis: Causes**


April 14 **
**Asian Financial Crisis: Consequences and Reform**


**East Asia’s Regional and U.S. Relations**

April 16 **
**East Asia Regional Relations**


April 21 **
**The U.S. – East Asia Relations I**


April 23 **
The U.S. – East Asia Relations II


April 28
Conclusion