Welcome to Asia: Beyond the Great Wall! Asia is currently one of the most dynamic and consequential regions in the world. This course seeks to answer the following questions to make sense of this vast and diverse area: How is the "West" (and especially the U.S.) to understand Asia’s rise in the global context? What political and economic factors explain developmental success and failure in the region? Will Asia decide the future of democracy in the global context? Does thinking about Asia as a region makes sense like a European Union? This course aims to provide students with a deeper historical, political, and economic understand of Asia within the global context.

Complete assigned readings before class. They serve as the foundation upon which to discuss key concepts, issues, or intriguing problems.

Please actively participate in class. If there is something intriguing you found in the readings or in the newspapers, share this with the class. Ask questions! Remember, there are no stupid questions. I often find that after getting a "stupid" question answered, difficult concepts will clink more easily into place.

Please show respect to the class by not leaving in the middle (take care of your business before or after!); refraining from talking outside of discussion; turning your cell-phones off; and paying active attention. You make a big difference in contributing positively or negatively to the classroom environment.

Please visit me during office hours regarding any question about the class, the readings, or the assignments.

Finally, be sure to understand St. Lawrence’s Constitution of the Academic Honor Council. Please consult me if you have any questions. All suspected violations of the academic honor code will be reported to the Academic Honor Council.
**Readings**

♦ **Books:** Please acquire the following required texts:

♦ **Current Events:** Current events about Asia will be discussed at the beginning of each class. All students are expected to keep abreast of the news and share their findings with the class. All topics are welcomed and can range from the serious to the ridiculous. Some suggestions of online sources are located below.
  - Asia Unbound (CFR)  http://blogs.cfr.org/asia/
  - East Asia News  http://www.eastasianews.com/
  - China Study Group  http://chinastudygroup.org/
  - BBC Asia-Pacific  http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/default.stm
  - Economist Asia  http://www.economist.com/world/asia/
  - Pacific Connections  http://www.csis.org/pacfor/ccejournal.html

**Grade Breakdown and Requirements**

**Map Quiz** (3%)

**Exams and Essay** (57%): Two exams and one take-home essay will be given (19% each).
  ♦ Exam #1: In class. Wednesday, 2/17.
  ♦ Take-home essay: Due 4 pm, Monday, 4/4.
  ♦ Exam #2: In class. Wednesday, 4/27.

**Research Paper** (30%)
  ♦ **Annotated bibliography** (8%): Ungraded draft due 3/9; graded draft due 4/13.
  ♦ **Presentation** (5%): Last week of classes.
  ♦ **Paper** (17%): Due Thursday, 5/12.

**Class Participation** (10%): You are encouraged to participate actively, intelligently, and positively in this class. In addition, you will share at least three current events and complete any homework assignments.

♦ **Attendance Policy:** You are allowed two absences. After the second absence, your class participation grade will automatically drop by ten points for each class you miss. For example, if you have a 93 for a participation grade and three absences, your participation grades drop to an 83.
**Final Grade Structure**

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**Class Schedule**

**W. 1/20**  Introduction

**WEEK 1**

**PART I: How is the “West” to Understand Asia’s Rise in the Global Context?**

**M. 1/25**  Asia’s New Power Game; Asia as a Construction

  Emmott, Rivals, Ch. 1, 2


**W. 1/27**  Planet Pressured and Flashpoints

  Emmott, Rivals, Ch. 6; 8, 214–219.

**WEEK 2**

**North Korea as Flashpoint**

**M. 2/1**  North Korea


W. 2/3 The Humanist Dilemma and China’s Caribbean
Kaplan, Asia’s Cauldron, Chs. 1, 2

WEEK 3
South China Sea as Flashpoint

M. 2/8 Vietnam and Malaysia
Kaplan, Asia’s Cauldron, Prologue, Chs. 3, 4

W. 2/10 Singapore and Philippines
Kaplan, Asia’s Cauldron, Chs. 5, 6

WEEK 4

M. 2/15 Taiwan and Conclusion
Kaplan, Asia’s Cauldron, Chs. 7, 8

W. 2/17 Midterm Exam #1

TH., FR. Midterm break.

WEEK 5

PART II: ASIA’S DEVELOPMENT
LEADERSHIP, COLONIALISM, AND POLICIES

M. 2/21 Overview; Japan’s colonialism of Korea
Discuss Research papers; annotated bibliography

W. 2/23 South Korea’s development after colonialism.
Kohli, 84–126.

WEEK 6

M. 2/29 Britain’s colonialism of India
Kohli, 221–256.
Map Quiz

W. 3/1 Leadership, Gandhi, and politics before economics
SAKAI: Guha, Makers of Modern Asia, 1–39. (Readings have been split in two on SAKAI).
WEEK 7

M. 3/7  India’s development after colonialism
         Kohli, 257–290.

W. 3/9  Overview of Asian economic development; Agriculture

      Draft of annotated bibliography due 4 pm in Hepburn Hall in my mailbox

WEEK 8

Asia’s Economic Development

M. 3/14  Agriculture; Manufacturing
         Studwell, 34–49; 104–127.

W. 3/16  Manufacturing
         Studwell, 127–152; 155-159; 163–166.

WEEK 9

SPRING BREAK MARCH 19-27

WEEK 10

M. 3/28  Finance

W. 3/30  Where China fits into the picture; Conclusion

      Take-home essay will be passed out

WEEK 11

M. 4/4  No class. A quirk in the spring schedule is that the MW timeslot has one extra scheduled W class. Instead of meeting, please spend the extra time on take-home essay.

      Take-home essay due at 4 pm in my mailbox Hepburn 102

PART III: WILL ASIA DECIDE THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY?

W. 4/6  The Asian Exception? (Discuss Annotated Bibliography)

### WEEK 12

**M. 4/11**  
*Lessons from Democratic Transitions*  

**W. 4/13**  
*Southeast Asia & Democracy*  

*Annotated bibliography due 4 pm in mailbox*

### WEEK 13

**M. 4/18**  
*Free Market Democracy and Ethnic Conflict in SE Asia*  

**W. 4/20**  
*The Case of Thai Democracy*  

### WEEK 14

**M. 4/25**  
*Becoming Asia; Discuss Presentations*  

**W. 4/27**  
Midterm exam #2

### WEEK 15

**M. 5/2**  
Presentations
W. 5/4  Presentations & Conclusion

TH. 5/12  Final Papers
Due 4 pm in my mailbox, Hepburn 102.