

## **AS694 - Seminar: Regionalism in Northeast Asia -- Spring 2004**

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This is a new seminar developed with a grant from the Freeman Foundation in support of the Center for East Asian Studies' project "Northeast Asian Academic Collaboration at the Monterey Institute of International Studies."

### Scope and Objective of the Seminar

"Northeast Asia," including China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, and Russia, remains largely a geographic referent, not a political community, nor an economic unit. Historical factors and contemporary obstacles prevent the emergence of a regional identity among the peoples of this region. In promoting a common identity in this region, the functionalist approach would suggest the development of a habit of cooperation and sharing of visible benefits among the countries concerned in addressing specific policy problems. This seminar will explore the feasibility of this approach with a focus on such topics as trans-border migration, free trade area development, energy community development, and environmental cooperation. It will include a series of lectures and discussions led by experts from Northeast Asian countries and the U.S.

For successful participation in the seminar, familiarity with the history and geography of the region is highly desirable. For background to Northeast Asia, read the following:

Tsuneo Akaha, ed., Politics and Economics in Northeast Asia: Nationalism and Regionalism in Contention, New York: St. Martin's, 2000. (A copy of the book is on reserve.)

Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004. (A copy of the chapters from this book that are required reading is on reserve.)

### Requirements (% of grade) and Grading

- (1) Reading assignments: Journal articles, book chapters, and unpublished research papers will be placed on reserve at the Institute Library. The student is expected to have read all items prior to the session for which they are assigned.
- (2) Participation in class discussion: Class discussion will be based on both the lecture and the reading assignments for each session. (15%)
- (3) A review of a scholarly journal article (not a magazine article) on a topic from one of the areas covered by the seminar, i.e., regionalism, functionalist approach to regionalism, migration issues, free trade agreement, environment, and energy. The review should not exceed 3 double-spaced pages. For all referenced information, indicate the page(s) where the information appears in the article. (15%)
- (4) Research proposal: In consultation with the instructors, the student will select a topic from one of the areas covered by the seminar and propose a research paper. The proposal must include a description of (a) the topic's importance and relevance to the issue of regionalism in Northeast Asia, (b) a research question or hypothesis to be examined, (c) the methodology to be employed, (d) an annotated bibliography on the chosen topic, (e) the state of knowledge on the topic, and (f) expected findings. You are encouraged to include non-English materials in the bibliography (you need to provide English translation). The proposal should not exceed 5 double-spaced pages. Once the proposal has been approved, post it to the course conference. (15%)

- (5) Research paper: Write a research paper on the selected topic. You may write it from a particular country's perspective or compare different countries' policies, depending on your research question/hypothesis. The paper must be fully referenced, either with footnotes or endnotes. It should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages, including references. (40%)
- (6) Presentation: Present your research findings. Post your draft paper on the course conference at least two days prior to your presentation so that your classmates may be able to give you a constructive criticism prior to and after your presentation. Be prepared to answer questions from your classmates and instructors. (15%)

Your final grade will be determined according to the following scale:

97-100 points	A+
94-96 points	A
90-92 points	A-
87-89 points	B+ (considered a good grade)
84-86 points	B
80-83 points	B-
77-79 points	C+
74-76 points	C
70-73 points	C-
0-69 points	F

#### Schedule of Sessions and Speakers:

##### *Session 1 (January 23, Friday) Introduction: Northeast Asia as a Region*

Read: Tsuneo Akaha, "Northeast Asian Regionalism: Lessons from Europe, North America, Asia-Pacific, and Southeast Asia," Global Economic Review Special Issue: Northeast Asian Regionalism, Vol. 28, No. 2 (1999), pp. 28-49. (On reserve)

Tsuneo Akaha, "Non-traditional Security Cooperation for Regionalism in Northeast Asia," translation of guest lecture given at Waseda University, Tokyo, November 27, 2003.

##### *Session 2 (January 26, Monday) Demographic and Migration Challenges in Russia*

Guest lecturer: Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya, Director, Migration Laboratory, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (CEAS Visiting Fellow)

Read: Timothy Heleniak, "Migration Dilemmas Haunt Post-Soviet Russia," Migration Policy Institute, October 2002 (<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Profiles/display.cfm?id=62>) (On reserve)

Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya, "Chinese Immigration to Russia in the Context of the Demographic Situation." (On reserve)

##### *Session 3 (February 2, Monday) Russian Perspectives on Northeast Asia*

Read: Gilbert Rozman, "Russian Foreign Policy in Northeast Asia," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 201-224. (On reserve)

##### *Session 4 (February 9, Monday) Japanese Perspectives on Northeast Asia*

Read: Thomas Berger, "Japan's International Relations: The Political and Security Dimensions," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 135-169. (On reserve)

William W. Grimes, "Japan's International Relations: The Economic Dimension," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 171-199. (On reserve)

*Session 5 (February 16, Monday) Korean Perspectives on Northeast Asia*

Guest lecturer: Daniel Pinkston (CNS)

Read: Chung-in Moon and Taehwan Kim, "South Korea's International Relations: Challenges to Developmental Realism," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 251-279. (On reserve)

C.S. Eliot Kang, "North Korea's International Relations: The Successful Failure?" in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 281-299. (On reserve)

*Session 6 (February 23, Monday) Chinese Perspectives on Northeast Asia*

Guest lecturer: Jing-dong Yuan (CNS)

Read: Alastair Iain Johnston, "China's International Relations: The Political and Security Dimensions," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 65-100. (On reserve)

Thomas G. Moore, "China's International Relations: The Economic Dimension," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., The International Relations of Northeast Asia, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004, pp. 101-134. (On reserve)

Thomas J. Christensen and Michael A. Glosny, "China: Sources of Stability in U.S.-China Security Relations," in Richard J. Ellings and Aaron L. Friedberg, eds., Strategic Asia 2003-04: Fragility and Crisis, Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2003. (On reserve)

***Journal article review due: February 25, Wednesday***

*Session 7 (March 1, Monday) Russians in Japan*

Read: Tsuneo Akaha and Anna Vassilieva, "The Russian Presence in Japan: Case Studies in Hokkaido and Niigata," a paper presented at the international seminar on "Cross-border Human Flows in Northeast Asia: A Human Security Perspective," co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies and the Peace and Governance Program, United Nations University, Tokyo, October 7, 2003. (On reserve)

Spring Break: March 6-14

*Session 8 (March 15, Monday) A Free Trade Area for China, Japan, and Korea?*

Guest lecturer: Robert McCleery (GSIPS/FGSIB)

Read: Robert McCleery, "Lessons from NAFTA for Asian Free Trade Agreements," a paper presented at "New Era of FTA in the Pacific Rim," RIEB COE Workshop organized by the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University, Kobe, Japan, February 6, 2004.

Inkyo Cheong, "A Korea-Japan FTA: Progress, Evaluation, and Economic Effects," a paper presented at "New Era of FTA in the Pacific Rim," RIEB COE Workshop organized by the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University, Kobe, Japan, February 6, 2004.

Hiro Lee, David Roland-Holst, and Dominique van der Mensbrugge, "China's Emergence and the Implications of Prospective Free Trade Agreements in East Asia," a

paper presented at “New Era of FTA in the Pacific Rim,” RIEB COE Workshop organized by the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University, Kobe, Japan, February 6, 2004.

*Session 9 (March 22, Monday) Chinese Migrants in Japan*

Guest lecturer: Daojiong Zha, Associate Professor, Renmin University of China (CEAS Visiting Fellow)

Read: Daojiong Zha, “Chinese Migrants in Niigata: A Research Update,” in Tsuneo Akaha, ed., Human Flows across National Borders in Northeast Asia, Seminar Proceedings, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan, November 20-21, 2002, Center for East Asian Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, January 31, 2003, pp. 42-63. (On reserve.)

Daojiong Zha, “Chinese Migrant Workers in Japan: Policies, Institutions, and Civil Society,” in Tsuneo Akaha, ed., Human Flows across National Borders in Northeast Asia, Seminar Proceedings, Center for East Asian Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, November 2-3, 2001, Center for East Asian Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, January 20, 2002, pp. 92-113.

***Research proposal due: March 24, Wednesday***

*Session 10 (March 27, Saturday) Environmental Policy Challenges and Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia*

Guest lecturer: Miranda Schreurs, Associate Professor, University of Maryland (CEAS Visiting Fellow)

Read: Miranda A. Schreurs, “Developing a Sense of Environmental Regionalism: Environmental Security and Cooperation in East Asia,” (unpublished paper). (On reserve)

Anna Brettell, “Security, Energy, and the Environment: The Atmospheric Link,” (unpublished paper). (On reserve)

*Session 11 (April 5, Monday) Russia and Northeast Asian Economies*

Guest lecturer: Pavel Minakir, Director, Economic Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences Far Eastern Branch, Khabarovsk (CEAS Visiting Fellow)

Read:

*Session 12 (April 12, Monday) An Energy Community in Northeast Asia?*

Guest lecturer: Vladimir Ivanov, Senior Researcher, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia, Niigata, Japan (CEAS Visiting Fellow)

Read: Keun-Wook Paik, “Energy Developments in Northeast Asia: A Role for Russia?” in Michael J. Bradshaw, ed., The Russian Far East and Pacific Asia: Unfulfilled Potential, Richmond, Surrey, UK: Curzon Press, 2001, pp. 166-181.

Vladimir Ivanov, “Creating a Cohesive Multilateral Framework through a New Energy Security Initiative for Northeast Asia,” ERINA Report (Niigata, Japan), Vol. 55 (December 2003), pp. 27-32.

*Session 13 (April 19, Monday)*

Student presentations

*Session 14 (April 26, Monday)*  
Student presentations

*Session 15 (May 3, Monday)*  
Student presentations

***Final paper due May 5, Wednesday***

On May 10-11 (Monday-Tuesday) the Center for East Asian Studies will host an international conference on “Cross-border Human Flows in Northeast Asia: A Human Security Perspective.” You may attend one of the closed sessions.