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## **POLI381: POLITICS IN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA**

(Mon Sept 9-Tue Dec 3\*, 2019)

\*Dec 3, Tuesday runs a Monday schedule.

Location:

Lecture Time: M/W 13:05-14:25

### **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to key issues of contemporary politics in Japan and the South Korea. It will cover the politics and economic development of the Post-WWII Japan and Post-Korean War South Korea. Throughout this course, we will discuss the following themes: How were the contemporary political systems established in Japan and South Korea? How have these systems changed over time? What are the impacts of political institutions on the political and economic development in the two countries? How do social actors and political and economic institutions interact with each other? What are the foreign policymaking strategies in the two countries?

The course is organized into four main topics: political history and legacy, the establishment and changes of political institutions, the state in economy and society, and foreign policymaking.

### **Learning outcomes**

Successful completion of the course will enable students to:

- Be familiar with the development process of democratic institutions in Japan and the South Korea;
- Acquire knowledge on the dynamic interactions between political institutions and economic development;
- Evaluate the role of key players and contentions in democratic politics;
- Locate the priorities of foreign policy making in the two countries;
- Have an informed perspective of the current events and foreign relations of the countries.

### **Required texts:**

For Purchase: Paragrahe bookstore. Both books are reserved in the [library](#) (12-hour).

1. Frances M. Rosenbluth and Michael Thies, *Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.
2. Uk Heo and Terence Roehrig. *South Korea since 1980*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

### **Requirements and Grading**

Class Attendance & Participation	10%
In-class Midterm	25%
In-class Final Exam	25%
2 Op-eds	40%

### **1. Attendance and Participation (10%)**

Attendance (5%) will be taken in conferences, starting from the end of the add/drop period. One point will be deducted from your 5 points attendance grade for each absence, unless you are distracted by a serious medical or family emergency (formal proof needed).

### **2. In-class Midterm (25%) and Final Exam (25%)**

Both exams will be composed of short-answer questions (2-3 paragraphs, 3-5 sentences each). If you are distracted by a serious emergency and cannot attend the exam (formal proof needed), please schedule a make-up *oral* exam with me *within one week of the exam date*.

### **3. Op-ed (40%)**

You are expected to analyze current events using knowledge acquired in classrooms. There are two 700-word Op-eds assignment, one focusing on domestic politics (25%) and another one foreign policy (15%). You are expected to find related news (within the past 12 months) and provide informed and educated analysis. [More instruction on MyCourse]

Submission: by Midnight on Due date to Assignment Section on MyCourse Penalty for late submission: For each day you submit the assignment late, 5% of this assignment grade (i.e. 5% \* 15 points = 0.75 point/per day) will be deducted.

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#### **For News on Japan:**

<http://www.asahi.com/awj/> (English edition of Asahi Shimbun)

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/> (The Japan Times)

<http://thediplomat.com> (The Diplomat: online news magazine covering current events in East Asia, including Japan)

<http://newslet.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/> (Social Science Japan Newsletter, from the University of Tokyo)

#### **For News on Korea:**

<http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/> Korea Herald (a daily newspaper in English)

English version of Korean daily newspapers:

<http://english.hani.co.kr> progressive Hankyoreh

<http://english.chosun.com/> conservative Chosun

<http://joongangdaily.joins.com> Conservative JoongAng

#### **Miscellaneous Reminders**

- A. For Student Support, Consult [the document on student resources](#).
- B. Re-grading policy: Students who wish to contest a grade for an assignment or exam must do so in writing (by email) providing the reasoning behind their challenge to the grade received within two weeks of the day on which the assignments are returned. I will then re-evaluate the assignment or exam, but also reserve the right to raise or lower the grade. Please see the political science student association regarding policy  
[http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/files/politicalscience/assessment\\_and\\_re-read\\_policy\\_final.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/files/politicalscience/assessment_and_re-read_policy_final.pdf)
- C. McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see [www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/) for more information).
- D. In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

- E. If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the Office for Students with Disabilities at 514-398-6009 before you do this.
- F. McGill has policies on sustainability, paper use and other initiatives to promote a culture of sustainability at McGill.

## **Class Schedule and Readings:**

### **Historical Background**

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Mon/Sept 9 Course Overview

Wed/Sept 11 Japan and South Korea: Political History  
 S. Korea: Heo & Roehrig, Chapter 1 (until 1980)  
 Japan: Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapter 2

Watch at your own time: "[Recent History of Japan and Korea](#)" (Youtube, 50 mins)

### **The Political Institutions and Local Politics**

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Mon/Sept 16 Japan: Democratization  
 Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapter 2  
 Robert A. Scalapino. "[The American Occupation of Japan-Perspectives after Three Decades](#)," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Vol. 428 (Nov. 1976), pp. 104-113.

Sept 17: last day of Add/Drop

Wed/Sept 18 S. Korea: Democratic Transition  
 Heo & Roehrig, Chapter 2  
 Jin Park, "[Political Change in South Korea: The Challenge of the Conservative Alliance](#)," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 30, No. 12 (1990), pp. 1154-68.

Mon/Sept 23 Japan: Party Politics  
 Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapters 4&6.  
 Aurelia George Mulgan, "[Japan's Political Leadership Deficit](#)," *Australian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 35, Issue 2 (2000), pp. 183-202.

Wed/Sept 25 S. Korea: Democratic Consolidation, Powerful Presidents, and Weak Political Parties  
 Heo&Roehrig, Chapters 3  
 Heo, Uk, and Sung Deuk Hahm. "[Political Culture and Democratic Consolidation in South Korea](#)". *Asian Survey* 54.5 (2014): 918-940.  
 Lee, Jongkon. "[The Instability of Korean Political Parties: Cue-givers and Cue-chasing Politicians](#)." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 15.01 (2014): 113-130

Mon/Sept 30 Japan: Clientelist Politics  
 Haruhiro Fukui and Shigeko N. Fukui, "[Pork Barrel Politics, Networks, and Local Economic Development in Japan](#)," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (1996), pp. 268-86.  
 Patrick Kollner, "[Japanese Lower House Campaigns in Transition: Manifest Changes or Fleeting Fads?](#)", *Journal of East Asian Studies* (2009), Vol.9, pp. 121-49.  
 Chalmers Johnson, "[Tanaka Kakuei, Structural Corruption, and the Advent of Machine Politics](#)

[in Japan](#),” *The Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (1986), PP. 1-28.

Wed/Oct 2 S. Korea: Regions and Memories

David Kang, “Regional Politics and Democratic Consolidation.” In Samuel Kim ed., *Korea’s Democratization* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp.161-180 ([e-book available](#))

Woojin Moon, “[Decomposition of Regional Voting in South Korea: Ideological Conflicts and Regional Interests](#),” *Party Politics*, Vol. 11, Issue 5 (2005), pp. 579-599.

### **The State in Economy and Society**

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Mon/Oct 7 The Developmental State in Japan

Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapter 5.

Chalmers Johnson, “The Developmental State: Odyssey of a Concept,” in Meredith Woo-Cumings ed. *The Developmental State*, (Cornell 1999). E-copy available [here](#).

Aurelia George Mulgan, “[Japan’s Interventionist State: Bringing Agriculture Back In](#),” *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (2005), PP. 29-61.

Wed/Oct 9 The Developmental State in S. Korea

Heo&Roehrig, Chapter 4

Stephan Haggard et. al. “[The Transition to Export-led Growth in South Korea: 1954-1966](#),” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 50, Issue 4 (1991), pp. 850-873.

Dani Rodrik, 1995. “[Getting Interventions Right: How South Korea and Taiwan Grew Rich](#).” *Economic Policy* 20, 55-107. (Discussion from Gene Grossman & Victor Norman)

Watch at your own time: [Asia Rising pt2, on Youtube \(9 mins\)](#).

Mon/Oct 14, Thanksgiving

Wed/Oct 16 review

Mon/Oct 21 In-class midterm

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Wed/Oct 23 Japan: Financial Crisis and Reform

Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapter 7

Jennifer Amyx. 2001. “[Informality and Institutional Inertia: The Case of Japanese Financial Regulation](#)” *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, pp. 47-66.

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Mon/Oct 28 South Korea: Financial Crisis and Reform

Chung-in Moon and Jongryn Mo, “[Korea after the Crash](#).” *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (1999), pp. 150-164.

David C. Kang, “[Bad Loans to Good Friends: Money Politics and the Developmental State in South Korea](#),” *International Organization*, Vol. 56, Issue 1 (2002), pp. 177-207.

Yong-Chool Ha and Wang Hwi Lee, “[The Politics of Economic Reform in South Korea: Crony Capitalism after Ten Years](#).” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 47, No.6 (2007), pp. 894-914.

Watch at your own time: [Asia Rising pt3, on Youtube \(1'-3'35"\)](#)

Wed/Oct 30 Japan: Interest Groups

Horiuchi Yusaku and Jun Saito, “[Cultivating Rice and Votes: The Institutional Origins of Agricultural Protectionism in Japan](#)”, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 10 (2010), pp. 425-452.

Patricia MacLachlan, “[Post Office Politics in Modern Japan: The Postmasters, Iron Triangles,](#)

[and the Limits of Reform](#),” *The Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (2004), pp. 281-313.

Mon/Nov 4 S. Korea: Civil Society

Jennifer Oh, “[Strong State and Strong Civil Society in Contemporary South Korea: Challenges to Democratic Governance](#),” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 52, No. 3 (2012), pp. 528-549.

Yeong-Soon Kim, “[Institutions of Interest Representation and the Welfare State in Post-Democratization Korea](#),” *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2010), pp. 159-189.

Wed/Nov 6 Japan: Civil Society

Robert Pekkanen, “[After the Developmental State: Civil Society in Japan](#),” *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 4 (2004), pp. 363-388.

Martin Dusinger and Daniel Aldrich, “[Hatoko Comes Home: Civil Society and Nuclear Power in Japan](#),” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 70, Issue 3 (2011), pp. 683-705.

Nov 10/Sunday midnight (0:00 on Dec 11): 1<sup>st</sup> Op-ed due on MyCourse

Mon/Nov 11 Women in Japan and South Korea

Tokuko Ogai, “[Japanese Women and Political Institutions: Why are Women Politically Underrepresented?](#)” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (2001), pp. 207-210.

Seungsook Moon, “[Redrafting Democratization through Women’s Representation and Participation in the Republic of Korea](#),” in Samuel S. Kim ed., *Korea’s Democratization* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 107-134.

## Foreign Policy

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Wed/Nov 13 Grand Strategies

Rosenbluth & Thies, Chapter 8.

Michael Auslin, “[Japan’s New Realism: Abe gets Tough](#),” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 95 (2016), pp. 125-134.

Sung-Hack Kang, *Korea’s Foreign Policy Dilemmas* (Brill 2010), Introduction and Chapter 1, pp. 1-33 (e-book available)

Mon/Nov 18 Bilateral Relations

Peter Hays Gries, “[The Koguryo Controversy, National Identity, and Sino-Korean Relations Today](#),” *East Asia*, Vol. 22, Issue 4 (2005), pp. 3-17.

Victor D. Cha, “[Bridging the Gap: The Strategic Context of the 1965 Korea-Japan Normalization Treaty](#),” *Korean Studies*, Vol. 20 (1996), pp. 123-160.

Wed/Nov 20 Regional Integration

Heo&Roehrig, Chapter 6&8.

Caroline Rose, “[Patriotism Is Not Taboo: Nationalism in China and Japan and Implications for Sino-Japanese Relations](#),” *Japan Forum*, Vol. 12, Issue 2 (2000), pp. 169-81.

Mon/Nov 25 The U.S. factor

Heo&Roehrig, Chapter 7.

Thomas J. Christensen, “[China, the U.S. –Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia](#),” *International Security*, Vol. 23, Issue 4 (1999), pp. 49-80.

Zhang Huizhi, “[The Strategic Choice of ROK Facing the Sino-US Competition](#),” *East Asian Community Review*, Vol. 1, Issue 3-4 (2018), pp. 127-145.

Wed/Nov 27 Review

Mon/Dec 2 In-class final exam

Tue/Dec 3: final exam and assignment Q&A

Dec 8/Sunday Midnight (0:00 on Dec 9): 2<sup>nd</sup> Op-ed due on MyCourse