

# IR Theory – Conflict and Cooperation in East Asia

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## Aims and Objectives

East Asia is one of the most dynamic regions of contemporary world politics. It is the economic motor of the world (containing two of the world's three largest economies, as well as several newly industrialised countries). It is also hosting several territorial conflicts with potential global ramifications such as the South China Sea and the Taiwan Straits. At the centre of many of these issues is China and the economic opportunities and strategic challenges it poses to its regional neighbours, the US, Europe and the wider world. This module will discuss these various issues, fostering a critical appreciation of East Asia as a region, and encouraging the application of theoretical thought and concepts to empirical issues.

## Module Outline

## **I Concepts & Approaches**

- Traditional IR Theory – Review of Realism and Liberalism
- Post-Structural Approaches: Constructivism, Critical Theories and Post-Colonialism

## **II Core Powers**

- The US – Provide of Stability or Declining Hegemon?
- Japan – Still an Economic Giant and Strategic Dwarf?
- China – Rising Power or Emerging Regional Hegemon?

## **III Economic Development, Cooperation and Conflict**

- Economic Development: Tiger Economies, Financial Crisis and Beyond
- Regionalism and Regional Institutions
- The Korean Peninsula – Crazy Man with Nukes?
- Taiwan – Rebel Province or Side-Lined Democracy?

### Assessment

#### *Assessment Brief*

The basic pattern of assessment for this module is the following:

#### *Structured Case Study Essay (100%)*

For this assignment, you need to prepare a guided essay, in which you select one of the topics related to IR theory (this can include theoretical approaches NOT discussed in the lectures) and apply this literature to the analysis of an empirical problem in East Asia.

#### Task

- Select a theoretical framework and apply that to an empirical analysis/ case study.  
You have free choice regarding the framework and case study.
- Selection of framework and case study must be approved by module tutor in advance.
- Length: *3,500 words*

Ideally, the essay needs to include:

- a short introduction outlining the essay's goal and structure (signposting);
- a short review of the topic's theoretical literature, preferably going beyond the readings covered in class and in the reading the list;

- a development of theoretical expectations, or a theoretical framework (eclectic use of theories is possible). What are the most important points in the theory you've discussed which you'll use in your analysis?;
- the analysis itself, application of the framework to the specific case/ problem;
- conclusions, summing up your main arguments and results
- clearly laid out arguments, which are supported by references to the literature and empirical facts;
- a bibliography with a good number of academic sources. As a guidance, a decent essay should have a minimum of 20 *academic* sources. The bibliography is not included in the word count.

Some further things to consider:

- The arguments may be divided into headings and sections, although this is not strictly necessary.
- Critical reflection on the readings and a clear articulation of the author's position always strengthens an essay.
- A range of expression and appropriate style of language is something to watch out for.

The following mistakes are among the most common and will be penalised:

- Plagiarism;
- Inadequate referencing and/or bibliography;
- Irrelevance;
- Absence of theory and only a descriptive narrative;
- Absence of evidence to support judgements;
- No clear structure;
- No Introduction/Conclusion
- Poor command of English.

### *Marking criteria*

- *First (70% and above)*: The essay has a clear structure, the arguments are logical, easy to

follow, and always supported by facts and/or references to the literature. The essay shows engagement with and an excellent knowledge of the literature well beyond the reading list. Theory is clearly developed and applied to the specific case/ problem. The essay includes ample critical reflection on the literature, and the author's own position and critical arguments are clearly brought out and visible. There are no typos and the usage of English is perfect.

- *Upper Second (60-69%)*: The essay has a clear structure, the arguments are logical, and in most cases supported by facts and/or references to the literature. The essay shows engagement with and a good knowledge of the literature included in the reading list and somewhat beyond. Theory is clearly developed and applied to the specific case, with only minor inconsistencies. The essay includes some critical reflection on the literature, and the author's own position and critical arguments can be identified. There are no typos and the usage of English is generally good.
- *Pass (50-59%)*: The essay has a structure, but it is at times difficult to follow. Most arguments are logical, but not all of them are supported by facts and/or references to the literature. The essay shows some engagement with the literature included in the reading list, but little detailed knowledge beyond that. Theory is not totally clear, or is not applied consistently to the case/problem. The essay includes very little critical reflection on the literature, and the author's own position and critical arguments are not visible. Too many typos, poor grammar and sentence structure.
- *Fail (0-49%)*: The essay has no clear structure, making it difficult to follow. Too many factual errors – evidence of limited research and lack of comprehension. Arguments are rarely supported by facts and/or references to the literature. Some material is irrelevant to the question. No theoretical framework is developed and the essay is descriptive. The essay shows little engagement with the literature beyond the lectures and key readings, and the bibliography is mostly made up of non-academic sources. The essay includes no critical reflection on the literature, and the author's own position and critical arguments are not visible. There is a significant number of editing mistakes.

# Weekly Module Content

## I Concepts and Approaches

### *Session 1: Traditional IR Theory – A Review of Realism and Liberalism*

**Key Questions:** What is the security/ collective action problem and are there any solutions? Is balancing a reliable deterrent against aggressive states? Do international institutions mitigate against the negative consequences of anarchy? Is liberalism becoming ‘obsolete’?

**Key texts:**

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Videos:

John Mearsheimer explains structural realism  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXIIdh6rD18>

Andrew Moravscik explains liberal theory  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D5FNrqT5dM>

## *Session 2: Post-Structural Approaches: Constructivism, Critical Theories and Post-Colonialism*

**Key Questions:** ‘Anarchy is what states make of it’ What does A. Wendt mean? ‘Theory is always for someone, for some purpose’. What does R. Cox mean? What are the contributions of women to the global economy? Does it matter that the majority of foreign policy makers are man? Does it matter that the majority of IR scholars are (white) men? What is ‘post-colonialism’? What is the post-colonial objection to human rights as a universal value?

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### *Videos*

Ole Wæver explains securitisation theory

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Kimberly Hutchings on feminism in international relations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajAWGztPUiU&list=PLhQpDGfX5e7C6FA5IYU3VPYN7kWHl1mxQ&index=4>

Erik Ringmar on non-Western international relations theory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6uwExc7eu8&t=271s>



## II East Asia and its Core Powers

### Session 3: The US - Provider of Stability or Declining Hegemon?

**Key Questions:** What is driving US foreign policy in East Asia? How has the US been shaping international order in East Asia? Is US hegemony in decline? If so, what are the consequences?

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## Session 4: Japan – Still an Economic Giant and a Strategic Dwarf?

**Key Questions:** What constrains Japan from taking on a more active regional leadership role? Are there any viable alternatives to Japan's current security arrangements? Is Japan's historical development from imperialist aggressor to pacifist economic superpower evidence for the success of democratic peace theory? Can Japan continue to maintain Article 9? What are the pressures on Japan's Article 9? How do recent developments impact on this? What is shaping current Sino-Japanese relations?

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## Session 5: China – Rising Power or Re-emerging Hegemon?

**Key Questions:** In what ways has China’s foreign policy changed under Xi Jinping? Is the rise of China a threat to the stability in East Asia? What is driving China’s external relations? Will Sino-US relations lead to a new Cold War?

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### III Economic Development, Cooperation and Conflict

#### Session 6 – Economic Development: Tiger Economies, Financial Crisis and Beyond

**Key Questions:** What explains the economic growth of East Asian economies? What role, if any, have so-called Asian values played? How has the 1997/8 Asian financial crisis impacted on regional power constellations? What lessons can we learn from the 1997/8 and 2008 financial crises? Will the 21<sup>st</sup> century still be the East Asian/ Chinese century?

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## Session 7: Regionalism and Regional Institutions

**Key Questions:** What is driving regionalism in East Asia? Why has regional institutional development seemingly flourished in Southeast Asia? What is ASEAN and does it remain central to East Asian regionalism? Can regional institutions help to mitigate against the security dilemma in Northeast Asia?

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## Session 9 Taiwan - Rebel Province or Side-Lined Democracy

**Key Questions:** What is the nature of the so-called ‘Taiwan issue’? How important is (Taiwanese) identity in cross-Strait relations? What impact has democratisation in Taiwan had on re-unification prospects? With the balance of power swinging into Beijing’s favour, is Taipei running out of options? Should the EU/ France recognise Taiwan as an independent country?

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