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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The relationship between the US and Japan has been described as "the most important in the world, bar none." Yet there is a great deal of misunderstanding about its nature on both sides of the Pacific. This course will examine US-Japan security and economic relations in the postwar period from the Occupation and Cold War alliance through the severe bilateral trade friction of the 1980s and 1990s to the present relationship and how it is being transformed by the forces of globalization, regionalization, and multilateralism.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

***Midterm Exam* :** Consisting of

**Part A Identifications [approx.15%] and Part B [Essay] [approx. 35%]**

***Final Exam:*** Consisting of

**Part A Identifications [approx.15%] and Part B [Essay] [approx 35%]**

The identification part requires identifying terms, facts, and concepts from readings and lectures and describing what they are and why they are important in Japanese politics; the essays test ability to organize and creatively recombine lecture and reading material to analyze a particular problem. It is impossible to get a good grade in this class without doing the readings.

Class participation may be taken into account when examination scores put a student on the borderline between grades. **IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:** Students are responsible for knowing when the exams will be held whether you are in class the day they are announced or not. If you do not show up for, or turn in your exam, on the finalized due date announced in class, only a valid medical or other emergency excuse *with written proof* will be accepted as a reason to give you a make-up exam. Otherwise you will receive a grade of 0 [zero] on the missed exam.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

**[in Bookstore]:**

**Simon REICH, *The Reagan Administration, the Auto Producers, and the 1981 Agreement with Japan* (Pew Case Study in Int'l Negotiation) [27 pp] ISBN: 1-56927-119-4**

**[in photocopy reader or online:**

In addition, there are a number of required articles that are in a photocopy reader or online from University Readers [ <http://www.universityreaders.com/students> ] for this course. Articles from this reader are shown with the author's name in the course outline below, and are listed at the end of the syllabus.

Readings should be read in the order they appear in the course outline below. **ALL READINGS SHOULD BE DONE IN ADVANCE OF THE CLASS.** The number of required pages per week is shown in brackets right after the **Readings:** subheadings. Students should plan their studying accordingly.

**COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS**

**Week 1 Jan 9 : : INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE: US-Japan Relations, A "Love Match" or an "Arranged Marriage?"**

## **UNIT I: BACKGROUND**

### **Week 1 : Jan 11 The Legacy of the Past:**

#### **War, Occupation, and War Memories: “Same Bed, Different Dreams?”**

##### **Readings [78pp]:**

1. Makoto Iokibe, “Japan Meets the U.S. for the Second Time,” Daedalus (Summer 1990), pp.91-106.
2. John W. Dower, “The Bombed: Hiroshimas and Nagasakis in Japanese Memory,” in Michael J. Hogan, ed., Hiroshima in History and Memory (Cambridge and NY: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 116-142.
3. Ellis S. Krauss and Akiko Hashimoto, “Remembering the “Just War”: World War II. in the American Memory ” [paper; 24 pp].

### **Week 2: Jan 16, Jan 18 Roots of The Military Alliance and Economic Partnership: Commitment and Ambivalence**

#### **The Security-Economy Cold War “Bargain.”“The Alliance Dilemma” and domestic politics. Has Japan been Dependent? Reactive? Or strategic?**

##### **Readings [83 pp]:**

4. Michael J. Green, “Balance of Power” in Steven K. Vogel, ed., U.S.-Japan Relations in a Changing World (Washington: The Brookings Institution, 2002), [1<sup>st</sup> part only], pp. 9-19
5. “Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan” [Appendix D from George R. Packard III, Protest in Tokyo (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1960), pp. 364-367.
6. Kenneth B. Pyle, “Japan’s Postwar National Purpose,” ch. 3 of his The Japanese Question: Power and Purpose in a New Era (Washington: AEI Press, 1996), pp. 20-41.

## **UNIT II: POLITICAL ECONOMY 1960-1988**

### **Week 3, Jan 23, Japan’s Growth and Trade Friction**

#### **Japan’s economic growth: different economic systems, different state roles, and the “threat” to the U.S.?**

##### **Readings:**

7. Stephen D. Cohen, “ Divergent International Economic Policy Strategies,” in his An Ocean Apart: Explaining Three Decades of U.S.-Japanese Trade Frictions (Westport, CT: Praeger, 1998), pp. 164-187.
8. Steven D. Cohen, “ Arguing Japan’s Case Against the United States,” and “Arguing the U.S. Case Against Japan,” chapters 8 and 9 in his Cowboys and Samurai: Why the United States is Losing the Battle with the Japanese, and Why it Matters (New York:HarperBusiness, 1991), pp. 163-216.
9. Ellis S. Krauss, “Normative Approaches to Economic and Trade Issues,” Moral Education III (New York: Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1992), pp. 63-83.

**Week 4 Jan 25, Jan 30: Trade Friction (part 2): 'Gaiatsu' in Action**

The major trade friction of the 1980s on imports and exports.

**Readings [52pp]:**

REICH, S. The Reagan Administration, the Auto Producers, and the 1981 Agreement with Japan (Pew Case Study in Int'l Negotiation) [27 pp]

10. Timothy J.C. O'Shea, "The U.S.-Japan Semiconductor Problem," in Robert S. Walters, ed., Talking Trade: U.S. Policy in International Perspective (Boulder: Westview Press, 1993), pp. 51-77.

**Week: 5 Feb 1, The Japan that Can Say 'No' to the U.S. and "Yes" to Others**

The pivotal Framework Talks; Japan's Burgeoning Economic Interests and Proactive Policies in Asia.

**Readings [93pp]:**

11. Robert M. Uriu, "The Impact of Policy Ideas: Revisionism and the Clinton Administration's Trade Policy Toward Japan," in Gerald L. Curtis, ed., New Perspectives on U.S.-Japan Relations (Tokyo and N.Y.: Japan Center for International Exchange, 2000), pp. 213-240.

12 Tanaka Nobuo, "Ending the 'Age of GAIATSU,' " Journal of Japanese Trade and Industry May/June 2001 [8pp]

**Week 5 Feb 6 : MIDTERM EXAM [Short-Answer on Weeks 1-5 and Essay Given Out]**

**UNIT III: THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP IN A NEW REGIONAL AND GLOBAL WORLD 1989-2006**

**Week 5 Feb 6. The Japan that Can Say "Yes," "No," and "Maybe" to the U.S.**

Japan's new moves in Asia; conflict with the U.S. over finance and trade

**Readings [73pp]:**

13. Yoichi Funabashi, Asia Pacific Fusion: Japan's Role in APEC (Washington: Institute for International Economics, 1995), pp. 55-71; 187-204.

14. David P. Rapkin, "The United States, Japan, and the power to block: the APEC and AMF cases," Pacific Review, Vol 14, No. 3 (2001), pp 373-410.

15. Marc Castellano, "East Asia Establishes Currency-Swap Arrangement to Guard Against Financial Crises, JEI Report , No. 20 (May 19, 2000), pp. 1-3.

**Mad Cows Make Everyone Mad**

**Week 5 Feb 8: The Brave New World of Global Disease and U.S.-Japan Trade**

**Readings:**

16. Andrew Martin, "More Mad Cow Tests Weighed to Calm Japan," Chicago Tribune, January 16, 2004, found online at "Ag Observatory"  
<http://agoservatory.org/madcow/index.cfm?id=19064>.

17. "Japan Halting U.S. Beef Exports," CBS.com January 21, 2006, online at  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/01/20/health/main1223289.shtml> .

**UNIT III: SECURITY 1989-2006**

**Week 6: Feb 13 ; Feb 15:** *End of Cold War and "Alliance Adrift"*  
The end of Cold War and "Alliance Adrift": Gulf War; alliance 'adrift' in early 1990s

**ESSAY EXAMS DUE IN CLASS**

**Readings [77pp]:**

18. . Michael J. Green, "Balance of Power" in Steven K. Vogel, ed., U.S.-Japan Relations in a Changing World (Washington: The Brookings Institution, 2002), [2<sup>nd</sup> part only], pp. pp. 19-24

**Week 7: Feb 20; Feb 22 :** *The "Reaffirmation" of the Alliance--  
The Japan that Can Say "Yes" to the U.S.?*

How US and Japanese elites revived and expanded the alliance in the late 1990s, and why?

**Readings [71pp]:**

19. Norman D. Levin, "The U.S.-Japan Security Relationship: Changes and Challenges," in Chae-Jin Lee, ed., The Changing Asia-Pacific Region: Strategic and Economic Issues (The Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremon McKenna College Monograph Series, Number Thirteen, 2001), pp. 46-73.

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20 Christopher W. Hughes, Japan's Re-emergence as a 'Normal' Military Power (IISS/Oxford, 2004), pp. 126-147.

21. "Ambassador Schieffer Speaks at Japan National Press Club," U.S. Department of State, Embassy of the United States, Japan, October 27, 2006. Online at <http://tokyo.usembassy.gov/e/p/tp-20061027-71.html>

**Week 8 Feb 27** *Current Issues in the Alliance: Okinawa, The Conflictual Cornerstone*  
The concentration of U.S. bases in Japan--One of the most contentious but important issues in the alliance

**Readings [37pp]:**

22. Chalmers Johnson, "Okinawa Between the United States and Japan," in Josef Kreiner, ed. Ryūkyū in World History (Bonn: Bier'sche Verlagsanstald, 2001), pp. 365-394.

23. Sheila A. Smith, "Japan's Uneasy Citizens and the U.S.-Japan Alliance," Asia Pacific Issues, No. 54 (September 2001), pp. 1-8.

**Week 8: Mar 1 and** *Current Issues in the Alliance:*

**Week 9 Mar 6:** *North Korea and the Rise of China*

The North Korea dilemma; China's Emergence and the U.S.-Japan Alliance?

**Readings [56pp]:**

24. Robert A. Manning, "Waiting for Godot? Northeast Asian Future Shock and the U.S.-Japan Alliance," in Michael J. Green and Patrick M. Cronin, The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Past, Present, and Future (New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press, 1999), pp. 42-66.

25. Ellis S. Krauss, Testimony Before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on *China's role in Asia* Friday, February 13, 2004, pp. 1-11

**Week 9 Mar 8: Back to the Future?: Once Again, War Memories and Nightmares**

**The revival of the “history” issue: memories and politics**

**Readings [ pp]:**

26. Robert Marquand, “Anti-Japan protests jar an uneasy Asia,” The Christian Science Monitor (csmonitor.com), April 11, 2005. online at <http://www.csmonitor.com/20050411/p01s04-woap.html>.

27. George F. Will, “The Uneasy Sleep of Japan's Dead” Washingtonpost.com , Sunday, August 20, 2006; B07 [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/18/AR2006081801026\\_pf.htm](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/18/AR2006081801026_pf.htm) Accessed November 16, 2006.

28. David Pilling, “N Korean bomb brings Abe instant allies” FT Online October 11, 2006 <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/306141c4-594b-11db-9eb1-0000779e2340.html> Accessed November 16, 2006.

**Week 10 Mar 13 Q&A Review Session**

**Week 10 Mar 15 : FINAL IDENTIFICATIONS; FINAL ESSAY QUESTIONS GIVEN OUT**

**FINAL: ESSAY DUE DURING FINALS WEEK, MAR 19-24**

**QUARTER SCHEDULE:**

Winter 2007	
Instruction Begins	Monday, Jan. 8
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Monday, Jan. 15
Presidents Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 19
Instruction Ends	Friday, March 16
Final Exams	Monday–Saturday, March 19–24
Winter Quarter Ends	Saturday, March 24
Spring Break for Students	Sunday–Sunday, March 25 – April 1

LIST OF ARTICLES IN THE READER

1. Makoto Iokibe, "Japan Meets the U.S. for the Second Time," Daedalus (Summer 1990), pp.91-106.
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