This course examines the complicated and sometimes tense relations between China and Japan in recent history. As two major regional powers, the relations between the two countries have been close economically, yet are still marred in other areas by Chinese memories of Japan’s conduct during World War II. Will the rise of China further complicate and destabilize the relations between the two countries and the regional balance of power? The course will address this and other questions in order to understand better the relationship between these two countries.

Required Books


Requirements

1. Written Assignments
   
   a. Bi-weekly writings based on assigned readings (2 pages each). The bi-weekly written assignments are due on the Thursdays of every other week, beginning with the second week of the term. There will three graded writings and one written assignment that will be ungraded (but with the instructor’s comments). The graded writings are due on 1/18, 2/1, and 2/15; the ungraded writing is due on 3/1.

c. A research paper on a topic concerning Sino-Japanese relations (8-10 pages).
   Each student should discuss the proposed research topic with the instructor prior to beginning work on the paper. Paper is due on March 13 (Tuesday), 2007, at 5 p.m.

2. Class Presentation

   Students are required to make one class presentation on one of the assigned readings. The presentation should be about 5-10 minutes and should summarize the major arguments of the reading. You should also pose 3-4 questions to the class from the readings and lead the class discussion.

3. Class Attendance

   Students are required to attend classes regularly and to be actively involved in class discussions.

Course Grading

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Some Useful Links

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/countries/china.html?nav=el


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Course Outline

Week 1  January 9 & 11

Course Introduction
Defining the Relationship

Jin Qiu, “The Politics of History and Historical Memory in China-Japan Relations,” in *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, vol. 11, no. 1, Spring 2006 (optional, but useful), at: [URL tba]

Wan, Chapters 1-3

Week 2  January 16 & 18

Sino-Japanese Relations, 1972-89

Wan, Chapter 4

Week 3  January 23 & 25

Sino-Japanese Relations in 1989 and Beyond

Wan, Chapters 5 & 6

Week 4  January 30 & February 1

U.S. & Sino-Japanese Relations

Wan, Chapter 7

Week 5  February 6 & 8

Sino-Japanese Relations and Efforts at System-Level Explanations

Wan, Chapter 8

Week 6  February 13 & 15

Case study #1: Koizumi’s Visits to the Yasukuni Shrine

Wan, Chapter 9
““The National Politics of the Yasukuni Shrine”
by Takahashi Tetsuya, at:
http://japanfocus.org/products/details/2272
Week 7    February 20 & 22

Case Study #2: Japan’s Changing Official Development Assistance (ODA) Policy toward China

Wan, Chapter 10

Week 8    February 27 & March 1

Case Study #3: The Shenyang Incident of 2002

Wan, Chapter 11

Week 9    March 6 & 8

Case Study #4: The Chinese Quest for Redress and Compensation

Wan, Chapter 12


Week 10    March 13 & 15

Conclusion and the Future of Sino-Japanese Relations

Wan, Chapter 13