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Course Programme

“China and ASEAN as Regional Economic and Political Actors”

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Course description

The course is designed to develop an advanced understanding of current and emerging trends of East Asia's economic, political and security architecture through an extensive and interactive training. The curriculum includes an in-depth consideration of China's and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) regional priorities and policies. The ultimate purpose of the course is to encourage students to grasp the complex interactions of policy, economy and security in East Asia with an emphasis on the role played by China and ASEAN in shaping the regional landscape.

The course supports critical thinking about the topics presented below through intensive lectures and interactive discussions. More importantly, it aims to enable students to think conceptually about East Asia as an integrated geopolitical and geoeconomic entity and to critically analyze trends, issues and challenges that cut across the dynamics of its development.

The Reading List given below each section is comprised of selected monographs, journal articles and on-line publications aimed to provide students with an in-depth, comprehensive and intellectually-provoking analysis of topics under consideration. With a course of time, the list is intended to be supplemented with more papers in specific subfields.

The course runs in 3-4 modules. It is taught by Prof. Evgeny Kanaev, who writes extensively on current political and economic processes in individual East Asian countries, security challenges, economic and security regionalism in East Asia and Asia-Pacific. In 2012, Prof. Kanaev was engaged in developing "Strategy of Trade and Investment Cooperation for Russia - ASEAN Dialogue Partnership", commissioned at the request of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Who will benefit by attending this course:

The course is strongly recommended for graduates who specialize in East Asian affairs and:

- Plan to work in government agencies;
- Expect to work in business sector;
- Pursue an academic career;
- Prepare for servicing in mass-media;
- Seek engagement in other spheres which will require them to carry out an international policy analysis with relevance to East Asia.

Course structure

№	Topic	Department	Course hours	Academic hours			Self-instruction
				Lectures	Seminars	Practice	
I	Part I. China in East Asia	IA	134	52			82
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2	<i>Section 2. China and Multilateral Cooperation in Asia-Pacific and East Asia</i>	IA	36	16			20
2.1	The Trans-Pacific Dialogue Platforms in China's Foreign Policy Priorities	IA	18	8			10
2.2	The East Asian Vector of China's Multilateral Diplomacy	IA	18	8			10
3	<i>Section 3. China and the Key Regional Security Challenges</i>	IA	36	12			24
3.1	China and the Taiwan Issue	IA	12	4			8
3.2	China and the North Korean Nuclear Programs	IA	12	4			8
3.2	China and the South China Sea Issue	IA	12	4			8
4	<i>Section 4. China's Relations with Main Regional Actors</i>	IA	56	22			34
4.1	China and Japan: Wary Neighbors	IA	10	4			6
4.2	The Korean Peninsula in Current China's Foreign Policy	IA	10	4			6
4.3	China and Southeast Asia: Trends and Issues	IA	10	4			6
4.4	China and the US in East Asia: The Problem of "Responsible Leadership"	IA	12	4			8
4.5	China and Russia: the East Asian Dimension	IA	14	6			8
II	Part II. ASEAN in East Asia	IA	82	32			50
5	<i>Section 5. «The ASEAN Way»: Origins, Main Principles of Conflict Management, Implications for Regional Security</i>	IA	12	4			8
6	<i>Section 6. The ASEAN Community: Moving Towards 2015</i>	IA	20	8			12
7	<i>Section 7. ASEAN and Multilateral Dialogue in Asia-</i>	IA	26	12			14

	<i>Pacific and East Asia</i>					
8	Section 8. ASEAN Relations with Dialogue Partners: Priorities and Challenges	IA	16	6		10
9	Section 9. Southeast Asia: a Mid-Term Outlook	IA	8	2		6
	In sum:		216	84		132

Course content

Part I. China in East Asia.

Section 1. China's Foreign Policy Concept: the East Asian Dimension

Main features of China's policy in East Asia. "Four fundamental contradictions" of China's foreign policy: the East Asian dimension. Asian financial and economic crisis (1997-1998) and China's "good neighbor" diplomacy around its borders. Image promotion vs "imagined power": a conceptual pitfall. China's "peaceful rise" and "harmonious world": issues and contradictions.

Debates on "soft power" in China's political and academic discourse. Chinese views on "Global power": separating or integrating "comprehensive national power" and "soft power". Five components of Chinese soft power. An assessment of public diplomacy as an instrument of China's soft power. Proponents of "soft power" within China's leadership: "strategists" vs "culturalists".

China: a "status-quo" or a "revisionist" power? China and the outcomes of the global financial and economic crisis 2008-2009: the soft power connection.

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Section 2. China and Multilateral Cooperation in Asia-Pacific and East Asia

2.1. The Trans-Pacific Dialogue Platforms in China's Foreign Policy Priorities

APEC in China's Foreign Policy Priorities: main incentives. Non-binding cooperation vs technological exchanges, research on free trade schemes, "identity of developing economies": competition or complementarity? The Trans-Pacific Partnership: evolution, current state, implications for China. An assessment of risks the TPP presents to China.

The ASEAN Regional Forum and China's multilateral diplomacy. Confidence-building, preventive diplomacy and military transparency: China's view. ASEAN Regional Forum and the US' pivot to Asia: China's response.

China's approach to discussing the South China Sea issue at the ARF: points of continuity and change. East Asian non-traditional security threats at the ARF: assessing Chinese perceptions and contribution.

The evolving Trans-Pacific economic and security architecture in short-term perspective: implications for China's interests and its likely reaction.

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2.2. The East Asian Vector of China's Multilateral Diplomacy

The East Asia Summit: trends, issues, challenges ahead. China and the EAS expansion: strategic pitfalls vs new opportunities for cooperation. The EAS and the South China Sea issue: the view from Beijing.

ASEAN Defense Ministers Plus Eight: origins, evolution, China's Perspective. China, US and maritime Security vs the South China Sea issue at the ADMM Plus Eight Session in Hanoi (2010). Most promising spheres of cooperation in short-term perspective: the Chinese view.

ASEAN Plus Three China's foreign policy agenda. East Asia Free Trade Area and infrastructure projects in Southeast Asia: implications for China – ASEAN relations. ASEAN Plus Three financial cooperation: China's connection.

Summit China-Japan-South Korea: a new mechanism of regional integration. Prospects for boosting economic relations amid political disagreements. China and the "Plus Three Summit": Why does Beijing seek to expand economic ties?

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Section 3. China and the Key Regional Security Challenges

3.1. China and the Taiwan Issue

The Taiwan issue as a threat to regional security: trends and implications. Relations between China and Taiwan under the Ma Ying-Jeou administration: achievements and challenges. The Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement: main issues and their implications for China-Taiwan cooperation. Taiwan's elections Presidential elections (2012) and cross-Straits relations: expectations and constraints.

Is the Taiwan Strait really a military flashpoint? China's naval programs: the Taiwan connection. The "invasion scenario": a short- and mid-term assessment.

Taiwan's strategic importance to the US: main dimensions. The current state of and the outlook for relations between Washington and Taipei. The policy of "strategic ambiguity" and "double deterrence". The US' arms sales to Taiwan: stabilizing or stirring up the issue?

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3.2. China and the North Korean Nuclear Programs

Five phases of North Korean nuclear weapons programs: mastering foreign and developing indigenous technologies. A construction of facilities for the full plutonium fuel cycle. The role of Yongbyon Nuclear Research Centre. Effort to build a production-scale centrifuge facility to produce weapons-grade uranium: an assessment. The North Korean nuclear developments in 2009-2012.

Three nuclear crises on the Korean peninsula and China's position. Geopolitical vs reputational factors in China's approach. The Six-Party Talks: origins, evolution, implications for China – North Korea relations. Prospects for re-start of the Six-Party Talks: aspirations, possibilities and limitations. An assessment of PRC's key limitations to influence upon DPRK with regard to the latter's nuclear developments.

The North Korean vector of the US policy: implications for China. Cooperation vs confrontation in Sino-US relations: the North Korean dimension.

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3.3. China and the South China Sea Issue

The South China Sea in the priorities of East Asian powers: economic, political and strategic significance. An overview of positions of the claimant states: historical and legal perspectives. The evolution of the issue since the early 1990s: from sovereignty to geopolitical competition. Multilateral efforts: the role of the first-track and the second-track diplomacy. Declaration on Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea and its implications for China-ASEAN relations.

The South China Sea and the US' "pivot" to Asia. The Impeccable incident: what is behind the US' and China's arguments. The essence of contradictions between China and the US: "core interests" vs "national interests."

ASEAN between China and the US: in search of a proactive strategy. ASEAN multilateral diplomacy since 2009: solving or misleading the issue? Moving from Declaration 2002 to the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea: opportunities and pitfalls.

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Section 4. China's Relations with Main Regional Actors

4.1. China and Japan: Wary Neighbors

China-Japan economic relations: cooperation vs competition. Trade and investment flows: amounts and dynamics. The innovative vector of China-Japan ties: the problem of complementarity. “Green growth” and “environment friendly” technologies: a new promising sphere of cooperation.

The political dimension of China-Japan relations: main lines of contradiction. The Taiwan and the Senkaku issue: evolution, current state, prospects for lessening contradictions. The problem of Japanese apologies for WWII crimes to China. Competition for resources: the East Asian vector.

China and the US-Japan alliance: the naval dimension. China's naval developments and anti-access/anti-denial strategy in the East China Sea and the South China Sea: views from Tokyo and Washington. Strengthening US-Japan naval cooperation: Beijing's view.

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