

## AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS THE ASIA-PACIFIC: KEY ISSUES AND NEW SOURCES

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This short course seeks to introduce students to American policy towards countries of the North Pacific rim in the past few decades, as well as to the use of recently declassified primary sources. The focus being on American policy, students are expected to read the briefing books at the National Security Archive website ([nsarchive.gwu.edu](https://nsarchive.gwu.edu)). These mostly zero in on a particular issue; lecture and discussion will elicit the broader context.

Assignment: In addition to the reading, students are expected to complete a four-page memorandum assessing US policy towards the North Pacific and its significance for Russian policy.

Session 1. The US and China

Readings: <https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEPP/NSAEPP106/index.htm>

Session 2. The US and Japan

Readings: <https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/nukevault/ebb291/>

Session 3. The US and Taiwan

Readings: <https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEPP/NSAEPP20/>

Session 4. The US and the Koreas

Readings: <https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/briefing-book/korea-nuclear-vault/2019-02-26/united-states-north-korea-nuclear-threat>

Session 5. The US and Russia

Readings: <https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/briefing-book/russia-programs/2018-10-11/us-soviet-cooperative-diplomacy-declassified>