An examination of the international relations of the United States and East Asia since the end of World War II, principally U.S. interactions with China, Japan, Korea, and secondarily, with Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Focus on fundamental concepts and realities of international politics that have governed the interaction between the U.S. and East Asian nations, as well the major geopolitical issues of the present day. A study of the continuing patterns of interaction among the U.S. and East Asian states—the dynamics of wars, ideologies, and economic and cultural encounters. In the long-term, what are the cultural ramifications of the rise of the United States of America in the modern era, its expansion into East Asia, and the concomitant multi-layered encounters with the different cultures of East Asia? And what does the rise of industrial East Asia over the past half century imply? What might be the role of the United States in this unprecedented phenomenon, as well as in contemporary international politics of the region? The course attempts to examine the elusive-but-omnipresent undercurrents of international relations; that is, to identify how ethnic identity and culture coincide—or conflict—with international relations.

General Requirements:

1. Final paper (10 double-spaced pages; 40% of final grade), due May 5.
2. In-class final exam, 1:30 – 4:30 PM, May 4 (30%).
3. Attendance, oral presentation, and class participation (30%): Depending on the size of the class, attendance in an extra Friday session for student oral presentation.

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- Sergei Goncharov et al., Uncertain Partners: Stalin, Mao, and the Korean War, 203-225.

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