**NEW GRADUATE COURSE OFFERING IN FALL 2015**

“International Relations of East Asia”
(EALC E-505/ POLS Y-669)
*Thursdays, 2:30pm-5:00pm; Professor Adam Liff*

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This intensive graduate seminar will concentrate on the Cold War and post-Cold War international relations of East Asia, with particular focus on China/Taiwan, Japan, the Koreas, and the United States. During the Cold War, East Asia witnessed intense competition and conflict between the superpowers and among the countries in the region. In the post-Cold War era, the region has been an engine of the global economy, yet the 'rise of China' has also precipitated a major shift in the balance of power—the implications for regional and global peace, prosperity, and stability of which remain unclear. This course will examine the sources of conflict and cooperation in both periods, assessing competing explanations for key events in East Asia’s international relations. Readings will be drawn from history, international relations theory, and political science. The course will finish with a debate about the implications of events and trends in the 21st century, with a particular focus on the causes and consequences of China's rise and U.S. Asia-Pacific strategy. Though the course has no concrete prerequisites, students will be expected to become familiar with and to apply major theoretical concepts in international security studies and political economy. It will have particular appeal to motivated graduate students pursuing academic or professional careers in international affairs, political science, foreign policy, and history.