

International Status in East Asian Politics

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What explains the persistent gap in support for military rearmament between Japanese politicians and the public? Why have US-China and Sino-Japan relations over the past two decades been plagued with hostilities? Why is the global spread of K-pop and K-dramas crucial to Korea's foreign policy strategy? And what might explain all three countries' increasing interest in hosting the Olympics? The answer that this course will explore is international status.

This course serves as an overview of status and prestige in international relations theory and an in-depth look at how status and prestige concerns drive foreign policy decision-making, influence interactions between states, and determine outcomes in global politics. Special attention is paid to how status and status-seeking behavior have impacted policies and regional dynamics in East Asia. The course is designed to develop students' research and analytical writing skills. Reading materials are theory-driven and multidisciplinary, spanning political science, sociology, psychology, economics, and sports history. Each class session will begin with a short lecture on the topic of the week by the instructor followed by class discussion on the readings, facilitated by the instructor.

Class Materials: Students are not required to purchase any books for this class. All articles and book chapters are either available online via the Yale Library or will be made available to you as PDFs or book scans. If you have any issues accessing reading materials, please email me as soon as possible.

Grading:

- Reaction papers (4) – 20%
- Midterm Essay – 20 %
- Research paper proposal – 10%
- Research paper presentation – 10%
- Research paper – 30%
- Class participation and attendance – 10%

Assignments: The page limits associated with the assignments do not include bibliographies or works cited pages and are not suggestions; please adhere to them. Writing more than 1 page over or under will lead to an automatic third of a grade deduction on the assignment (A to an A-, B+ to a B, etc.). Practice clear and concise writing. All assignments will be submitted via Canvas.

- Reaction Papers (2 pages)
 - Students will write **four reaction papers** over the course of the semester, discussing at least one of the readings for a given week. The goal of the reaction paper is for students to demonstrate their understanding of the reading materials

and describe what they contribute to our understanding of the politics of East Asia. The papers also can serve as jumping off points for class discussions.

- Papers 1 and 2 must be on readings from Week 2 – Week 7.
- Papers 3 and 4 must be on readings from Week 8 – Week 12.
- After the first class, you will be given the chance to submit to me six weeks (3 from the first half of the semester, 3 from the latter half) you're most interested in writing about by **Friday, January 18th**. I will assign everyone's weeks no later than the Sunday before the next class session.
- All papers must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm the day before that week's class session**.
- Midterm Essay (6 pages)
 - Students must write an essay explaining how two of the factors listed below affect the salience of status concerns and likelihood of status conflict in the relations between two of the four following nations: China, Japan, South Korea, and the US.
 - National identity
 - Negative collective emotions
 - International norms
 - Rivalry between nations
 - Students must use assigned readings but can also refer to supplemental materials or outside resources to bolster their argument. In either case, all references must be properly cited in the text and in the bibliography.
 - Due by **5:00 pm on March 7th, 2025**.
- Research Paper Proposal (2 pages)
 - Each student will write a proposal detailing their plans for their final research paper. The proposal must include a clear topic and research question, the specific theories and concepts you will be engaging with, the methodology you will be using to answer your questions (case study analysis and the cases you are considering, textual/rhetorical analysis and the documents/speeches you will be analyzing, regression analysis and the datasets you will be using, etc.), and 4 articles or books you plan on citing in your paper.
 - Paper proposals must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm on March 24th, 2025**.
- Final Paper Presentation
 - Students will present the topic and main argument of their final paper to the class. The presentation must include your research question, a review of the relevant literature pertinent to your question, your argument addressing the research question, and how answering this question improves our understanding of the foreign and/or domestic politics of any of the countries of East Asia. Preliminary findings based on your research are encouraged.
- Final Paper
 - Students will write a long-form paper exploring a particular research question about how status and prestige impact political behavior and political outcomes in

East Asia. You may choose a topic discussed in class or one we haven't touched on. There are no limitations on the time period either: you can write about contemporary or historical political issues as you wish.

- Your paper must demonstrate a clear understanding of the topic and related theories, a strong and original argument, and substantial research to supply evidence to support your argument.
- **Undergraduates:** 10 pages.
- **Graduate students:** 18 - 20 pages.
- All final papers must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm on May 5th, 2025.**

Formatting: All papers must be written in Times New Roman, size 12 font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins. Submitted papers should have the .doc, .docx, or .rtf file extension. **Do not submit PDFs.** For MacOS users who use Pages, after saving your file, go to File -> Export to -> Word... to make a copy with the .doc file extension. Students should follow the Chicago Style Manual, *Notes and Bibliography* format. Please reference the online [Citation Quick Guide](#) for guidelines and examples and feel free to make use of the built-in citation manager for Word or other citation management software such as Zotero, Mendeley, Endnote, MyBib, Citation Machine, Scribbr, etc.

Academic Dishonesty: Both the university and I take academic dishonesty very seriously. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: plagiarism, improper or egregious misuse of citations, re-submitting a paper written for one course to complete an assignment for another, and having another person or AI program write your paper for you. Engaging in any of the above actions will result in a failing grade on the assignment and a possible report to the Yale College Executive Committee for further action. For help with writing, both undergraduate and graduate students can visit the [Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning](#).

Extension Policy: Late papers will be accepted only with a dean's excuse. Extensions for the final research paper are limited due to [deadlines for final-grade submissions](#). Graduating seniors, in particular, should note that all final grades for them must be submitted within two days after the end of classes.

Health and Personal Safety: We are still living in a COVID world and I do not want to ignore or trivialize that. Currently, the university does not currently require masking indoors, however all students should feel free to wear a mask in class if they aren't feeling well or would like to exercise caution. I will do the same. If you are feeling very ill, please take the class session off and, if possible, book an appointment at the health center for treatment. If you are taking a sick day, email me ahead of class to let me know so I can modify my lesson plan if need be. The class is discussion-based, so student attendance and participation are crucial for the learning experience. That said, nothing is more important than your physical and mental well-being.

Student Accommodations: If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please contact [Student Disability Services](#) via the form at that link as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email the instructor to discuss any classroom adjustments you may need.

Classroom Expectations and Conduct: All students are to treat each other and the professor with respect. Drinks (water, coffee, tea, sports drinks, etc.) are allowed in the classroom, but not food or snacks. Students can use their laptops or tablets for notes but should avoid visiting distracting websites and apps during class. Students should also make sure their cellphones are on silent or vibrate before class begins to avoid distractions.

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Reading Schedule (highlighted pages indicate full text is not read)

Week 1: Course Introduction and Definitions (67 pgs)

What do we mean when we talk about “international status”? How does status differ from similar concepts like prestige and soft power?

- Brancati, Dawn, and William C. Wohlforth. 2021. “Why Authoritarians Love the Olympics.” *Foreign Affairs*, March 25, 2021.
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- Mukherjee, Rohan. 2023. “China’s Status Anxiety.” *Foreign Affairs*, May 19, 2023.
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/china/united-states-china-status-anxiety>.
- Kwak, Yeon-soo. 2022. “Why Are Koreans Obsessed with ‘Elevating National Prestige?’” *The Korean Times*, April 21, 2022, Online edition, sec. Entertainment & Arts.
https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/art/2024/09/398_327740.html.
- Larson, Deborah W., T. V. Paul, and William C. Wohlforth. 2014. “Status and World Order.” In *Status in World Politics*, by T. V. Paul, William C. Wohlforth and Deborah W. Larson, **3-19**. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Wood, Steve. “Prestige in World Politics: History, Theory, Expression.” *International Politics* 50, no. 3 (May 2013): **387-393**, **403-411**.
- Lee, Shin-Wha. 2011. “The Theory and Reality of Soft Power: Practical Approaches in East Asia.” In *Public Diplomacy and Soft Power in East Asia*, edited by Sook Jong Lee and Jan Melissen, 11–32. New York: Palgrave Macmillan US.
https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230118447_2.

Supplemental Readings

- Dore, R. P. 1975. “The Prestige Factor in International Affairs.” *International Affairs* 51 (2): 190–207. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2617232>.
- Kim, Youngho. 2004. “Does Prestige Matter in International Politics?” *Journal of International and Area Studies* 11 (1): 39–55.
- Nye, Joseph S. 2008. “Public Diplomacy and Soft Power.” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 616 (1): 94–109.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716207311699>.
- Ward, Steven. 2019. “Logics of Stratified Identity Management in World Politics.” *International Theory: A Journal of International Politics, Law and Philosophy* 11 (2): 211–38. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S175297191800026X>.

Week 2: Recognizing and Measuring Status Attribution (119 pgs)

How does status attribution occur? What ways can we measure or document that attribution?

- Røren, Pål, and Paul Beaumont. 2019. "Grading Greatness: Evaluating the Status Performance of the BRICS." *Third World Quarterly* 40 (3): 429–50. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2018.1535892>.
- Güran, Gözde. 2022. "Rating Prestige: Status-Seeking and Creditworthiness on the Global Stage." *Sociological Forum* 37 (4): 1131–59. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12860>.
- Renshon, Jonathan. 2017. "A Network Approach to Status." *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press: 116-129, 135-149.
- Tanabe, Shunsuke. 2009. "An Exploratory Analysis of National Prestige Scores." *Social Science Japan Journal* 12 (2): 267–75. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ssji/jyp031>.
- Mercer, Jonathan. 2017. "The Illusion of International Prestige." *International Security* 41 (4): 133–68.

Supplemental Readings

- Armer, J. Michael. 1966. "A Preliminary Analysis and Measurement of National Prestige." *Pacific Sociological Review* 9 (1): 3–8. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1388301>.
- Duque, Marina G. 2018. "Recognizing International Status: A Relational Approach." *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (3): 577–92. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqy001>.
- Ferry, Lauren, and Cleo O'Brien-Udry. 2024. "The Possibilities and Limits of International Status: Evidence from Foreign Aid and Public Opinion." *The Review of International Organizations*, April, 1–30. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-024-09543-6>.
- Shimbori, Michiya, Hideo Ikeda, Tsuyoshi Ishida, and Motô Kondô. 1963. "Measuring a Nation's Prestige." *American Journal of Sociology* 69 (1): 63–68. <https://doi.org/10.1086/223511>.
- Singer, J. David, and Melvin Small. 1966. "The Composition and Status Ordering of the International System: 1815–1940." *World Politics* 18 (2): 236–82. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2009697>.

Week 3: National Identity, Nationalism, and Status (83 pgs)

How does national identity and nationalism affect a state's susceptibility to status concerns and propensity for status-seeking behavior?

- Larson, Deborah Welch, and Alexei Shevchenko. 2010. "Status Seekers : Chinese and Russian Responses to U.S. Primacy." *International Security* 34 (4): 63–95. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/40784562>.

- Ward, Steven. 2013. "Race, Status, and Japanese Revisionism in the Early 1930s." *Security Studies* 22 (4): 607–39. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2013.844517>.
- John, Jojin V. 2015. "Globalization, National Identity and Foreign Policy: Understanding 'Global Korea.'" *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* 33 (2): 38–57. <https://doi.org/10.22439/cjas.v33i2.4965>.

Supplemental Readings

- Anno, Tadashi. 2018. *National Identity and Great-Power Status in Russia and Japan: Non-Western Challengers to the Liberal International Order*. London: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315266176>, Chapters 2 and 5.
- He, Kai, and Huiyun Feng. 2022. "Role Status and Status-Saving Behaviour in World Politics: The ASEAN Case." *International Affairs* 98 (2): 363–81. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iab232>.
- Lee, James Jungbok. 2016. "Will China's Rise Be Peaceful? A Social Psychological Perspective." *Asian Security* 12 (1): 29–52. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14799855.2016.1140644>.
- Paci, Simone, Nicholas Sambanis, and William C. Wohlforth. 2020. "Status-Seeking and Nation-Building: The 'Piedmont Principle' Revisited." *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 51 (1): 65–95. https://doi.org/10.1162/jinh_a_01520.
- Resende, Madalena Meyer, Bruno Rocha, and Sandra Fernandes. 2024. "The Logic of Distinction: Nationalism and Status Seeking in Germany." *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional* 67 (September): e013. <https://doi.org/10.1590/0034-7329202400113>.
- Wood, Steve. 2014. "Nations, National Identity and Prestige." *National Identities* 16 (2): 99–115. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14608944.2014.897315>.

Week 4: Status Concerns and Negative Collective Emotions (88 pgs)

In what ways do negative collective emotions (e.g. disrespect, humiliation, resentment) and the development of status concerns relate to one another?

- Barnhart, Joslyn. 2017. "Humiliation and Third-Party Aggression." *World Politics* 69 (3): 532–68. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887117000028>.
- Ha, Thao-Nguyen, and Linus Hagström. 2023. "Resentment, Status Dissatisfaction, and the Emotional Underpinnings of Japanese Security Policy." *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 23 (3): 383–415. <https://doi.org/10.1093/irap/lcac006>.
- Wood, Steve. "The Chinese Communist Party and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Face Loss, Status Anxiety, Resentment." *Global Society* 37, no. 2 (April 3, 2023): 245–65. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13600826.2022.2098701>.

Supplemental Readings

- Freedman, Joshua. 2016. "Status Insecurity and Temporality in World Politics." *European Journal of International Relations* 22 (4): 797–822. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066115603781>.
- Hornat, Jan. 2024. "Survival and Status in the Liberal International Order: The Grantors of Recognition." *Journal of International Relations and Development* 27 (1): 95–115. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41268-024-00323-8>.
- Liao, Ning. "Identity, Role Conception, and Status Dilemma: A Socio-Psychological Account of China-U.S. Relations." *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies* 05, no. 03 (January 2019): 343–72. <https://doi.org/10.1142/S2377740019500180>.
- Mercer, Jonathan. 2014. "Feeling like a State: Social Emotion and Identity." *International Theory* 6 (3): 515–35. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971914000244>.
- Sasley, Brent E. 2011. "Theorizing States' Emotions." *International Studies Review* 13 (3): 452–76. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2486.2011.01049.x>.
- Snyder, Jack. 2020. "Backlash against Naming and Shaming: The Politics of Status and Emotion." *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, September, 644–53. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1369148120948361>.
- Ward, Steven. "Status, Stratified Rights, and Accommodation in International Relations." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 5, no. 1 (January 1, 2020): 160–78. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogz014>.
- Wolf, Reinhard. 2011. "Respect and Disrespect in International Politics: The Significance of Status Recognition." *International Theory* 3 (1): 105–42. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971910000308>.

Week 5: Status as a Cause of War and Aggression (87 pgs)

How and why can international status concerns lead to war and armed conflict?

- Renshon, Jonathan. 2017. "Status Deficits and War." *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press: 150-182.
- Coicaud, Jean-Marc. 2015. "A Brief Case Study of Germany and Japan: Emotions and Passions in the Making of World War II." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 16 (3): 227–47. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1468109915000171>.
- Arrington, Marc. 2021. "China's Quest to Maximize Status and Sovereignty in the South China Sea." *Marine Corps Gazette*, January 2021, sec. Ideas & Issues (Special Operations/MARSOF), 43-46.

- Krickovic, Andrej, and Chang Zhang. “Fears of Falling Short versus Anxieties of Decline: Explaining Russia and China’s Approach to Status-Seeking.” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 13, no. 2 (June 1, 2020): 219–51.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/cjip/poaa006>.

Supplemental Readings

- Dafoe, Allan, Jonathan Renshon, and Paul Huth. 2014. “Reputation and Status as Motives for War.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 17 (1): 371–393.
<https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-071112-213421>.
- Etzioni, Amitai. 1962. “International Prestige, Competition and Peaceful Coexistence.” *European Journal of Sociology / Archives Européennes de Sociologie / Europäisches Archiv Für Soziologie* 3 (1): 21–41. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23988202>.
- Hagström, Linus. 2024. “Unravelling Military Aggression: Ontological Insecurity, Great Power Narcissism, and Japan’s International Relations, 1868–1971.” *Review of International Studies*, October, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210524000597>.
- Markey, Daniel. “Prestige and the Origins of War: Returning to Realism’s Roots.” *Security Studies* 8, no. 4 (June 1999): 126–72.
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- Ward, Steven. 2020. “Status from Fighting? Reassessing the Relationship between Conflict Involvement and Diplomatic Rank.” *International Interactions* 46 (2): 274–90.
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- Wolf, Reinhard. “Between Deference and Defiance: Hierarchical Status Roles and International Conflict.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66, no. 1 (March 1, 2022): sqab063, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqab063>.

Week 6: Status Competition and Declining/Rising Power Rivalry (91 pgs)

What role do status concerns play in the relationship between rising and declining powers?

- Onea, Tudor A. 2014. “Between Dominance and Decline: Status Anxiety and Great Power Rivalry.” *Review of International Studies* 40 (1): **125–44**.
- Greve, Andrew Q., and Jack S. Levy. 2018. “Power Transitions, Status Dissatisfaction, and War: The Sino-Japanese War of 1894–1895.” *Security Studies* 27 (1): 148–78.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2017.1360078>.
- Khong, Yuen Foong. 2019. “Power as Prestige in World Politics.” *International Affairs* 95 (1): 119–42. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iyy245>.
- Volgy, Thomas J., and Kelly Marie Gordell. 2019. “Rising Powers, Status Competition, and Global Governance: A Closer Look at Three Contested Concepts for Analyzing

Status Dynamics in International Politics.” *Contemporary Politics* 25 (5): 512–31.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2019.1621719>.

Supplemental Readings

- Larson, Deborah W., and Alexei Shevchenko. 2014. “Managing Rising Powers: The Role of Status Concerns.” In *Status in World Politics*, edited by Deborah W. Larson, T. V. Paul, and William C. Wohlforth, 33–57. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781107444409.004>.
- Lin, Alex Yu-Ting. 2024. “Contestation from Below: Status and Revisionism in Hierarchy.” *International Studies Quarterly* 68 (3): sqae092, 1–14.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqae092>
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Week 7: Status-Seeking, International Norms, and Cooperation (78 pgs)

How can status-seeking lead to international cooperation as opposed to competition and conflict?

- Miller, Jennifer L., Jacob Cramer, Thomas J. Volgy, Paul Bezerra, Megan Hauser, and Christina Sciabarra. 2015. “Norms, Behavioral Compliance, and Status Attribution in International Politics.” *International Interactions* 41 (5): 779–804.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2015.1037709>.
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- Wu, Joshua Su-Ya. “Toward a Model of International Environmental Action: A Case Study of Japan’s Environmental Conversion and Participation in the Climate Change Environmental Regime.” *Review of Policy Research* 26, no. 3 (2009): 267–87.
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Supplemental Readings

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- Kanie, Norichika. 2011. "Japan as an Underachiever: Major Power Status in Climate Change Politics." In *Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics: Global and Regional Perspectives*, edited by Thomas J. Volgy, Renato Corbetta Jr., Keith A. Grant, and Ryan G. Baird, 1st ed., 115–32. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Kwon, Bumjoon, and Kyu Young Lee. 2017. "The Structural Sources of Security Tension in Northeast Asia : Reconciliation Dynamics and the Effects of the Security-Status Dilemma." *The Korean Journal of International Studies* 15 (3): 449–82. <https://doi.org/10.14731/kjis.2017.12.15.3.449>.
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Week 8: Status and International Institutions (72 pgs)

How do international institutions and organizations affect and facilitate status seeking?

- Larson, Deborah Welch. 2019. "Status Competition Among Russia, India, and China in Clubs: A Source of Stalemate or Innovation in Global Governance." *Contemporary Politics* 25 (5): 549–66. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2019.1622183>.
- Suzuki, Shogo. 2008. "Seeking 'Legitimate' Great Power Status in Post-Cold War International Society: China's and Japan's Participation in UNPKO." *International Relations* 22 (1): 45–63. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0047117807087242>.
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- McDermott, Anthony. 1999. "Japan's Financial Contribution to the UN System: In Pursuit of Acceptance and Standing." *International Peacekeeping*, June, 64–88. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533319908413772>.
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Week 9: Domestic Politics, Public Opinion, and International Status (83 pgs)

In what ways can domestic politics shape a state's pursuit of status?

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- Freedman, Joshua. "Back of the Queue: Brexit, Status Loss, and the Politics of Backlash." *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22, no. 4 (November 1, 2020): 631–43. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1369148120949824>.
- Ribar, David T. 2021. "Pressure for War: When Constituents' Concerns over America's Prestige Drive Presidents' Foreign Policy." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 51 (2): 357–84. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psq.12711>.
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