

The Political Economy of East Asia

(BPEP-SHU 9042)

Monday & Wednesday
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Room E201

Instructor: JING QIAN



Welcome!



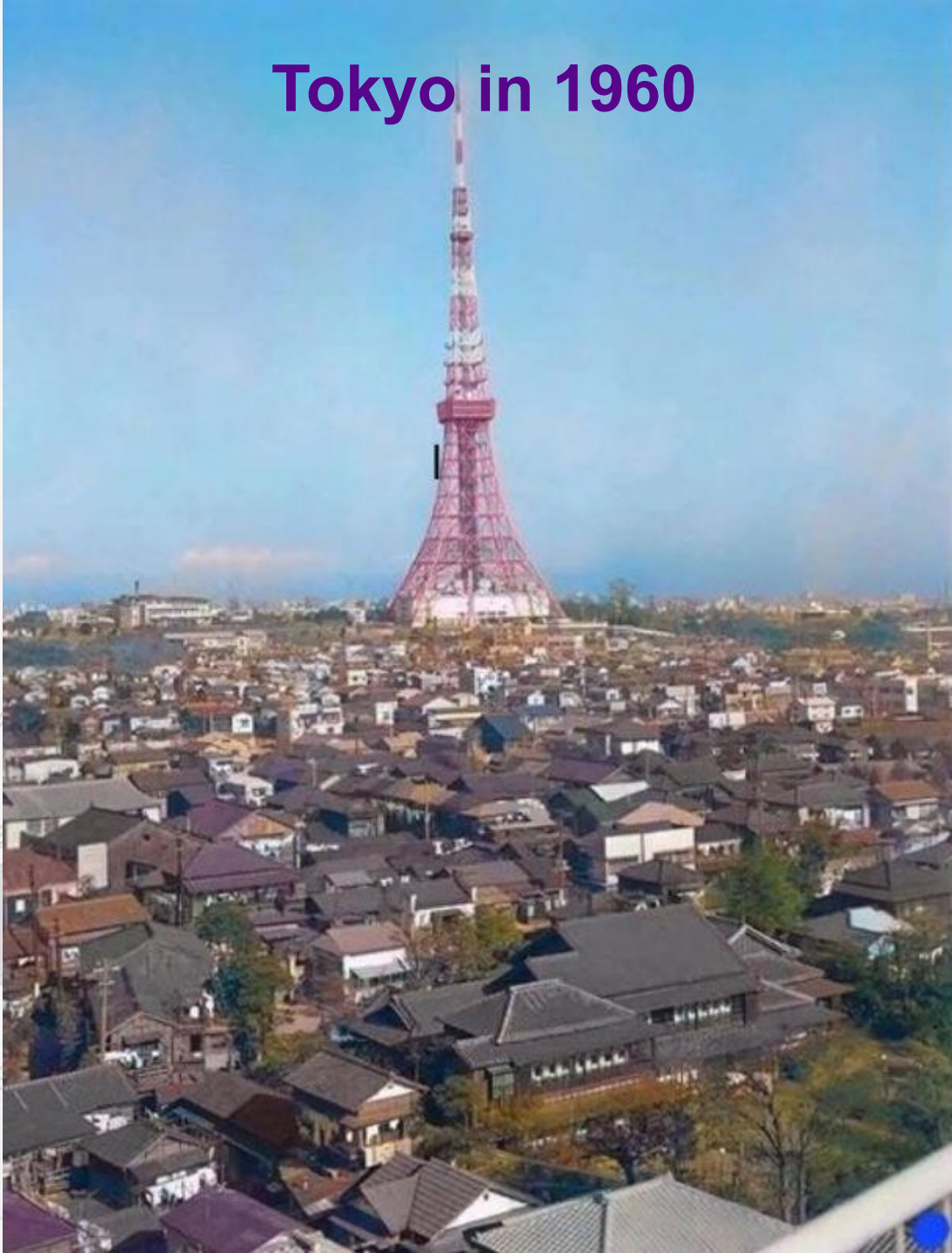
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A UNIQUE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

BS in Business and Political Economy

Travel the world and unpack the influence of global markets, governments, and policy on economic outcomes.

Tokyo in 1960



Tokyo in 2023





Seoul in 1950s



Seoul in 2020s



Shanghai in 1996



Shanghai in 2017





It's the economy, stupid.

(Bill Clinton)

izquotes.com



It's the politics.

What is this course about?

P_{olitical} E_{conomy}

P.E.

Political Economy

Economics: distribution of scarce resources

Politics: the role of the state in such distribution

East Asia



What will we cover in this course?

Module I: Historical and Institutional Foundations

Module II: Economic Development and Transition

Module III: Topics in Political Economy

Module IV: East Asia in a Deeply Interdependent World

How will this class be taught?

Lectures

Field Trips

Guest Lectures

Movie-watching?

Library Workshop

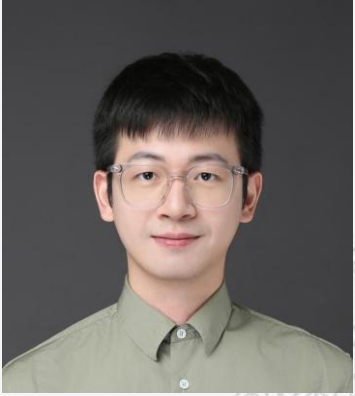
Suggestions

Guest Lectures



Confirmed Guest Lecturers

(Attendance Required)



February 25
Sifan Xue

National School of Development,
Peking University



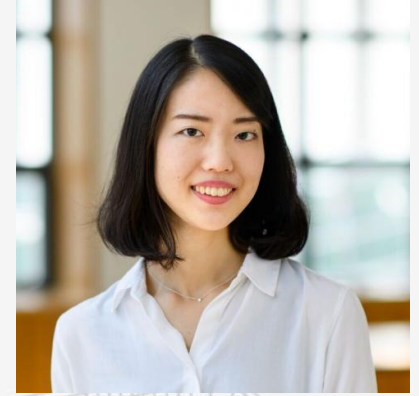
March 4
Zeren Li

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore



March 11
Jianzi He

Duke Kunshan University



March 16
Sayumi Miyano

Osaka School of International Public Policy
Osaka University



March 30
Jie Huang
Nanjing University



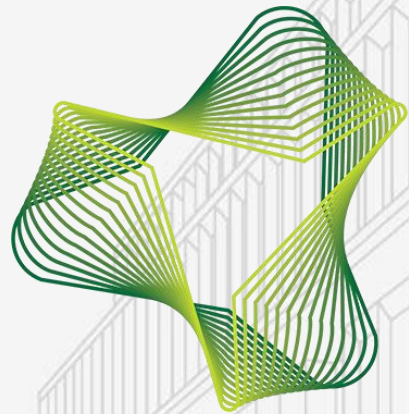
April 22
Chen Xiang
School of International and Public Affairs
Shanghai Jiao Tong University



April 29
Jieun Kim
Seoul National University

Confirmed Field Trips

(Attendance Required)



**New
Development
Bank**

**Friday, February 6
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

New Development Bank Headquarters



**Friday, March 13
4:00 – 5:30 PM**

American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai

Library Workshop: Wednesday, Jan 28

< [People](#)

Ye Zhai

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Note on Guest Lecture and Field Trip Attendance

Guest Lectures

- All guest lectures will be scheduled at 3:45 – 5:00PM (Monday or Wednesday).
- Attendance at guest lectures are required.
- Materials from guest lectures will be covered in quizzes.
- Zoom recordings are available for approved absence, with a brief note submission.

Field Trips

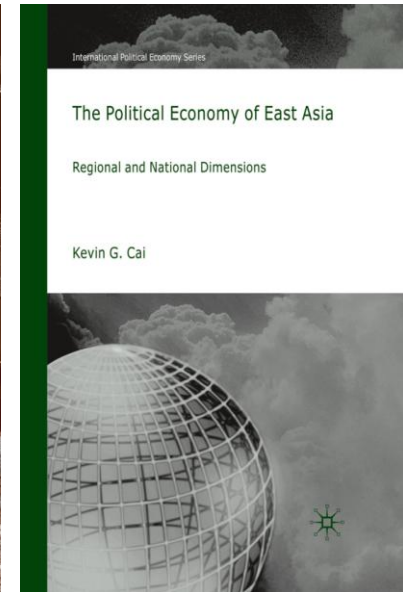
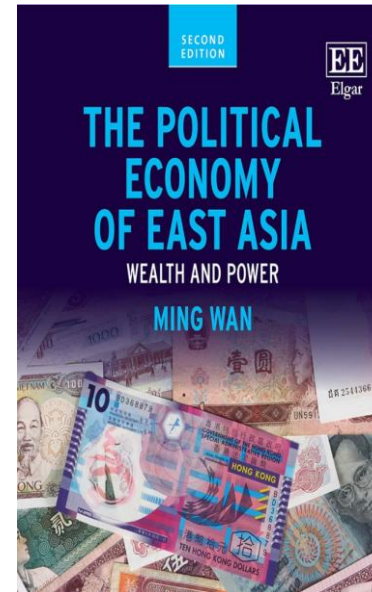
- Attendance at the field trips are required.
- Please plan ahead to avoid time conflicts.
- Materials from field trips will be covered in quizzes.
- Absence from field trips needs instructor approval.
- Otherwise, it would be considered as unexcused absence.

What are YOUR responsibilities in this class?

Go to the syllabus!
jingqian.org/PEEAclass

Readings

- Readings are **reasonable**
 - 1~3 chapters (articles) per class
- **Supplementary** readings posted for some weeks for your reference
 - Suggestions and recommendations welcome
- Make sure you complete the reading **PRIOR** to class



Office Hour

- **Wednesdays**, 10:00am – 12:00 pm
- Room **N851**
- **Sign-up** at: <https://jingqian.org/officehour>
- AND **by appointment**
- **Additional** office hours available **ahead** of quizzes

Course Requirements

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1. Class **Attendance** and Participation: **10%**
2. **Quizzes** (one per module): **40%**
3. **Group Project**: **50%**

Class Attendance and Participation

- This is a **BIG** class (NYUSH standard)
- **Attendance, punctuality**, preparation, **basic** engagement
- Sign-in before class
- Absences needs **instructor approval**
 - First unexcused absence exempted
- Applies to all **guest lectures** and **field trip** attendances

You are expected to:

- Arrive **on time** and remain for the full class session.
- Complete assigned **readings** or materials before class.
- Demonstrate **basic** engagement during class (e.g., attentiveness, responding to occasional in-class questions or activities).

Class Attendance and Participation

Exceptional: 10%

- Full attendance
- On-time arrival
- Active & constructive engagement beyond baseline expectations

Meets Expectations: 9%

- (near) Full attendance
- On-time arrival
- Completion of required readings
- Consistent & basic engagement during class

Needs Improvement: <9%

- Unexcused absence → 1%↓
(first exempted)
- Unexcused lateness → 0.5%↓
(first exempted)
- Incompletion of required readings
- Consistent lack of engagement

Quizzes (10% * 4)

- **Take-home**, administered on Brightspace
- Each quiz per module, **NOT** cumulative
- Quizzes will be **straightforward** (MCQ only)
- Covers lecture, required readings, **guest lecture**, **field trip**, etc.
- You choose **when** to take the exams
 - Quiz window \approx 2-3 days
 - **First Quiz**: 8am on Saturday, February 7 to 11:59pm on Monday, February 9

Group Project:

Comparative Political Economy Analysis of East Asia

Goal: Apply analytical frameworks and empirical knowledge from class to read case(s)

- Group of 4 students (max 5, with approval)
 - Each group will examine multiple East Asian economies
 - Each student is responsible for one economy → prepare individual mini case study
 - The group will work together to develop a comparative synthesis
- } **Final Report**

Group Project:

Comparative Political Economy Analysis of East Asia

Individual Component

- Individual Mini Case Study (20%)
- **Graded individually**

Group Component

- Comparative synthesis and collective analysis (20%)
 - Introduction
 - Analytical framing
 - Comparative synthesis and collective analysis
- Project Presentation (10%)
- **All group members will get the same grade**

Group Project:

Comparative Political Economy Analysis of East Asia

Final Report Component

- Introduction
- Analytical framing
- Mini case studies
- Comparative analysis
- Conclusion
- References
- Contribution Note* (not graded)
- Word count**

Requirement

- Mini case study: ~800 words
- Comparative analysis ~ 2,000 words
- Entire report < 6,000 words (7,000 for group of 5)
- List of references does not count
- **Include word count for:
 - Each individual mini case study
 - The entire report

Group Project:

Comparative Political Economy Analysis of East Asia

Formatting Requirement

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12-point
- Spacing: Double-spaced
- Margins: 1 inch
- Citations: Any standard style (be consistent)

Timeline

- **Feb 9**: Group formation completed
- **March 16**: Office hour w/ instructor
- **May 4 & May 6**: Presentations
- **May 10 (11:59PM)**: Final report due

Grading of Assignments

Assignments/Activities	% of Final Grade
Class Attendance and Participation	10%
Quizzes	40%
Group Project Mini Case Study	20%
Group Project Report	20%
Group Project Presentation	10%

Class Policies

No Late Assignment & No Re-grading

No Late Assignment

- No quiz attempt allowed outside quiz window
- No report accepted after report due

No Re-grading

Attendance

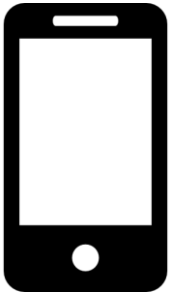
First absence – No excuse needed

Second absence – Reasonable explanation

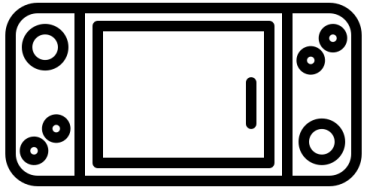
Third absence – Let's chat

- *Exceptions apply*
- *Advance notice required/encouraged*
- *Everyone is crucial for this class*

Technology in the classroom



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia



Bottomline: Respectful Use

GenAI policy



Overall Policy

- **E**mbrace, Not Forbid
- **E**nhance, Not Replace
- **E**thics & Integrity



GenAI policy

Allowed Use

- Language checks
- Initial thoughts (must revise)
- Brainstorm
- Etc.

Prohibited Use

- Direct submission of AI-generated contents
 - Sentences, paragraphs, essays, etc.

Bottomline:

- Acknowledge any use of GenAI
- Open discussion of helpful application

It's nearly impossible to detect with certainty, so I choose to place my trust in each of you.

Questions, please

Thank You!

