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ASIA_V 410 - International Relations in Premodern East Asia

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This course seeks to understand diplomacy, trade, war, flows of people and ideas, transnational institutions, and ethnic perceptions that constituted the fabric of border-crossing interactions between China, Korea, Japan, and other ethnic/political entities in the region. To achieve these goals, the first half of the course will be devoted, through examples, to key concepts and theories pertaining to IR in premodern East Asia and, then, to a select group of topics involving Ming/Qing China, Chosŏn Korea, and Tokugawa Japan.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Yuan-kang Wang, "Explaining the Tribute System: Power, Confucianism, and War in Medieval East Asia," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 13 (2013).

Sixiang Wang, *Boundless Winds of Empire: Rhetoric and Ritual in Early Chosŏn Diplomacy with Ming China* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2023).

Nam-lin Hur, "Japan's Invasion of Chosŏn Korea (1592-1598) and Abduction of Koreans," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 81 (2021).

Assignments

2 exams: 30 x 2|60

1 research paper|40

Bonus marks may be given for voluntary presentations.