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ANNOUNCING A NEW ELLIOTT SCHOOL COURSE

“RISING POWERS: RIVALS OR ALLIES?”

International Affairs 218.16
Wednesdays, 6:10 – 8:00 PM
Fall 2010

Instructor: Dr. Nikola Mirilovic

Guest lecturers: Professor David Shambaugh on China, Professor Deepa Ollapally on India, Professor Mike Mochizuki on Japan, and Professor Henry Hale on Russia

Will Asia and Eurasia witness conflict and interstate war, or cooperation and international integration, in the foreseeable future? The answer to this question depends on the nature of the rise of several key Asian and Eurasian powers. Does that rise undermine the U.S. role in the region? Does it lead to threats or opportunities to promote international stability? Does the economic dynamism in the region promote peace and interdependence or rivalries and conflict? Will democratization trends continue and bring stability or will nationalistic rivalries take center stage? What are the policy implications for the United States as an Asian power and as a global leader?

This course has a unique pan-Eurasian scope in its comparative analysis of the contemporary rise of China, India, Japan and Russia. China and India are rising due to the remarkable success of their economic reforms, Russia is recovering ground lost due to the inefficiencies of the Soviet system and of the turbulent transition away from it, and Japan's post-World War II boom made Japan one of the world's largest economies in spite of its recent economic stagnation. While all of these countries play an important role on the international stage, they differ in the nature of their international rise and of their domestic political institutions and orientations.

An innovative feature of the course is that it will utilize the diverse expertise of prominent Elliott School professors as guest lecturers who will help to prepare students to think about several countries simultaneously on a number of comparative dimensions.