

# CULT 2007 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF NORTH ASIA

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**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 100872

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**Description** This unit examines contemporary foreign policy issues in North Asia from the perspective of China and Japan. Core issues include a critical evaluation of contemporary Sino-Japanese relations, the role both countries play in regional affairs and why North Asia (in particular the Korean Peninsular) is an intersection point for geopolitics.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Society and Culture, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYA 0268 - International Relations of Northeast Asia

**Restrictions** Successful completion of 40 credit points at Level 1.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. provide an overview of political developments in post 1945 North Asia
2. understand core issues driving Chinese and Japanese foreign policy and regional diplomacy
3. critically engage in contemporary debates on key issues affecting North Asia (such as the ongoing Korean crisis, China's emergence as a great power and the implications of Japan's economic and political malaise).
4. demonstrate sensitivity to cross-cultural and cross-national issues

## Subject Content

- Superpower rivalry in post War North Asia
- Regional diplomacy: substance and style
- Chinese politics and foreign policy
- Japanese politics and foreign relations
- Japan and China: strategic engagement or strategic competition?
- The role of Regional actors: Russia, Indonesia and Australia
- The North Korea dilemma
- The role of The United States in North Asia
- strategic Balance in Northeast Asia

Prescribed Texts

- A Subject Reader containing Selected Readings will be constructed by the subject coordinator.

Teaching Periods