



## SPOTLIGHT ON SENKAKU

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### **Course Description**

This seminar will introduce a major issue currently creating tension between China and Japan, the territorial dispute over the Senkaku Islands, and the role of the United States in this issue. Using this specific case, students will learn about current US-China-Japan relations and future implications of the Senkaku Islands dispute on these relations.

Students will learn about key historical events that lead to the current dispute. Then, students will learn the intricate web of historical memory, security politics, and economic interdependence connecting Japan, US, and China. After learning about the context of this issue, students will focus on the Senkaku Islands dispute in order to understand the tension between the countries and potential events that could occur in the future. They will then present a policy proposal on strategies for resolution or management that they will discuss with the class.

### **Message from the Seminar Leader**

Hello! My name is Carlino Mark Natividad, but feel free to call me Mark! I'm going to be a junior at Harvard. I'm originally from Manila Philippines, but then I moved to South Florida when I was eight. I am studying Government with a focus on international relations. During the seminar, we will explore the issues between Japan, China, and the USA in order to understand what we can do to improve relations among our countries. I hope you're as excited as I am for our time together tackling issues important not just in one country, but the entire Asia-Pacific region!

### **Message from the House Leader**

Hi everyone, this is Ai Miura! I am 21 and am currently in my 4th year at Keio University. I just came back from a year abroad at the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, where I studied Development Studies (ex. Microfinance in India, the effects of global commodity chains and informal work, and so on). I grew up in Georgia/New York (USA) and Fujisawa/Tokyo (Japan) and am very excited to see you all in Ishikawa!! (I've never been there!) I'm also looking forward to discussing with you all the issues revolving the Senkaku Islands— you will hopefully be able to walk out of the course with a better opinion and idea of your own of what is going on in the international world today :D



## Pre-Assignments

- Manyin, Mark. 2013. “Senkaku (Diaoyu/Diaoyutai) Islands Dispute: U.S. Treaty Obligations.” U.S. Congressional Research Service R42761.  
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42761.pdf>
- O’Rourke, Ronald. 2014. “Maritime Territorial and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Disputes Involving China: Issues for Congress.” U.S. Congressional Research Service R42784, pp. 1-18. <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42784.pdf>
- Youtube Video on Senkaku Islands:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXa8MYUXP2Y>

## Course Schedule

### Day 1: *Past and Present Relations*

- China-Japan Historical Memory Issues
  - Yasukuni Shrine visits
  - WWII Legacy Textbook Issues
  - Article 9
  - Treaty of San Francisco
  - 1972 Reversion of Ryukyu Islands
- Current State of US-China-Japan Relations
  - US Pivot/Rebalance to Asia
  - US-Japan Alliance
  - Economic Interdependence
- TASK: Make a timeline combining major events and predict implications of these events for the future of US-China-Japan relations

### Day 2: *US Role in the Senkaku Islands Dispute*

- Significant Events
  - September 2010 collision
  - September 2012 nationalization
- Alliance Dilemma between Japan and US
- Official US Statements
- TASK: Create a web of interdependence between the three countries

### Day 3: *Chinese Strategy in Territorial Disputes*

- Chinese Position on the Senkaku Islands
- Recent Chinese actions around the Islands



- “Cabbage Strategy”
- “Salami-Slicing”
- ADIZ
- South China Sea Disputes
  - Spratly Islands and Parcel Islands
- TASK: Create a policy proposal that outlines each country’s interests and best actions forward

**Day 4:** *The Future*

- Present and discuss policy proposals
- Look to the future
  - Attack on Senkakus
  - Democratization of China
  - Taiwan Issue