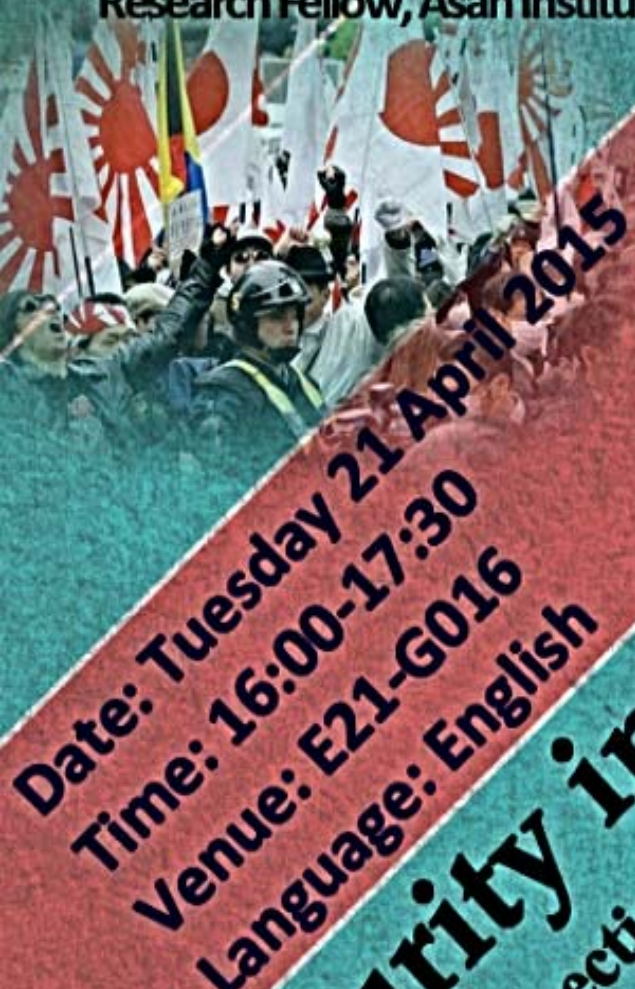


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Security in Northeast Asia At the Intersection of Regional and Domestic Politics



Systemic approaches to the study of international relations simplify states as “black boxes” of national interests. We know this is a matter of analytical convenience and that the world is more complicated but just how do domestic politics and regional relations complicate international security in Northeast Asia?

This lecture surveys the geopolitical landscape, with attention to interactions among levels of analysis. In regards to North Korea, different frameworks are introduced to cope with political uncertainty and obstacles to policy coordination. Concerning territorial disputes in the region, the diversity of cases is emphasized, along with opportunities to avoid zero-sum games. Finally, nationalist tensions over history and economics are identified as the major impediment to interest maximization in Northeast Asia. Building cooperation in the region calls for strategically managing the interaction of domestic politics, regional relations and international security.



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