Regional Studies:
East Asia – An Overview of Contemporary China, Japan and Korea

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Academic credits:  60 hrs classroom work + 65 hrs reading & writing = 125 hours

Course description:
This is a basic introduction to China, Japan and Korea today, which will include:
- A country profile (geography, population, economy, human development);
- An overview of the political system and of citizen involvement in politics;
- A brief description of the political and partisan leadership;
- Performance of their economy and its impact on the region;
- Foreign policy: goals, strengths, weaknesses; territorial and border conflicts from a geopolitical perspective;
- Relations of each country with Mexico and with the United States.

Required Texts:  Readings and teaching materials from books, videos, newspapers, and social media will be available on DropBox.

Testing and Grading:  Students will be required to write one 5-page (approximately 1500 words) paper during the course of the semester. Attendance will be taken regularly. Each student will choose one of the three countries to write their paper. Everyone will write the same final exam, with questions on all three countries. We will grade as follows:

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This course is taught in English. No knowledge of Spanish, Korean, Japanese or Chinese is necessary.  
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