

EAUI Program
“East Asian University Institute (EAUI) for Asian Regional Integration”
Application Guide for the Summer School 2026
at Peking University, China

Korea University (Korea),
Nanyang Technological University (Singapore),
Peking University (China),
Thammasat University (Thailand) ,
Waseda University (Japan)



The Summer School 2026 (SS2026)

1. Outline

The contemporary global landscape is increasingly defined by what Antonio Gramsci termed an “interregnum” – a period of profound transformation where the established post-Cold War settlement is fragmenting, yet a definitive new architecture has yet to emerge. This transition is characterized by a decisive erosion of traditional hegemonies, the rise of intense great power competition, and a patchwork of overlapping – and often incompatible – external demands on regional actors. As a center of gravity in global politics and economics, East Asia finds itself at the heart of this contestation and transformation. However, the region is not merely a passive theater for systemic shifts. From the development of sophisticated strategic management to the pioneering of new geoeconomic building blocks – such as RCEP, digital currency frameworks, and AI supply chain infrastructure – East Asian actors are exercising significant agency.

This summer school explores how the five partner universities – representing diverse vantage points within the region – conceptualize and contribute to a multiplex international order: one that is pluralistic, decentralized, and no longer governed by a single normative or power center. The program examines the history, politics, geoeconomics, institutional innovations, and culture of the region to understand how East Asia is both sustaining essential elements of global stability and remaking the rules of engagement for the 21st century.

- ◆ **The Course Title:** Theory of Asian Regional Integration (EAUI)
- ◆ **Theme:** Navigating the Interregnum: East Asian Agency and Contributions to a Multiplex International Order
- ◆ **Period:** July 27 (Mon.) - July 31 (Fri.) 2026
* Attendance in the Preliminary Seminar held on July 9th (Thu.) is mandatory.
- ◆ **Venue:** Peking University (China)
- ◆ **Instructor:** Professor BUKH, Alexander
- ◆ **Credit:** 3 credits will be given under the course title “Theory of Asian Regional Integration (EAUI)” which counts as a GSAPS official course toward graduation.
- ◆ **Language:** English
- ◆ **Eligibility:** MA and PhD regular students at GSAPS
- ◆ **Number of Openings:** 10 maximum
- ◆ **Subsidies:** Accommodations from July 26 to August 1 and a round-trip air ticket between Tokyo and Beijing will be provided by the GSAPS, Any other items and expenses (e.g. visa application fee, overseas travel insurance fee, miscellaneous fees, meals, public transportation in Beijing, round-trip transportation expenses between home and the airport) must be covered by each participant. The GSAPS Office will book the air ticket accommodations on behalf of the participant. The GSAPS Office will not accommodate any requests to change flight plan and accommodations. If the participant cancelled his/her participation in the program after the submission of the application form for some reason, the participant would be held responsible for any resulting fees and expenses.

◆ **Schedule (tentative)**

- July 3 (Fri): Due date for the submission of the first essay. The deadline is 17:00.
No late submission will be accepted.
- July 9 (Thu): Preliminary Seminar (attendance is mandatory) 19:00-21:00
* Details regarding the venue and the schedule on the day will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.
- July 26 (Sun): Depart for Beijing
- July 27 (Mon): Opening Remarks and Lectures (1-4 period); Welcome Dinner (at night)
- July 28 (Tue): Lectures and Group Work (1-4 period)
- July 29 (Wed): Field Trip (destination: TBA); Group Work
- July 30 (Thu): International Symposium; Group Work
- July 31 (Fri): Presentations and Discussion (1-4 period); Farewell Party (at night)
- Aug 1 (Sat): Return to Tokyo
- Aug 13 (Mon): Due date for the submission of the second essay. The deadline is 17:00.
No late submission will be accepted.

2. Course Requirements

- ◆ 30% Your full attendance at both the preliminary seminar at Waseda University and the summer school at Peking University.
- ◆ 30% Essay 1- A roughly 800 words reaction paper based on the readings provided by any one of the five lecturers: This reaction paper is to **summarize the main arguments of the readings (very important)** and to raise critical questions about these arguments.
- ◆ 20% Essay 2- A 500-word report based on the lectures the professors give during the course: Preferably, this paper addresses your queries in the first paper and explains how the professors have dealt with these issues.
- ◆ 10% Presentation 1 (during the preliminary seminar at WU)
- ◆ 10% Presentation 2 (SS presentation at PKU)

3. Application Procedure

3-1. Submit the Application Documents

Prepare and submit all the required documents outlined below online from the designated form before the application deadline: **16:00 May 8 (Fri.), 2026** (We will not accept any applications after the deadline).

[Submission Form]

<https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=625446132>

【Required Documents】

- ◇ Permission from your supervisor: Please attach the proof of permission from your supervisor regarding participating in the EAUI Summer School. (Copy of email or letter of acceptance with his/her signature, free-format.)
*If you submit email copy, "E-mail sending/receiving Year, Month, Date" and "E-mail Sender name (Supervisor's name)" must be surely included in proof email.

- ◇ Essay: State your objectives for participating in the program, within 400 words in English. If possible, elaborate on how the program's theme relates to your own research project or academic interest. The essay must be typed, not handwritten, with free format.

- ◇ A photocopy of the latest English proficiency test score card (TOEFL/IELTS/TOEIC)
*The expected test score is as follows: TOEFL iBT 80/PBT 550/ IELTS6.0/TOEIC750.
While you may apply with a lower test score, please note that English proficiency is one of the important criteria for selection.
*Native speakers of English are not required to submit the certificate.
*If you do not have the score card now, but instead submitted it upon your enrollment at GSAPS, please respond to that on the application form to which you are submitting documents.

- ◇ A photocopy of Passport
*Please submit a color copy of the passport page that includes your name, nationality, and expiration date.
* You must make sure your passport will have the minimum validity of 6 months at the time of departure from Japan.

4. Screening and Notification of Screening Result

Application documents will be reviewed by the committee. An interview may be required for some applicants. Successful applicants will be selected based on academic performance (GPA etc.), the Essay, English proficiency and other factors. All applicants will receive the screening result after May 25(Mon.) e-mailed to their Waseda-Email address. The GSAPS Office will not address any inquiries regarding the screening process or individual screening results.

5. Course Registration

The course registration will be done automatically for successful students.

6. Remarks

- 6-1. All participants are required to attend the whole program including the receptions. Attendance in the Preliminary Seminar (July 9) is also mandatory.
- 6-2. The Summer School 2026 may be cancelled in the event of unforeseen emergency (e.g., natural disaster or civil disturbance). Please make sure that your academic plan would not be severely undermined even under such circumstance.
- 6-3. A round-trip air ticket between Tokyo and Beijing and accommodations will be provided by Waseda University. The GSAPS Office will book the air ticket and accommodations on behalf of the participant. The GSAPS Office will not accommodate any requests to change flight plan and accommodations. If the participant became unable to participate in the program after the notification of the screening result for some reason, the participant would be held responsible for any resulting fees and expenses including cancellation fees.
- 6-4. You must make sure your passport will have the minimum validity of 6 months at the time of departure from Japan. Please also make sure that your passport has more than one page left for visas.
- 6-5. Be insured by the designated traveler's insurance company (8,380 JPY in total for 7 days). Insurance application procedures will be communicated by the GSAPS Office to successful applicants.
- 6-6. Participants who require a visa to enter Beijing must make the necessary arrangements independently and cover the costs themselves.
- 6-7. As this program overlaps with Block 1 of the summer intensive courses offered by GSAPS, students who participate in this program will not be able to enroll in courses scheduled in Summer Intensive Block 1.
- 6-8. Application must be submitted with the understanding these remarks.

7. Contact

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