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Syllabus (2021-1)

Course Title	International History of East Asia	Course No.	35726
Department/ Major	Department of Political Science and International Relations	Credit/Hours	3/3
Class Time/ Classroom	Mon 2 (9:30) & Thu 3 (11:00) / Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/9469387856		
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1. Course Description

Taking as its assumption that the basic characteristic of East Asia's postwar history is a unique mix of political authority, market exchange and cultural norms, this course will discuss particular nature of modernization that East Asian countries during the postwar years. This course has three intellectual objectives: 1) to identify the political and economic systems of East Asian countries in a comparative perspective and understand their uniqueness vis-a-vis the Western modernity, 2) to develop analytical frameworks that will enable us to identify the divergences and convergences among East Asian countries; 3) to discuss contemporary issues in East Asian politics.

* The course does not cover international relation issues, the North Korean problem and inter-Korean relations.

2. Prerequisites

No prerequisites

3. Course Format

Lecture via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/9469387856>)

100%

(Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)



4. Course Objectives

Please see Course Description.

5. Evaluation System

☐ Relative evaluation ☒ Absolute evaluation ☐ Others : _____

- Explanation of evaluation system:

100-90: A+

90-85: A

85-80: A-

70-80: B+ ~ B -

-80: C+ ~

Quiz I	Quiz II	Quiz III	Attendance
30%	30%	30%	1% reduction for each absence

(Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)

* Unnoticed absence is allowed once (no reduction)

I. Course Overview

Please see "Course Description."

II. Course Materials and Additional Readings

Part I. Historical Roots of the East Asian Modernity

#1. Sheldon Garon (1994) "Rethinking Modernization and Modernity in Japanese History: A Focus on State-Society Relations," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 53 (2): 346-366.

#2. Andre Schmid (2002) *Korea Between Empires, 1985-1919*, New York: Columbia University Press, Introduction.

#3. Charlmers Johnson (1962) *Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power: The Emergence of Revolutionary*



China, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1-30.

#4. Yun-han Chu and Jih-wen Lin (2001) "Political Development in 20th Century Taiwan: State-Building, Regime Transformation and the Construction of National Identity," *China Quarterly* 165: 102-129.

Part II. Colonialism, War and Modernity in East Asia

#5. Nak Kyeon Kim (2011) "A Reconsideration of 'Colonial Modernization,'" *Korean Social Sciences Review* 1 (1): 221-262.

#6. Gregory Henderson (1968) *Korea: The Politics of the Vortex*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, Chapter 4.

#7. Jin-Yeon Kang (2013) "The Korean War and Post-War Politics in Japan and Korea: The Formation of Conservative Democracy and Authoritarian Political System," *Korean Journal of Sociology* 47 (3): 1-24.

#8. Yufan Hao and Zhihai Zhai (1990) "China's Decision to Enter the Korean War: History Revisited," *The China Quarterly* 121: 94-115.

Part III. Modernity without Democracy: Colonialism, Confucianism and Authoritarianism in East Asia

#9. Francis Fukuyama (1995) "Confucianism and Democracy," *Journal of Democracy* 6 (2): 20-33.

#10. Ji-Whan Yun (2010) "The Myth of Confucian Capitalism in South Korea: Overworked Elderly and Underworked Youth," *Pacific Affairs* 83 (2): 237-259.

#11. Yung-Myung Kim (1997) "Asian-Style Democracy: A Critique from East Asia," *Asian Survey* 37 (12): 1119-1134.

Part IV. The Developmental State and Industrialization in East Asia

#12. Chalmers Johnson (1982) *MITI and the Japanese Miracle*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, Chapter 1.

#13. Alice Amsden (1989) *Asia's Next Giant: South Korea and Late Industrialization*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp.139-155.

#14. John B. Knight (2014) "China as a Developmental State," *The World Economy* 37 (10): 1335-1347.

Part V. Democratization with Non-Assertive Civil Society

#15. Yutaka Tsujinaka and Robert Pekkanen (2007) "Civil Society and Interest Groups in



Contemporary Japan," *Pacific Affairs* 80 (3): 419-437.

#16. Ji-Whan Yun (2010) "Unequal Japan: Conservative Corporatism and Labour Market Disparities," *British Journal of Industrial Relations* 48 (1): 1-25.

#17. Sunhyuk Kim (1997) "State and Civil Society in South Korea's Democratic Consolidation: Is the Battle Really over?" *Asian Survey* 37 (12): 1135-1144.

#18. Jang Jip Choi (2010) "The Democratic State Engulfing Civil Society: The Ironies of Korean Democracy," *Korea Studies* 34: 1-24. .

Part VI. Globalization in East Asia I: Convergence or Divergence?

#19. Hyun-Chin Lim and Jin-Ho Jang (2007) "Neo-liberalism in Post- crisis South Korea: Social Conditions and Outcomes," *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36 (4): 442-463.

#20. Ji-Whan Yun (2012) "Labour market reforms in Japan and the Republic of Korea: A comparative case study of policy-making in the 2000s," *International Labour Review* 150 (3-4): 387-403.

#21. Pitman Potter (2003) "Globalization and Economic Regulation in China: Selective Adaptation of Globalized Norms and Practices," *Washington University Global Studies Law Review* 2: 119-150.

Part VII. Globalization in East Asia II: Authoritarian Statism or Not?

#22. Kanishka Jayasuriya (2018), "Authoritarian Statism and the New Right in Asia's Conservative Democracies," *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 48 (4): 584-604.

#23. Ji-Whan Yun (2019) "The Paradox of Inequality in South Korea: Minsaeng Kyŏngje and Reinvigorated Developmentalism," *Pacific Affairs* 90 (3): 481-504..

#24. Ji-Whan Yun (forthcoming) "Post-democracy and Historicism: The Hidden Origin of the Korea-Japan Trade War."

Part VIII. Un-modern Elements in Modern East Asia

#25. Ji-Whan Yun (2009) "Regulatory Contradictions: The Political Determinants of Labor Market Inequality in Korea and Japan," *Governance* 22 (1): 1-25.

#26. Dorothy J. Solinger (2006) "The Creation of a New Underclass in China and its Implications," *Environment and Urbanization* 18 (1): 177-193.

#27. Jaeyoun Won (2007) "Post-Socialist China: Labor Relations at the Korean-Managed Factories in China," *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 37 (3): 309-325.



III. Course Schedule

WEEK	Date	Topics
1	March 1 (Monday)	NO CLASS / March 1 st Movement Day
	March 4 (Thursday)	The Course Begins: Orientation
2	March 8 (Monday)	Ice-breaking Time / Self-Introduction / Course Overview
	March 11 (Thursday)	Historical Roots of the East Asian Modernity
3	March 15 (Monday)	Historical Roots of the East Asian Modernity
	March 18 (Thursday)	Historical Roots of the East Asian Modernity
4	March 22 (Monday)	Colonialism, War, and Modernity in East Asia
	March 25 (Thursday)	Colonialism, War, and Modernity in East Asia
5	March 29 (Monday)	Colonialism, War, and Modernity in East Asia
	April 1 (Thursday)	QUIZ I
6	April 5 (Monday)	Modernity without Democracy: Colonialism, Confucianism and Authoritarianism in East Asia
	April 8 (Thursday)	Modernity without Democracy: Colonialism, Confucianism and Authoritarianism in East Asia
7	April 12 (Monday)	The Developmental State and Industrialization in East Asia
	April 15 (Thursday)	The Developmental State and Industrialization in East Asia
8	April 19 (Monday)	The Developmental State and Industrialization in East Asia
	April 22 (Thursday)	NO CLASS / University Exam Day
9	April 26 (Monday)	Democratization with Non-Assertive Civil Society
	April 29 (Thursday)	Democratization with Non-Assertive Civil Society
10	May 3 (Monday)	QUIZ II
	May 6 (Thursday)	Democratization with Non-Assertive Civil Society
11	May 10 (Monday)	Democratization with Non-Assertive Civil Society
	May 13 (Thursday)	Globalization in East Asia I: Convergence or Divergence?
12	May 17 (Monday)	Globalization in East Asia I: Convergence or Divergence?
	May 20 (Thursday)	Globalization in East Asia II: Authoritarian Statism or Not?
13	May 24 (Monday)	Globalization in East Asia II: Authoritarian Statism or Not?
	May 27 (Thursday)	Globalization in East Asia II: Authoritarian Statism or Not?



WEEK	Date	Topics
14	May 31 (Monday)	NO CLASS / University's Birthday
	June 3 (Thursday)	Un-modern Elements in Modern East Asia
15	June 7 (Monday)	QUIZ III
	June 10 (Thursday)	Un-modern Elements in Modern East Asia
16	June 14 (Monday)	Wrap-up

IV. Special Accommodations

* According to the University regulation section #57, students with disabilities can request for special accommodations related to attendance, lectures, assignments, or tests by contacting the course professor at the beginning of semester. Based on the nature of the students' request, students can receive support for such accommodations from the course professor or from the Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD). Please refer to the below examples of the types of support available in the lectures, assignments, and evaluations.

Lecture	Assignments	Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment : braille, enlarged reading materials . Hearing impairment : note-taking assistant . Physical impairment : access to classroom, note-taking assistant 	Extra days for submission, alternative assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment : braille examination paper, examination with voice support, longer examination hours, note-taking assistant . Hearing impairment : written examination instead of oral . Physical impairment : longer examination hours, note-taking assistant

- Actual support may vary depending on the course.

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