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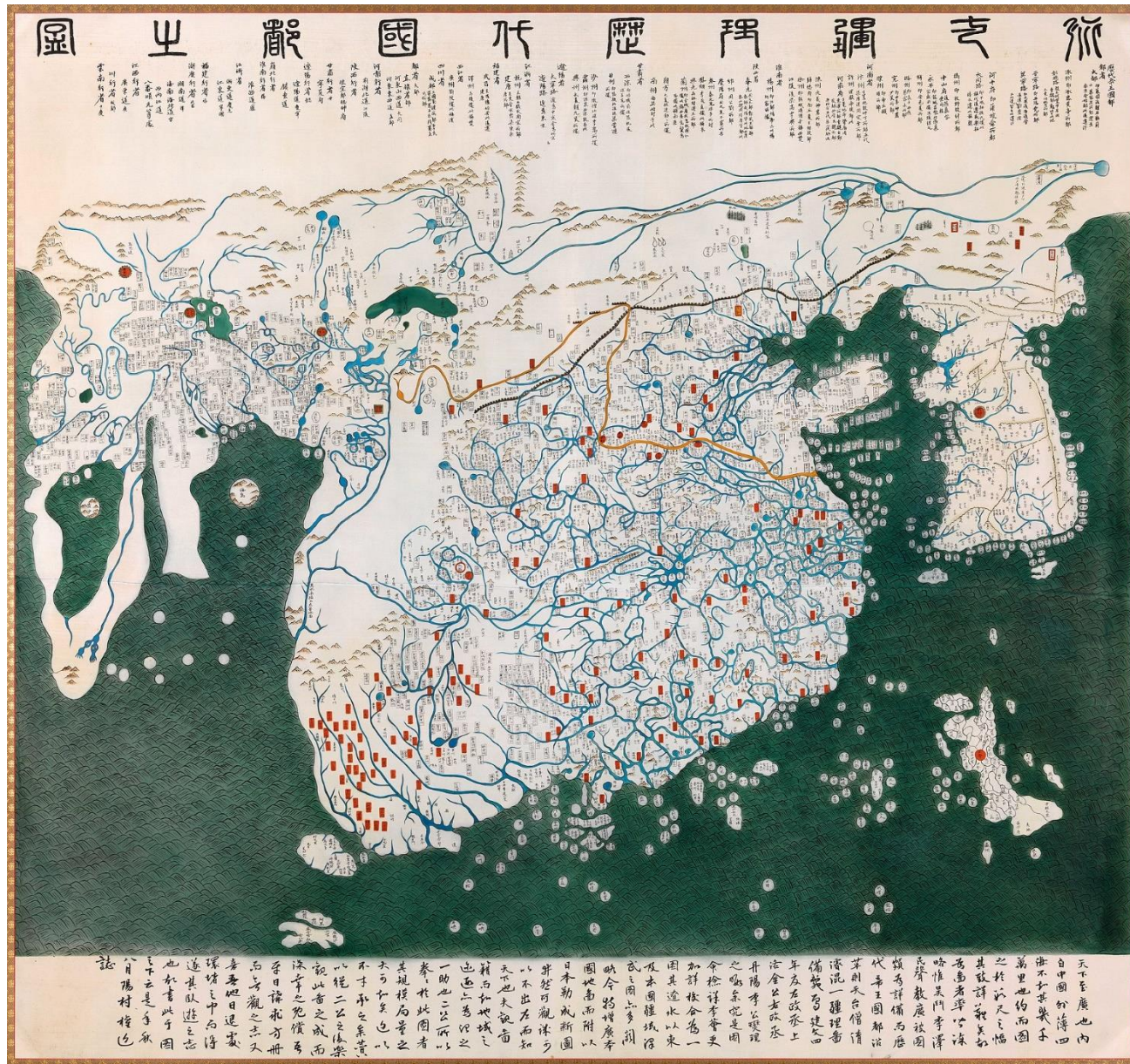
# Introduction to Asian Studies Week 2 Korea and the Korean studies

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# Korea, bigger than Europe

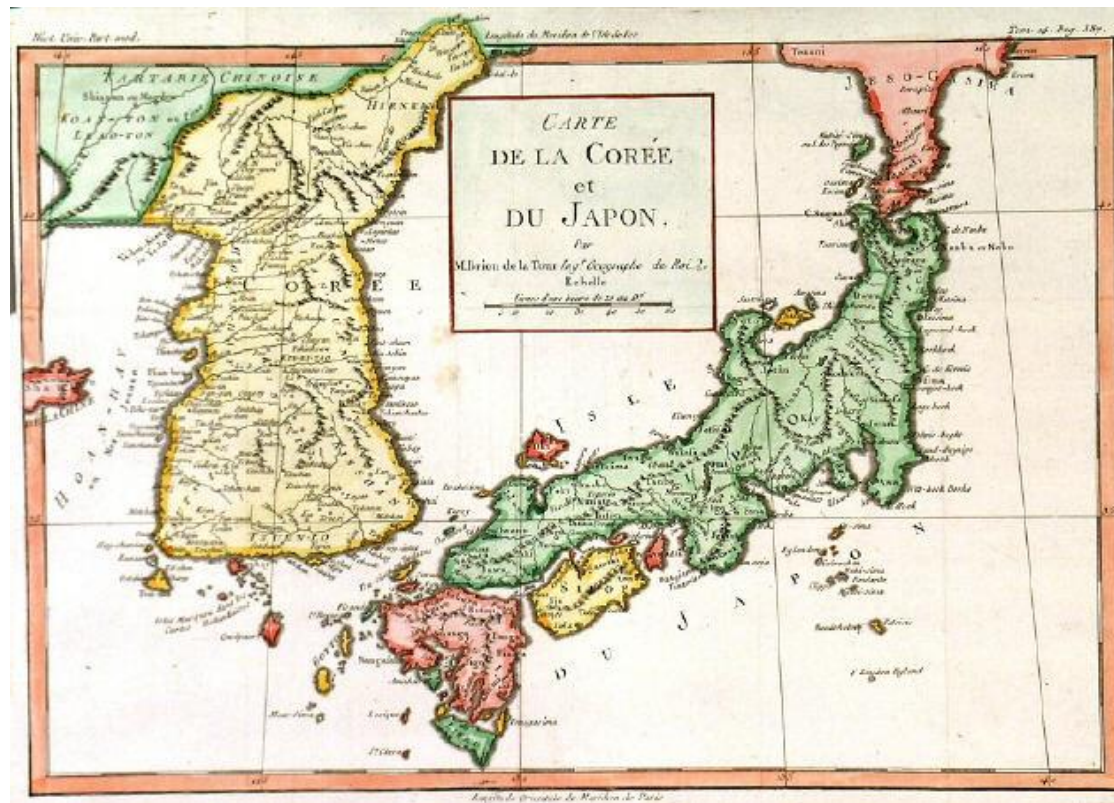






# Goryeo(Kaulej) - Corea - Korea

- In 1517 when Portugal occupied Makao, they documented Korea as 'Coreia'
- Until 18<sup>th</sup> century, 'Corea' was used in the official documents
- By the decision made by the UK's Royal Geographical Society, 'Korea' became an official term



# Republic of Korea

- Population: 51,558,034 (2023) (at the highest in 2020 (51,836,000)
  - \*North Korea: approximately 26,000,000)
- Territory: 220,903km<sup>2</sup> (70% mountains)
  - \*South Korea 100,431km<sup>2</sup> / Poland 312,685km<sup>2</sup> / Japan 377,975km<sup>2</sup>
- Capital: Seoul (9,409,466, 2023)
- 8 provinces
- Official language: Korean, alfabet Hangul
- Ethnic groups: 95.1% Korean / 4.9% Other (Chinese, Vietnamese, Americans)
- Religion: 56.1% no religion / 27.6% Christianity / 15.5% Buddhism / 0.8% Other
- GDP per capita 33,393\$ (Poland 19,912\$)
- Currency: Korean Republic Won (KRW, ₩)

- One of the poorest country in the World after the Korean War (1953)
- 13<sup>th</sup> largest economy currently in the world (2023)
- We work a lot
- Beautiful men
- Plastic surgery
- Mobile phone ownership
- Suicide
- Garlic consumption
- Stomach & Colon cancer incidence rate
- Total fertility rate: 0.78 (Poland 1.38)

# Korea and neighbors

- North Korea / China / Russia / Japan / USA..?
- Relationship with neighboring countries?
  - \*North Korea – Reunification or confrontation
  - \*China – Dilemma, Economical aspect / Political aspect
  - \*Russia – Before the Ukrainian-Russian War / After the war
  - \*Japan – 가깝고도 먼 나라, So close, yet so far
- Balanced diplomacy (An innocent bystander gets hurt in a fight)

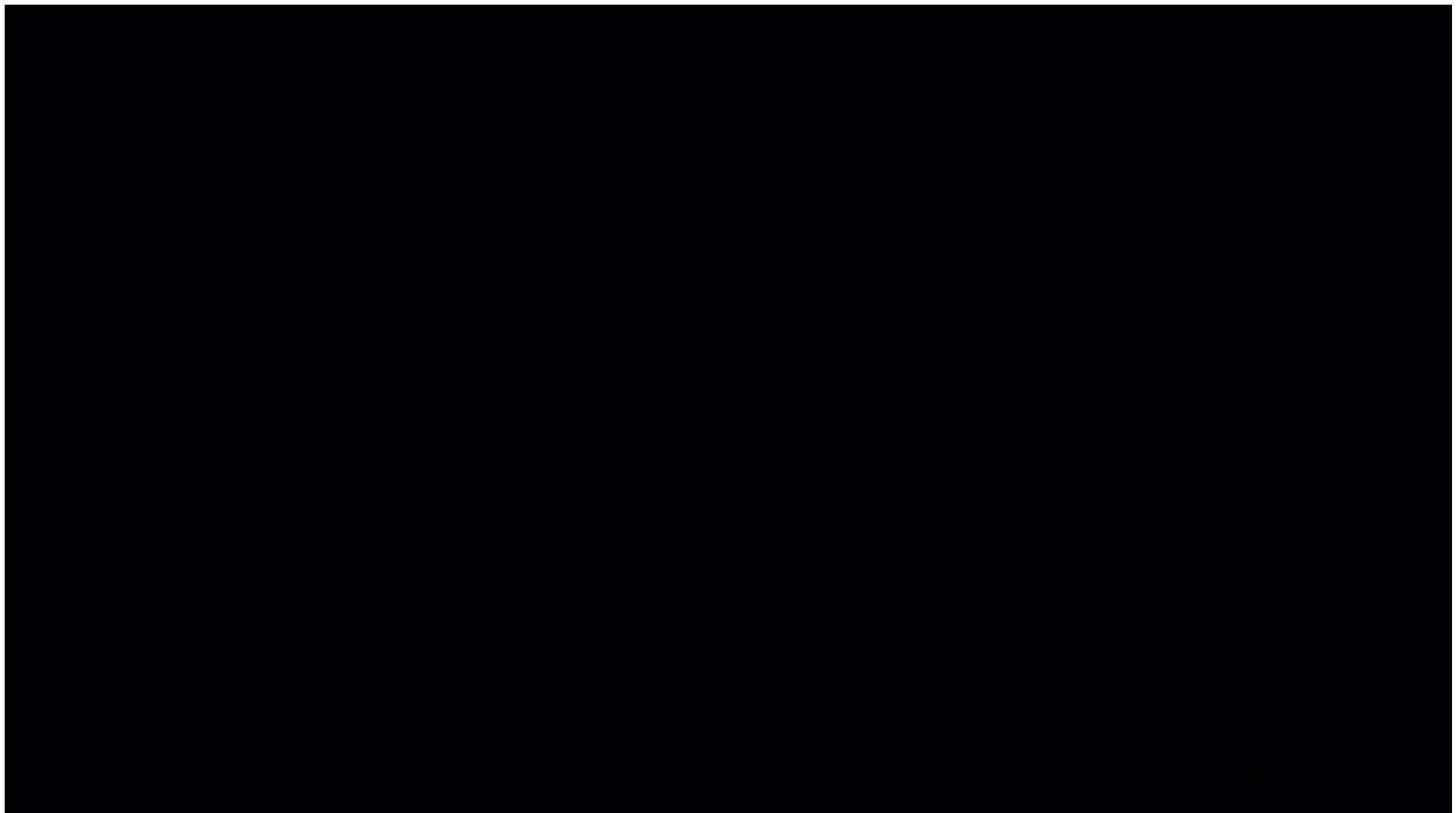
- What is Korean Studies?  
"Regional Study"
  - Learn about certain region's culture, society, history, politics, economy, etc.
  - To train experts on certain region
- Why it is worth to learn Korean Studies?
  - To broaden one's eye to the different world
  - Study abroad in Korea
  - Job opportunity
  - Korea related business items are still 'blue ocean' in many areas
  - And...?





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# Korean Studies



- Current situation on Korean Studies in the world
  - 107 countries, 1409 universities
  - Among them, in Japan 376, in China 269, and in the U.S. 134.
  - In Europe, 252
- And in Poland?  
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  - 5 universities (Krakow, Warsaw, Poznan, Wroclaw and Katowice)
  - Warsaw University from 1950s, 5 year B.A, M.A programme
  - Adam Mickiewicz University from 2003, 5 year B.A, M.A programme
  - Jagiellonian University from 2014, 3 year B.A, 2 year Korea related M.A programme
  - Wroclaw University from 2019, 3 year B.A programme
  - University of Silesia from 2016, English – Korean translation, 3 year B.A