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Korea and The Korean Diaspora

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Course Description

The Modern Korean history is marked by the national division and the two Koreas' ideological relationship with the Korean diasporic communities. These features of the cold war are now being transformed by new capitalist and cultural exchanges among the two Koreas and the Korean diaspora. This course seeks to understand the historical origins, processes, and dynamics of these cold war and post-cold eras. It also draws on their implications for Korean unification, nation formation, and the regional politics in Asia.

Requirements:
(1) Each week, it is required to read the assigned works and write reaction paper on them (1-2 paragraphs) PRIOR to Monday lecture on those readings. Each reaction paper is due by 7 pm Sunday. Suggestions or guidelines for your reading and reaction paper will be posted on blackboard by 5 pm Friday. You may choose to write on the suggested questions or address your own reflection. It is important to remember that your reaction paper is NOT a summary of the assigned works but your critical response.
(2) Submission of 3 "original (not duplicated; not from internet)" articles taken from newspapers, magazines, or other sources. Please submit to your preceptor on the last day of your recitation session.

Grading:
Weekly Reaction Paper (30 %), Class Participation (10%)
Mid-term take-home exam (30 %), Final take-home exam (30%)

Readings:
(1) Books available at Shakespear & Company (Located on 716 Broadway)
- Laurel Kendall, Getting Married in Korea (University of California Press)
- Sonia Ryang, North Koreans in Japan (Westview Press)
Class Schedule

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<td>1/19 Introduction</td>
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<td>Recommended: <em>Korea's Place in the Sun,</em> &quot;Collision, 1948-1953.&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>State and Economy in South Korea</strong></td>
<td>1/31 The Model of the Economic Miracle</td>
<td>Hagen Koo, &quot;The Interplay of state, social class, and world system in East Asian development: The cases of South Korea and Taiwan&quot;</td>
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<td>2/2 The IMF Crisis</td>
<td>Gi-Wook Shin and Kyung-Sup Chang, &quot;Social Crisis in Korea.&quot;</td>
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<td>2/9 Labor movement (guest lecture by Jong Bom Kwon)</td>
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<td>2/14 Farmers and the Minjung Movement</td>
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<td>2/7 What is the Minjung and Minjung culture?</td>
<td>Hagen Koo, &quot;The State, Minjung, and the Working Class in South Korea,&quot; (131-162) in <em>State and Society in Contemporary Korea</em> (Cornell University Press, 1993).</td>
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(2) Course packet that contains other required readings is available at University Copy (11 Waverly Place, between Mercer and Green, 212-473-7369)
**Family and Marriage**

What are the images of the ideal woman in South Korea? What are the changing meanings of marriage and family relations?

2/16 Confucianism  
Required:  
Haejoang Cho, "Male Dominance and Mother Power."  
Nancy Albelmann, "Women, Mobility, and Desire," in *Gender Under Construction*.

2/21 Presidents' Day - Holiday

2/23, 2/28 Marriage  
Required:  
Laurel Kendall, *Getting Married in Korea*, chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7.

3/2 Film, *A good lawyer's wife.*

**Take-Home Midterm Exam - Due by 3/7**

In March, there is an East Asian film festival hosted by the Department of East Asian Studies. Please make every effort to see "Repatriation" during the event. Date and place will be announced later.

**Transition in North Korea**

What is the nature of the Korean integration in the post-Cold War?  
What are the implications of the differences between the two Koreas for the unification?  
Would the Korean be unified? In what forms?

3/7 Film, North Korea: Beyond the DMZ  
3/9 Revolution and Juche Ideology

Required:  
Bruce Cumings, "Nation of the Sun King."  
Park Chae-Bok, "EU-North Kora Diplomacy and Its Implications for South Korea."

Spring Break!

3/21 Economic Crisis  
Required:  
Phillip Park, "The Cause of the Acute Food Crisis…"

3/23 Korean Unification  
Required:  
Chung-in Moon, "The Sunshine Policy and the Korean Summit."  
Hyun Ok Park, "Desires for North Korea."
### Koreans in America

What are the institutional places of Koreans in the American society? What are the key gender, race, and class dynamics?

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Nancy Albelmann and John Lie, Blue Dreams, Chapter 4. |
Miliann Kang, Manufacturing Interactions. |

### Koreans in Japan

What are the relationships of Korean Japanese with the two Koreas and the Japanese state during and after the Cold War?

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| 4/6, 4/11  | Film, Go.                                                 | Changsoo Lee, "The Legal Status of Koreans in Japan"  
Kyo Nobuko, "Running Away from the Ideological Juggernaut: A Strong of a Third-Generation Zainichi Korean." |
| 4/13, 4/18 | The North Korean education system in Japan                 | Sonia Ryang, North Koreans in Japan, chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.            |

### Koreans in China

What is the ambiguous status of Koreans seen through their education system? The constitutive effects of Chinese nationalism on Korean minority?

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| 4/20       | Revolution and Nationalism                                 | Charles Armstrong, "Centering the Periphery: Manchurian Exile(s) and the North Korean State."  
Chae-Jin Lee, China's Korean Minority, chapters 3, 4, 5  
Supplementary:  
Ibid., Chapter 1 |
Hyun Ok Park, "Democracy, History, and Migrant Workers: Korean Chinese, North Koreans, and Foreign Workers in South Korea."

5/2 Q-A session on the current politics

**Take Home Essay Exam Due - 4pm May 9 Monday.**

Sources of information on Korea

Websites:
www.koreanpolitics.com  
www.koreaherald.co.kr  
www.ohmynews.com

Journals:
Korea Journal  
Bulletin of concerned Asian Scholars  
Critical Asian Studies  
Journal of Korean Studies  
Journal of Asian Studies  
Asian Survey  
Pacific Survey  
Korean Studies  
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)  
Far Eastern Economic Review