



## Korea University International Summer Campus (KU ISC) 2022

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### ISC328 - Understanding Korean Politics

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#### II. Textbook

Required Textbook	:	No textbook will be needed for this course.
Recommended Additional Readings	:	Course readings

#### III. Course Description and Objectives

This course is an introduction to politics and policymaking in contemporary Korea. The course begins with an overview of diverse theoretical, cultural, and historical perspectives on Korean politics and then examines three thematic areas: 1) political and social dynamics of democratic transformation; 2) the political economy of development, crisis, restructuring, and recovery; and 3) the debate on how to achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula.

#### IV. Grading

Attendance	:	10%
Midterm Exam	:	30%
Final Exam	:	30%
Presentation	:	15%
Debate Participation	:	15%

#### V. Class Outline

Date	Topic	Readings (*: req, #: opt)
June 28 (Tue)	Orientation Day (no classes)	

June 29 (Wed)	Introduction and Overview	
June 30 (Thu)	Perspectives on Korean Politics	# Choi, Jang-Jip. (2012). Democracy after Democratization: The Korean Experience. (Stanford, CA: Asia-Pacific Research Center). # Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. (2010). South Korea since 1980 (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press).
July 1 (Fri)		
<b>Theme I: The Politics of Democratic Transition, Consolidation, and Deepening</b>		
July 4 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Democracy and democratization</li> <li>- Different paradigms explaining democratization</li> <li>- Concepts of civil society, political society, and the state</li> <li>- The case of Korean democratization</li> </ul>	* Kim, Sunhyuk. (2000). The Politics of Democratization in Korea: The Role of Civil Society (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press), Chapters 1-2.
July 5 (Tue)		
July 6 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1st democratic juncture</li> <li>- Authoritarian politics under Syngman Rhee</li> <li>- The April Uprising in 1960</li> <li>- Chang Myon's brief parliamentary democracy</li> <li>- "The Failure of Democracy in South Korea"?</li> <li>- The Military Coup in 1961</li> </ul>	* Kim, Chapter 3. # Han, Sungjoo. (1974). The Failure of Democracy in South Korea. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
July 7 (Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2nd democratic juncture</li> <li>- Authoritarian politics under Park Chung Hee</li> <li>- Anti-Yusin campaign in the 1970s</li> <li>- The rise of Chaeya</li> <li>- The "Seoul Spring" in 1980</li> </ul>	* Kim, Chapter 4. # Kim, Se-Jin. (2011). The Politics of Military Revolution in Korea. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.
July 11 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3rd democratic juncture</li> <li>- Authoritarian politics under Chun Doo Hwan</li> <li>- Pro-democracy movement in the 1980s</li> <li>- The Minjung movement</li> <li>- The June Uprising in 1987</li> <li>- The July-August Labor Struggle in 1987</li> <li>- "Pacted" vs. "mass-ascendant" transition</li> </ul>	* Kim, Chapter 5. * Jung, Jai Kwan. (2011). "Popular Mobilization and Democratization: A Comparative Study of South Korea and Taiwan." Korea Observer 42(3): 377-411.
July 12 (Tue)		
July 13 (Wed)		
July 14 (Thu)	MIDTERM EXAM	
July 18 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Democratic consolidation since 1987</li> <li>- The Roh Tae Woo, Kim Young Sam, and Kim Dae Jung governments</li> <li>- Rise of the citizens' movement in the 1990s</li> </ul>	* Kim, Chapters 6-7. * Suh, Jae-Jung, Sunwon Park, and Hahn Y. Kim. (2012). "Democratic Consolidation and Its Limits in Korea: Dilemmas of Cooptation." Asian Survey 52(5): 822-844. # Fioramonti, Lorenzo and Antonio Fiori. (2010). "The Changing Roles of Civil

	- The North Korea policy and its impact on South Korean politics and society	Society in Democratization: Evidence from South Africa (1990-2009) and South Korea (1987-2009)." <i>African and Asian Studies</i> 9(1): 83-104.
July 19 (Tue)	- Developments since 2000 - Mobilization and counter-mobilization in civil society - Judicialization of politics and impeachment - The Roh Moo Hyun, Lee Myung Bak, and Park Geun Hye governments - The current Moon Jae In government - Future prospects for Korean democracy	* Kim, Sunhyuk. (2009). "Civic Engagement and Democracy in South Korea." <i>Korea Observer</i> 40(1): 1-26. * Shin, Kwang-Young. (2012). "The Dilemmas of Korea's New Democracy in an Age of Neoliberal Globalisation." <i>Third World Quarterly</i> 33(2): 293-309. * Doucette, Jamie and Se-Woong Koo. (2016). "Pursuing Post-Democratisation: The Resilience of Politics by Public Security in Contemporary South Korea." <i>Journal of Contemporary Asia</i> 46(2): 198-221. * Shin, Gi-Wook and Rennie J. Moon. (2017). "South Korea after Impeachment." <i>Journal of Democracy</i> 28(4): 117-131. # Doucette, Jamie. (2017). "The Occult of Personality: Korea's Candlelight Protests and the Impeachment of Park Geun-hye." <i>Journal of Asian Studies</i> 76(4): 851-860. # Shin, Doh Chull. (2017). "The Deconsolidation of Liberal Democracy in Korea: Exploring its Cultural Roots." <i>Korea Observer</i> 49(1): 107-136.
July 20 (Wed)		
July 21 (Thu)	Debate I	
<b>Theme II: The Political Economy of Development, Crisis, Restructuring, and Recovery</b>		
July 25 (Mon)	- Explaining the "economic miracle" and the developmental state - Causes of the 1997 crisis: a political etiology - Popular perceptions of the crisis	* Kim, Sunhyuk and Doh Chull Shin. (2004). <i>Economic Crisis and Dual Transition in Korea: A Case Study in Comparative Perspective</i> (Seoul, Korea: Seoul National University Press), Chapter 2. * Kriekhaus, Jonathan. (2017). "Geopolitics and South Korea's Economic Success." <i>Asian Perspective</i> 41: 43-69. # Kim, Soon-Yang. (2008). "The East Asian Developmental State and Its Economic and Social Policies: The Case of Korea." <i>International Review of Public Administration</i> 12(2):69-87.
July 26 (Tue)	- Reform policies of the Kim Dae Jung government	* Kim & Shin, Chapters 4, 6, & 9. * Um, Kyusook, Hyun-Chin Lim, and Suk-Man Hwang. (2014). "South Korea's

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The parallel development model (of democracy and a market economy)</li> <li>- Public and major social actors' reactions to reform policies</li> <li>- Economic reform and democratic deepening: the parallel model in practice</li> <li>- The Korean crisis in comparative perspective</li> <li>- State/bureaucracy reform</li> <li>- Neoliberal globalization and Korea's political economy</li> <li>- Charting the future course for the Korean economy</li> </ul>	<p>Developmental State at a Crossroads: Disintegration or Re-emergence." <i>Korea Observer</i> 45(2): 211-53.</p> <p>* Kim, Sunhyuk and Chonghee Han. (2015). "Administrative Reform in South Korea: New Public Management and the Bureaucracy." <i>International Review of Administrative Sciences</i> 81(4): 694-712.</p> <p>* Pirie, Iain. (2016). "Korea and the Global Economic Crisis." <i>Pacific Review</i> 29(5): 671-92.</p> <p>* Lee, Yeonho, and Hak-Ryul Kim. (2018). "Economic Crises and Augmenting Financial Bureaucratic Power in South Korea." <i>Pacific Review</i> 31(3): 352-72.</p> <p># Park, Yong Soo. (2011). "Revisiting the South Korean Developmental State after the 1997 Financial Crisis." <i>Australian Journal of International Affairs</i> 65(5): 590-606.</p> <p># Lim, Haeran. (2010). "The Transformation of the Developmental State and Economic Reform in Korea." <i>Journal of Contemporary Asia</i> 40(2): 188-210.</p>
July 27 (Wed)	Movie on Korean Democratization	
July 28 (Thu)	Debate II	
<b>Theme III: North Korea, Foreign Relations, and the Future of the Korean Peninsula</b>		
Aug 1 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The role of US in South Korea's democratization</li> <li>- The status of the Korea issue in US foreign policy</li> <li>- "Democracy promotion"</li> <li>- The ROK-US alliance, old and new</li> <li>- Democratization and the ROK-US alliance</li> <li>- Political democratization-foreign policy nexus</li> </ul>	<p>* Adesnik, A. David and Sunhyuk Kim. (2013). "South Korea: The Puzzle of Two Transitions." In Kathryn Stoner-Weiss and Michael McFaul, eds., <i>Transitions to Democracy: A Comparative Perspective</i> (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press).</p> <p>* Kim, Sunhyuk and Eun Sun Lee. (2011). "'Dynamics of Contention' in Democratic Korea: The Role of Anti-Americanism." <i>Korea Journal</i> 51(2): 229-255.</p> <p>* Kim, Sunhyuk and Wonhyuk Lim. (2007). "How to Deal with South Korea." <i>The Washington Quarterly</i> 30(2): 71-82.</p> <p>* Lee, Dong Sun. (2007). "Democratization and the US-South Korean Alliance." <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i> 7(3): 469-500.</p> <p>* Kim, Hayam and Uk Heo. (2016). "What Affects Korea-US Relations?" <i>Pacific Focus</i> 31(1): 31-55.</p>

		# Han, Sukhee and Jangho Kim. (2010). "South Korea amid the United States and China after the Global Financial Crisis." Korea Observer 41(3): 415-438.
Aug 2 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North Korea</li> <li>- Reconciliation, peace, and reunification on the peninsula</li> <li>- Visions for the future</li> </ul>	<p>* Fiori, Antonio and Sunhyuk Kim. (2014). "Jasmines Do Not Bloom in Pyongyang: the Persistent Non-transition in North Korea." Pacific Focus 29(1): 44-67.</p> <p>* Cha, Victor D. and Nicholas D. Anderson. (2012). "A North Korean Spring?" The Washington Quarterly 35(1): 7-24.</p> <p>* Yoon, Tae-Ryong. (2015). "Neutralize or Die: Reshuffling South Korea's Grand Strategy Cards and the Neutralization of South Korea Alone." Pacific Focus 30(2): 270-95.</p> <p># Lankov, Andrei. (2008). "Staying Alive: Why North Korea Will Not Change." Foreign Affairs 87(2): 9-16.</p>
Aug 3 (Wed)	FINAL EXAM	
Aug 4 (Thu)	Graduation Day	