

IEE3606-01 KOREA IN THE AGE OF MIGRATION

COURSE TITLE	Korea in the Age of Migration	COURSE CODE-SECTION	IEE3606-01
CREDIT	3	CLASS PERIOD	1A (09:00-11:30)
OFFICE	YHH 116	OFFICE HOURS	Monday-Thursday 11:30-12:30 (by appointment)
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[COURSE INFORMATION]

COURSE DESCRIPTION & BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE COURSE	We frequently call today the age of migration. Though migration has always been an important socio-political aspect of domestic and international politics since the beginning of modernity, the advent of neo-liberal globalization followed by the end of the Cold War triggered massive influx and outflow of populations in extremely diverse directions. Now, immigration is not an exclusive issue of western or former colonial powers. Every corner of the globe is receiving huge number of immigrants. The nature of immigrants also became extremely diverse. Americans and Japanese retirees are heading toward central American countries or Southeast Asian neighbors. Vietnamese emigrants are heading toward Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. You can witness all kinds of ethnic groups in big cities in Middle East. This course aims to explore various movements of people today, review various theoretical efforts to explain/interpret those movements, and understand South Korean politics, society and economy from the perspective of ‘the Age of Migration.’. In addition to traditional forms of migration, we will investigate Korea-specific features of population movement such as the influx of North Korean refugee, the ethnic return migration from China and the international marriage as a driving force of ‘multiculturalization’ of Korean society.						
COURSE GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing theories of migration 2. Understanding the history of international migration in Korea 3. Analyzing the impacts of international migration on Korean society 4. Discussing particularities and universality of Korean experiences of international migration 						
COURSE METHODS (100% TOTAL)	LECTURE	PRACTICE TRAINING	PRESENTATION	DEBATE	TEAM PROJECT		
	70			30			
GRADING POLICY (100% TOTAL)	MIDTERM	FINAL EXAM	QUIZ	INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT	TEAM ASSIGNMENT	ATTENDANCE	OTHERS
	40	45		5		5	5
PREREQUISITE	none						
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	Individual Assignment: Write a short autobiographical essay in which you have to ponder how you or your family have experienced and/or been influenced by international migration (Due date: July 3 rd Noon on LearnUs) All students are required to come to class, complete assigned readings, and actively participate in all classroom discussions. Attendance and participation will greatly influence instructor’s discretion regarding borderline grades. No late assignment or exam will be allowed unless permission is granted by the instructor prior to the due/exam date.						

Course Syllabus
 2025 YONSEI INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL
 4-WEEK PROGRAM



TEXTS & REFERENCES	Hein de Hass, Stephen Castles and Mark J. Miller, <i>The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World</i> , Sixth Ed. Macmillan International, 2020 Links of journal articles will be provided
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[WEEKLY SCHEDULE]

WEEK	DAILY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	REFERENCE
WEEK1 (June 30 to July 3, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - Theories of International Migration 	<i>The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World</i> Individual Assignment due July 3 rd Noon	
WEEK 2 (July 7 to July 10, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theories of International Migration (continued) - History of international migration in Korea (outbound) - Ethnic Koreans across the world - Emigration / Diaspora in Korean politics and culture 	<i>The Age of Migration</i> Recommended: <i>Pachinko</i> (either novel or film) TBA	Midterm: July 10 th , in-class examination
WEEK3 (July 14 to July 17, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Korea as an immigrant accepting country - Labor migration - Marriage migration - Ethnic return migration - Cultural representations of immigration in Korean popular culture 	TBA Recommended: Timothy Lim, <i>The Road to Multiculturalism in South Korea: Ideas, Discourse, and Institutional Change in a Homogeneous Nation-State</i> (Routledge, 2020)	
WEEK4 (July 21 to July 23, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Korean refugees in South Korea - Migration's impact upon Korean Politics, Economics and Society - Conclusion 	TBA	Final Exam: July 23 rd , in-class examination