

**SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY**

Course:	Ph.D.
Course No:	EA629
Course Title:	Issues and Themes in Contemporary Korea (late 19th to early 20th Centuries)
Course Type:	Optional
Semester:	Winter
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Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	2 hours/week

Course Statement

This course explores Korea's transition into a modern nation throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, followed by its separation into two independent states in 1945. We will analyze the significant historical themes and events that have influenced Korean culture and society in the 20th century. The factors involved are the rise of nationalism, the impact of colonial modernity on Korean society and identity, the fluctuations caused by wars and occupations, and the competing post-colonial ideas for Korean progress. This course explores how Koreans sought to reform and modernize their country in response to the challenges posed by Western powers and Japan in the late 19th century. It also examines how the involvement of the Korean peninsula in great power rivalries has had a lasting impact on the lives of millions of Koreans. This subject will explore the significant changes in modern and contemporary Korean society and how historians analyze and discuss them.

Course Objectives

Analyze the historical events on the Korean peninsula from the late 19th century until the Korean War.

Examine different facets of historical transformation on the Korean peninsula, such as social

development, demography, culture, politics, economy, and Korea's influence in the broader East Asian region.

Integrate and combine existing information while also forming unique critical perspectives.

Learning Outcomes

1. Develop suitable research inquiries, suggest and assess analyses, and provide evidence supporting and refuting these analyses.
2. Evaluate evidence from primary and secondary sources and construct historical arguments using this evidence.
3. Utilize suitable research methods, such as locating pertinent resources in the library and online archives.

Evaluation Methods

- Class Participation/Discussion- 10%
- Mid-term Exam- 20%
- Final-term Exam- 50%
- Term Paper (10-15 pages) 20%

The SIS Research Manual should be used as a guide for written assignments.

Available at https://www.jnu.ac.in/sites/default/files/SIS_Research_Manual_0.pdf

Students must maintain high academic integrity, including avoiding copying and plagiarism.

Refer to the SIS Research Manual for details on plagiarism and research ethics.

Course Outline

1. Crisis in Korea during the late nineteenth century
 - a) Hermit Kingdom
 - b) Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895) and Treaty of Shimonoseki (1895)
 - c) Russo-Japanese Rivalry and Russo-Japanese War
 - d) Ulsa Treaty (1882)
 - e) Donghak Peasant Rebellion (1894-1895) and King Gojong's Reforms

2. Japanese colonization and Korean modernization

- a) Early Japanese Influence (Late 19th Century)
- b) Forced Modernization under Japanese Rule
- c) Cultural Assimilation and Suppression
- d) Dual Effects on Modernization
- e) Post-Colonial Reconstruction
- f) Contemporary Relations and Reconciliation

3. Anticolonial resistance and Korean communism

- a) Colonial Oppression and Resistance
- b) Emergence of Korean Communism and the Role of Communist Organizations
- c) Joint Anti-Japanese Front and Armed Struggle and Guerrilla Warfare
- d) Ideological Divides and Factionalism
- e) Legacy of Korean Communism
- f) Post-Liberation Political Landscape

4. Emergence of Korean nationalism

- a) Intellectual Awakening: Literature and Media
- b) Reaction to Foreign Influence and Resistance Movements
- c) Cultural Revival: Modernization vs. Preservation
- d) Formation of Nationalist Organizations
- e) Legacy of the March First Movement (1919)
- f) Impact of Colonialism

5. 1945-8: Emancipation, separation, and insurrection

- 1. End of Japanese Colonial Rule (1945) and Division of Korea
- 2. Emergence of North and South Korean Governments: Consolidation of Power in North and South
- 3. Cold War Context
- 4. Legacy of Emancipation and Division

6. Korean War

- a) Origins of the Korean War- International Context
- b) UN Intervention- Stages of the War
- c) Armistice and Division- Legacy and Impact
- d) Recovery and Reconstruction
- e) Unresolved Issues and Ongoing Tensions

7. Militarism, industrialization, and gender

- a) Militarism and National Security-Military-Industrial Complex
- b) Gendered Labor in Industrialization- Gendered Division of Labor
- c) Military Service and Masculinity
- d) Resistance and Feminist Movements
- e) Towards Gender-Inclusive Policies

8. Authoritarianism, opposition, and democracy

- a) Authoritarian Rule in South Korea and Opposition Movements and Dissent
- b) Student Protests and Civil Unrest and Democratization Movement
- c) 1987 June Struggle and Transition to Democracy
- d) Challenges to Democracy
- e) North Korea: Authoritarian Regime

9. The relationship between North and South Korea in the post-Cold War era

- a) Post-Cold War Geopolitical Realities
- b) Sunshine Policy (1998-2008)- Challenges and Setbacks
- c) Six-Party Talks and Diplomatic Initiatives
- d) Prospects for Reconciliation and Peace

Readings

1. Crisis in Korea during the late nineteenth century

Essential Readings:

- Young Park (2009), *Korea and the Imperialists: In Search of a National Identity*, Bloomington: Author House.
- Warren I. Cohen (2001), *East Asia at the Center: Four Thousand Years of Engagement with the World*, New York: Columbia University Press.
- Daniel Tudor (2012), *Korea: The Impossible Country*, North Clarendon: Tuttle Publishing.
- Samuel Hawley (2014), *The Imjin War: Japan's Sixteenth-Century Invasion of Korea and Attempt to Conquer China*, London: Conquistador Press.
- Bruce Cumings (2005), *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company.
- Deuchler, Martina (1969), "The Opening of Korean Ports." *Korea Journal* 9:1 (January 1969): 11-20, 41.
- Choi, Chang-kyu (1975), "The Opening of A Treaty Port in Corea And the Open Door Policy in The Republic of Korea." *East Asian Review* 2:3 (Autumn 1975): 283-303.

Recommended Readings:

- Chun, Hae-jong (1968), "Encounter of Traditional and Foreign Thought." *Korea Journal* 8:2 (February 1968): 7-12.
- Carter J. Eckert (1991), *Korea Old and New: A History*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Kim, Han-shik (1983), "The Influence of Christianity on Modern Korean Political Thought." *Korea Journal* 23:12 (December 1983): 4-17.

2. Japanese colonization and Korean modernization

Essential Readings:

- Barbara J. Brooks (2000), *Japan's Imperial Diplomacy: Consuls, Treaty Ports, and War in China, 1895-1938*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- Hildi Kang (edit.) (2005), *Under the Black Umbrella: Voices from Colonial Korea, 1910-1945*, New York: Cornell University Press.
- Yumi Moon (2013), *Populist Collaborators: The Ilchinhoe and the Japanese Colonization of Korea, 1896-1910*, New York: Cornell University Press.
- Dudden, Alexis (2004), *Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Recommended Readings:

- Synn, Seung Kwon (1981), "Korean-Japanese Relations, 1894-1904 (I), (II)." *Korea Journal* 21:2 (February 1981): 12-25; 21:3 (March 1981): 4-20.
- Kim, Ki-Jung (1998), "The Road to Colonization: Korea Under Imperialism, 1897-1910." *Korea Journal* 38:4 (Winter 1998): 36-64.
- Choi, Mun-hyung (1984), "The Onslaught of Imperialist Powers and Its Influence in Korea." *Korea Journal* 24:3 (March 1984): 4-23.
- Hong, I-sop (1970), "Japanese Colonial Policy in Action." *Korea Journal* 10:10 (October 1970): 7-9.
- Hori, Kazuo (1999), "Japan's Incorporation of Takeshima into Its Territory in 1905." *Korea Observer* 28:3 (Autumn 1997): 477-525.
- Kang, Man-gil (1976), "Reflections on the Centenary of the Opening of Korea." *Korea Journal* 16:2 (February 1976): 10-18.

3. Anticolonial resistance and Korean communism

Essential Readings:

- F.A. McKenzie (2008), *Korea's Fight for Freedom (1920)*, Montana: Kessinger Publishing.
- Heonik Kwon (2012), *North Korea: Beyond Charismatic Politics*, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers; Illustrated edition.

- Dae-Sook Suh (1998), *Kim Il Sung: The North Korean Leader*, New York: Columbia University Press.
- Kang, Man-gil (1996), "The Nature and Process of the Korean National Liberation Movement during the Japanese Colonial Period." *Korea Journal* 36:2 (Spring 1996): 5-19.

Recommended Readings:

- Yun, Pyong-sok (1984), "Korean Resistance to Imperial Japanese Aggression." *Korea Journal* 24:3 (March 1984): 24-39.
- Ahn, Wae-soon (2003), "A Review of the Intellectual Thrust to Adopt Democracy in the Late 19th Century: The Integration of Eastern and Western Thought." *Korea Journal* 43:4 (Winter 2003): 164-185.
- Yun, Pyong-sok (1984), "Korean Resistance to Imperial Japanese Aggression." *Korea Journal* 24:3 (March 1984): 24-39.

4. Emergence of Korean nationalism

Essential Readings:

- Michael Breen (2004), *The Koreans: Who They Are, What They Want, Where Their Future Lies*, New York: St. Martin's Griffin Publication.
- Stephen Gowans (2018), *Patriots, Traitors, and Empires: The Story of Korea's Struggle for Freedom*, Quebec: Baraka Books.
- Hyung Il Pai and Timothy R. Tangherlini (1998), *Nationalism and the Construction of Korean Identity*, Berkeley: Center for Korean Studies, Institute of East Studies, University of California.
- Cha, Pi-yok (1976), "Political Thoughts behind Korean Nationalism." *Korea Journal* 16:4 (April 1976): 4-20.
- Chang, Ul-byong (1986), "Shin Ch'ae-ho's Nationalism and Anarchism." *Korea Journal* 26:11 (November 1986): 21-40.
- Hong, I-sop (1996), "Historical Characteristics of Korean Nationalism." *Korea Journal* 6:12 (December 1966): 14-17.

Recommended Readings:

- Juhn, Daniel S. (1977), "Nationalism and Korean Businessmen under Japanese Colonial Rule." *Korea Journal* 17:1 (January 1977): 4-12.
- Kim, Chun-yop (1987), "Historical View of Independence Movement." *Korea Journal* 27:10 (October 1987): 4-10.
- Lee, Chong-sik (1966), "Nature and Characteristics of Nationalist Movement in Korea." *Korea Journal* 6:1 (January 1966): 6-11.
- Adrian Buzo (2002), *The Making of Modern Korea*, Routledge.

5. 1945-8: Emancipation, separation, and insurrection

Essential Readings:

- Kim, Hyung-Kook (1995), *The division of Korea and the alliance-making process: internationalization of internal conflict and internalization of international struggle, 1945-1948*, Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- Cheong, Sung-hwa (1991), *The politics of anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea: Japanese-South Korean relations under American occupation 1945-1952*, New York: Greenwood Press.
- Cole, David Chamberlin (1983), *Financial development in Korea, 1945-1978*, Cambridge, Mass.: Council on East Asian Studies, Harvard University: Distributed by Harvard University Press.
- Allan R. Millett (2015), *The War for Korea, 1945-1950: A House Burning*, University Press of Kansas.

6. Korean War

Essential Readings:

- Bruce Cumings (1981, 1990), *The Origins of the Korean War* (2 vols), New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Abner, Alan K. (2001), *Psywarriors: Psychological Warfare during the Korean War*, Shippensburg, Pa.: Burd Street.
- Bailey, Sydney D. (1950), *The Korean Crisis: Some Background Information*, London: National Peace Council.
- Abshire, David and Brian Dickson (1983), "War by Miscalculation: The Forgotten Dimension." *The Washington Quarterly* 6:4 (Autumn 1983): 114-124.
- Gupta, Karunakar (1972), "How Did the Korean War Begin?" *The China Quarterly* 52 (October-December 1972): 699-716.

Recommended Readings:

- Syn, Song-Kil and Sin Sam-Soon (1990), "Who Started the Korean War?" *Korea and World Affairs* 14:2 (Summer 1990): 241-257.
- Stueck, William (1976), "The Soviet Union and the Origins of the Korean War." *World Politics* 28:4 (July 1976): 622-635.
- Steinberg, Blema S. (1965), "The Korean War: A Case Study in Indian Neutralism." *Orbis* 8:4 (Winter 1965): 937-954.

7. Militarism, Industrialization, and Gender

Essential Readings:

- Woronoff, Jon (1983), *Korea's economy: man-made miracle*, Seoul, Korea: Si-sa-yong-o-sa Publishers; Oregon: Pace International Research.
- Cho, Yoon Je (1995), *Credit policies and the industrialization of Korea*, Washington D.C.: World Bank.
- Kim, Kwang Suk (1979), *Growth and structural transformation*, Cambridge: Council on East Asian Studies, Harvard University: distributed by Harvard University Press.
- Yi, Eunhee Kim (1993), *From gentry to the middle class the transformation of family, community, and gender in Korea*, Thesis (Ph. D.) University of Chicago.
- Sorensen, Clark W. (1998), *Over the mountains, are mountains: Korean peasant households and their adaptations to rapid industrialization*, Seattle: University of Washington Press.
- Lim, Youngil (1981), *Government policy and private enterprise: Korean experience in industrialization*, Calif.: Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Center for Korean Studies.
- Seungsook Moon (2005), *Militarized Modernity and Gendered Citizenship in South Korea*, Duke University Press Books.

8. Authoritarianism, Opposition, and Democracy

Essential Readings:

- Sohn, Hak-Kyu (1989), *Authoritarianism and opposition in South Korea*, London; New York: Routledge.
- Pak, Chi-Young (1980), *Political opposition in Korea, 1945-1960*, Seoul: Seoul National University Press.
- Lee, Manwoo (1990), *The odyssey of Korean democracy: Korean politics, 1987-1990*, New York: Praeger.
- Choi, Chang-Yoon (1998), *In search of genuine democracy: the Korean experience in the 1980s*, Seoul: Seoul International Pub. House.
- Chang, Dal Joong (1985), *Economic control and political Authoritarianism: the role of Japanese corporations in Korean politics, 1965-1979*, Seoul: Sogang University Press.

Recommended Readings:

- Im, Hyung Baeg (1989), *Politics of transition democratic transition from authoritarian rule in South Korea*, Thesis (Ph. D.) University of Chicago, 1989.
- Cotton, James (1992), *Liberalization in Korea: obstacles and prospects*, Murdoch, W.A.: Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University.
- Kihl, Young W. (1984), *Politics and policies in divided Korea: regimes in contest*, Boulder: Westview Press.

- Greenberg, Marcia (1992), *Broken promises, unfulfilled dreams: human rights and democracy in South Korea*, New York: Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights.
- Nahm, Andrew C. (1988), *Korea: tradition & transformation: a history of the Korean people*, New Jersey: Hollym International Corp.

9. The relationship between North and South Korea in the post-Cold War era

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- Kim, Pyong-si (1970), *Modern Korea; the socialist North, revolutionary perspectives in the South, and unification*, New York, International Publishers.
- Hakjoon Kim (1978), *Unification Policies of South and North Korea: A Comparative Study*, Seoul: Seoul National University Press.
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- Sunoo, Harold Hakwon (1987), *Towards a solution of the confrontation between two Koreas*, West Germany: Korea Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Recommended Readings:

- Wonmo Dong (2000), *The two Koreas and the United States: issues of peace, Security, and economic cooperation*, Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe.
- Barnett, Angela L. (1988), *How to understand our relationship with Korea*, California: American Intercultural Consultation Group in conjunction with the Communication Society of Korea.
- Yi, Sang-u (1983), *Security and unification of Korea*, Seoul: Sogang University Press.
- Eberstadt, Nick (1995), *Korea approaches reunification*, Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe.
- Pyonghwa Tongil Yonguso (1975), *The challenge of peaceful unification: an introduction to Korea's unification policy*, Seoul: Research Center for Peace and Unification.
- Chung-in Moon (1999), "Understanding the DJ Doctrine: The Sunshine Policy and the Korean Peninsula," in *Moon (EDT.), Kim Dae-Jung Government and the Sunshine Policy*, Yonsei University Press, 1999), 35-56.