

SOCIOLOGY 181

SOCIAL CHANGE IN MODERN KOREA

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Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00-11:29

Location:

Course Description

This course explores the incredible transformation of Korean society in the modern period. We begin with the demise of the Chosŏn Dynasty at the end of the 19th century before covering the Japanese colonial period (1910-1945), the emergence of two Korean nation-states (1945-1948), the Korean War (1950-53), and the contemporary period (1960-present). The course is divided into two parts: in the first part of the course we will discuss Korea's political and economic transformation, and in the second part we will cover social and cultural change. Upon completion of the course students should have a thorough grasp of the vast social changes Korea underwent in the 20th century.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to complete all reading assignments prior to attending the lecture corresponding to the assignment. Lectures will not summarize readings but will build upon them. Students are expected to participate in class discussion. Students will take two examinations, corresponding to the substantive parts of the course. In addition, students will conduct an individual final project exploring an issue related to any of the topics covered in the class and present the analysis in a final paper (15-20 pages).

Course Evaluation

1. Midterm Examination: 30%
2. Final Examination: 30%
3. Final Project: 30%
4. Participation: 10%

Course Reading Materials

1. Course readings available through the Canvas course site.

Policy on Collaboration

Discussion and the exchange of ideas are essential to academic work. For assignments in this course, you are encouraged to consult with your classmates on the choice of paper topics and to share sources. You may find it useful to discuss your chosen topic with your peers, particularly if you are working on the same topic as a classmate. However, you should ensure that any written work you submit for evaluation is the result of your own research and writing and that it reflects your own approach to the topic. You must also adhere to standard citation practices in this discipline and properly cite any books, articles, websites, lectures, etc. that have helped you with your work. If you receive any help with your writing (feedback on drafts, etc.), you must also acknowledge this assistance.

LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

PART I: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE

Week 1 (8/31)

Thurs (8/31): Introduction to the Course

Week 2 (9/5 and 9/7)

Tues: The Decline of the Chosŏn Dynasty

1. Cumings, Bruce. 1997. "The Interests, 1860-1904." Pp. 86-138 in *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History*.

Thurs: The Opening of Korea

2. Shmid, Andre. 2002. "Decentering the Middle Kingdom and Realigning the East." Pp. 55-100 in *Korea Between Empires: 1895-1919*.

Week 3 (9/12 and 9/14)

Tues: Colonial Period 1, the Dark Years

3. Cumings, Bruce. 1997. "Eclipse, 1905-1945." Pp. 139-184 in *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History*.

Thurs: Colonial Period 2, Cultural Rule

4. Caprio, Mark E. 2009. "Post-March First Reform and Assimilation." Pp. 111-140 in *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945*.

Week 4 (9/19 and 9/21)

Tues: Colonial Period 3, War Mobilization

5. Caprio, Mark E. 2009. "Radical Assimilation under Wartime Conditions." Pp. 141-170 in *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945*.

Thurs: Divided Korea

6. Armstrong, Charles. 2003. "Liberation, Occupation, and the Emerging New Order." Pp. 38-70 in *The North Korean Revolution: 1945-1950*.
7. Cumings, Bruce. 1981. "Toward a Separate Southern Government." Pp. 179-213 in *The Origins of the Korean War: Liberation and the Emergence of Separate Regimes 1945-1947*.

Week 5 (9/26 and 9/28)

Tues: The Korean War

8. Cumings, Bruce. 1997. "Collision, 1948-1953." Pp. 237-298 in *Korea's Place in the Sun: a Modern History*.

Thurs: South Korean Economy 1

9. Lee, Sang-cheol. 2003. "Industrial Policy in the Park Chung-hee Era." Pp. 80-107 in *Developmental Dictatorship and the Park Chung-Hee Era: The Shaping of Modernity in the Republic of Korea*.

Week 6 (10/3 and 10/5)

Tues: South Korean Economy 2

10. Kang, Myung-Koo. 2009. "The Sequence and Consequences of Bank Restructuring in South Korea, 1998-2006: Too Fast to Adjust." *Asian Survey* 49(2): 243-267.

Thurs: South Korean Politics

11. Chang, Paul Y. 2015. "The Making of the Authoritarian State." Pp. 15-29 in *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970-1979*.
12. Chang, Paul Y. 2015. "Consolidating Authoritarianism." Pp. 31-45 in *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970-1979*.

Week 7 (10/10 and 10/12)

Tues: North Korean Politics

13. Hayes, Peter and Chung-in Moon. 2016. "The North Korean Nuclear Multilemma: Options to Break the Nuclear Deadlock in Northeast Asia." *Korea Observer* 47(4): 699-719.

Thurs: North Korean Economy

14. Armstrong, Charles. 2003. "Planning the Economy." Pp. 136-165 in *The North Korean Revolution: 1945-1950*.

Week 8 (10/17 and 10/19)

Tues: Review

Thurs: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

PART II: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE

Week 9 (10/24 and 10/26)

Tues: Gender and Family 1

15. Finch, John and Seung-kyung Kim. 2017. "The Korean Family in Transition." Pp. 135-148 in *Routledge Handbook of Korean Culture and Society*.

Thurs: Gender and Family 2

16. Brinton, Mary C. 2001. "Married Women's Labor in East Asian Economies." Pp. 1-37 in *Women's Working Lives in East Asia*.

Week 10 (10/31 and 11/2)

Tues: Aging Society and Multicultural Society

17. Kwon, Soonman. 2010. "Population Aging and the Introduction of Long-term Care Insurance in South Korea." Pp. 109-117 in *Aging Asia: The Economic and Social Implications of Rapid Demographic Change in China, Japan, and South Korea*.
18. Tchoe, Byongho. 2010. "Old-age Pension Reform in South Korea." Pp. 119-137 in *Aging Asia: The Economic and Social Implications of Rapid Demographic Change in China, Japan, and South Korea*.
19. Kim, Andrew Eungi. 2008. "Global Migration and South Korea: Foreign Workers, Foreign Brides, and the Making of a Multicultural Society." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 32(1): 70-92.
20. Choo, Hae Yeon. 2016. "The Journey of Global Women: From the Philippines to South Korea." Pp. 19-44 in *Decentering Citizenship: Gender, Labor, and Migrant Rights in South Korea*.

Thurs: Guest Lecture (Michael Prentice)

Week 11 (11/7 and 11/9)

Tues: The Korean Diaspora

21. Park, Jung-Sun and Paul Y. Chang. 2005. "Contention in the Construction of a Global Korean Community: The Case of the Overseas Korean Act." *Journal of Korean Studies* Vol. 10(1): 1-28.

Thurs: Korean Adoption and Unwed Mothers

22. Chang, Paul Y. and Andrea Kim Cavicchi. 2015. "Claiming Rights: Organizational and Discursive Strategies of the Korean Adoptee and Unwed Mothers Rights Movement." *Korea Observer* 46(1): 145-180.

Week 12 (11/14 and 11/16)

Tues: Christianity

23. Park, Chung-Shin. 2003. "The Growth of Protestantism: History and Meaning." Pp. 13-49 in *Protestantism and Politics in Korea*.
24. Buswell, Robert E. Jr. 1992. "Buddhism in Contemporary Korea." Pp. 21-36 in *The Zen Monastic Experience*.

Thurs: Popular Culture

25. Jung, Eun-Young. 2015. "New Wave Formations: K-Pop Idols, Social Media, and the Remaking of the Korean Wave." Pp. 73-89 in *Hallyu 2.0: The Korean Wave in the Age of Social Media*.

Week 13 (11/21 and 11/23):

Tues: Final Paper Discussion

Thurs: NO CLASS

Week 14 (11/28 and 11/30):

Tues: Korean Society: Past, Present, and Future

26. Chang, Yun-Shik. 2006. "South Korea: In Pursuit of Modernity." Pp. 345-373 in *Transformation in Twentieth Century Korea*.

Thurs: Catch Up

*FINAL PAPER: MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

*FINAL EXAM: 9AM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18