

SOCIOLOGY 111/211:
INTNLREL 143-01

STATE AND SOCIETY IN KOREA

Spring Quarter 2017

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Class Meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays 3pm-4:20 pm at School of Education #313

Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm or by appointment

Course Description: The basic purpose of this class is to understand society, politics, and international relations in twentieth-century Korea (both North and South) from historical and comparative perspectives. It is *not* aimed at surveying the history of Korea, but rather at discussing major sociological and theoretical issues in social change and development (economic and political) vis-à-vis the Korean experiences. Although Korea will be the focus of the course, it will often be contrasted with other East Asian nations and even with countries elsewhere in the world.

The class fulfills the General Educational Requirements for Area III-B and IV-A.

Grading: Will be based on book reviews (two for those taking this class as 111 or 143 and three for 211) (30%), a final exam (40%), and class attendance and discussion participation (30%). Each review essay must include a brief summary of the main issues/themes of the book and your own responses, in particular your critical assessment of the book's main arguments. Each essay should be around 800 words in length and must be submitted on the day of class, prior to class discussion, to get credit.

Textbooks:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea* (Stanford University Press, 2006)

Hwy-Chang Moon, *The Strategy for Korea's Economic Success* (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Gi-Wook Shin and Joon Nak Choi, *Global Talent* (Stanford University Press, 2015)

Dong Won Lim, *The Peacemaker* (Brookings and Shorenstein APARC, 2013)

Class Schedule

April 3: Introduction

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin and Rennie Moon, "South Korea 2016: Political Leadership in Crisis,"
Asian Survey, vol. 57 (2017), no.1: 7

April 5 and 10: Colonialism

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Chs. 2-3
Atul Kohli, "Where do high growth political economies come from?" *World
Development* 22(9): 1269-93

Suggested Readings:

Carter Eckert, *Offsprings of Empire*
Ramon Myers and Mark Peattie, *The Japanese Colonial Empire, 1895-1945*
Gi-Wook Shin and Michael Robinson, *Colonial Modernity in Korea*
Mark Caprio, *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea*
Yumi Moon, *Populist Collaborators*

April 12 and 17: Nationalism

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, intro, Ch. 1, and conclusion
Henry Em, "Minjok as a Modern and Democratic Construct," in
Gi-Wook Shin and Michael Robinson, *Colonial Modernity*, Ch. 12 (available
online through Stanford library system)

Suggested Readings:

Michael Robinson, *Cultural Nationalism in Korea*
Andre Schmid, *Korea between Empires, 1895-1919*
Hyung Il Pai, *Constructing Korean Origins*
Choon Soon Kim, *A Korean Nationalist Entrepreneur: A Life History of Kim Songsu,
1891-1955*

April 19 and 24: Modernization

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Ch. 5
Hwy-Chang Moon, *The Strategy for Korea's Economic Success* (Book Review 1)

Suggested Readings:

Jung-en Woo, *Race to the Swift*
Alice Amsden, *Asia's Next Giant*
Eun Mee Kim, *Big Business and Strong State*
Ezra Vogel, *Four Little Dragons*
Carter Eckert, Park Chung Hee and Modern Korea

April 26 and May 1: Democratization

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Ch. 9
Gi-Wook Shin and Paul Chang, *South Korean Social Movements*, Chs.1-2 (Electronic copy will be provided)

Suggested Readings:

Larry Diamond and Gi-Wook Shin, *Challenges for Maturing Democracies in South Korea and Taiwan*.
Larry Diamond and Doh Chull Shin, *Institutional Reform and Democratic Consolidation in Korea*
Hagen Koo, *Korean Workers*
Namhee Lee, *The Making of Minjung*
Paul Chang, *Protest Dialectics*.

May 3: Film (Fight for Democracy)

May 8 and 10: Globalization

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Ch. 11
Gi-Wook Shin and Joon Nak Choi, *Global Talent* (Book Review 2)

Suggested Readings:

Fred Alford, *Think No Evil: Korean Values in the Age of Globalization*
Chae-jin Lee, *The Troubled Peace*
Yunshik Chang, Hyun-ho Seok, and Donald Baker, *Korea Confronts Globalization*
Samel Kim, *Korea's Globalization*.

May 15 and 17: North Korea

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Ch. 4
Victor Cha and David Kang, *Nuclear North Korea*, Chs. 3-4 (available online through Stanford library system)

Suggested Readings:

B.R. Myers, *The Cleanest Race*
Barbara Demick, *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea*
Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland, *Famine in North Korea*
Charles Armstrong, *The North Korean Revolution*
John Everard, *Only Beautiful, Please*
Andrei Lankov, *The Real North Korea: Life and Politics in the Failed Stalinist Utopia.*

May 22: U.S.-Korean Relations

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, "Identity Politics and Policy Disputes in U.S.-Korea Relations," *Political Science Quarterly* Vol.127, No.2 (2012): 289-310.

Suggested Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *One Alliance, Two Lenses*
J.J Suh, *Power, Interest, and Identity in Military Alliances*
Chae-jin Lee, *The Troubled Peace*
Gil Rozman, *U.S., Leadership, History, and Bilateral Relations in Northeast Asia*
David Straub, *South Korea's Anti-Americanism*

May 24: Inter-Korean Relations and Unification

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*, Chs. 8 and 10
Dong Won Lim, *The Peacemaker* (Book Review 3)

Suggested Readings:

Roy Grinkler, *Korea and Its Future*
Byung Kwan Kim, Gi-Wook Shin, and David Straub, *Beyond North Korea*
Son Key-young, *South Korean Engagement Policies and North Korea*, Ch. 4

May 31: Korea and Northeast Asia

Readings:

Gi-Wook Shin and Daniel Sneider, *Divergent Memories*, Ch. 1 (Electronic copy will be provided)

Suggested Readings:

Gilbert Rozman, *Northeast Asia's Stunted Regionalism*

Gi-Wook Shin and Daniel Sneider, *History Textbooks and the Wars in Asia*

Gi-Wook Shin and Daniel Sneider, *Cross-Currents: Nationalism and Regionalism in Northeast Asia*

Scott Snyder, *China's Rise and the Two Koreas*

June 5: Korea's Relations with LDCs

Readings:

Rennie J. Moon and Gi-Wook Shin, "Aid as Transnational Social Capital: Korea's ODA in Higher Education," *Pacific Affairs* 89.4: 817-838.

June 7: Final Exam