**History of Korean Politics**

**Sogang University Summer Program, 2020**

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Classroom/Time: 000

**Overview:** This seminar introduces Korean politics in a historical perspective and covers both South Korea and North Korea. I will focus on Korean politics by comparing Korea with other countries. To improve students’ understanding about Korea and its politics, I will combine class lectures and field trips that are complementary. We will visit three museums: National Museum of Korea (pre-modern Korea), Seodaemun Prison History Hall (Korea under Japanese colonialism), and National Museum of Korean Contemporary History (modern development of Korea). English guided tours will be arranged. Because Sogang University is located at the center of Seoul, the field trips will give students unique opportunities to learn about history of Korean politics.

**Evaluation:** This class abides by university policy for evaluation. Evaluation criteria include 2 case presentations (20 minutes plus Q&A [20% and 20%]), in-class exam (40%), and class participation (20%).

**Textbook:** *Korea’s Place in the Sun* by Bruce Cumings (Available at Kyobo bookstore [Gwanghwamun])

**Class Schedule:**

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| **30/6 Tue** | **Course overview**  **Concept of Politics**  **Korean politics during the pre-modern time I**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 1, The Virtues** Suggested readings: Politics and Policy in Traditional Korea by Palais. |
| **1/7 Wed** | **Korean politics during the pre-modern time II**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 2, The Interests, 1860-1904**  Suggested readings: *Korea Old and New* by Carter Eckert et al.  *A New History of Korea* by Ki-baik Lee. |
| **2/7 Thu** | **The first field trip: National Museum of Korea** (pre-modern Korea) |
| **6/7 Mon** | **Continued: Korean politics during the pre-modern time II** |
| **7/7 Tue** | **The second field trip: Seodaemun Prison History Hall** (Korea under Japanese colonialism) |
| **8/7 Wed** | **Korea under Japanese colonialism**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 3, Eclipse, 1905-1945**  Suggested readings: *Offspring of Empire* by Carter Eckert  *Colonial Rule and Social Change in Korea, 1910-1945* by Hong Yung Lee et al. |
| **9/7 Thu** | **Politics of Korean Independence and Birth of Two Koreas**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 4, The Passion, 1945-1948**  Suggested readings: *Origin of Korean War* by Cumings |
| **13/7 Mon** | **Korean War**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 5, Collison, 1948-1953**  Suggested readings: *Origin of Korean War* by Bruce Cumings |
| **14/7 Tue** | **Student Presentations I** |
| **15/7 Wed** | **North Korean Politics**  **Required reading: Cummings Ch. 8, Nation of the Sun King: North Korea, 1953-Present**  Suggested readings: *Tyranny of the Weak* by Charles Armstrong |
| **16/7 Thu** | **The third field trip: National Museum of Korean Contemporary History** (modern development of Korea)  **\*\*Note:** The museum has three major themes: state-building, economic development, and democratization of Korea |
| **20/7 Mon** | **Korean modern development and state-building**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 6, Korean Sun Rising: Industrialization, 1953-Present**  Suggested readings: *Asia’s Next Giant: South Korea and Late Industrialization* by Allice Amsden |
| **21/7 Tue** | **Democratic development of Korea**  **Required reading: Cumings Ch. 7, The Virtues, II: The Democratic Movement, 1960-Present**  Suggested readings: *Korea’s Democratization* by Samuel Kim |
| **22/7 Wed** | **Student Presentations II** |
| **23/7 Thu** | **Final Exam** |