

## INTRODUCTION TO KOREAN CIVILIZATION

History 098 (cross-listed as EALC 080)

--Spring 2015--

This gateway course surveys the history of Korea from early times to the present. We will study the establishment of various sociopolitical orders and their characteristics alongside major cultural developments. Covered topics include: state formation and dissolution; the role of ideology and how it changes; religious beliefs and values; agriculture, commerce, and industry; changing family relations; responses to Western imperialism; and Korea's increasing presence in the modern world as well as its future prospects. Students will also be introduced to various interpretive approaches in the historiography. No prior knowledge of Korea or Korean language is presumed.

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Requirements: Class Attendance and Participation (10%)  
Summary of the Readings (20%)  
Book Review (10%)  
Midterm examination (30%)  
Final examination (30%)

Extra credit: Earned by attending a pre-announced Korea-related talk and submitting a page-long (single-spaced) write-up analyzing it

### Readings:

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Required.

Lee, Peter H., and Wm. Theodore de Bary, eds. 1996. *Sources of Korean Tradition*, Vol. 1: *From Early Times through the Sixteenth Century*. New York: Columbia University Press. Optional.

Choe, Yong-ho, Peter H. Lee, and Wm. Theodore de Bary, eds. 2000. *Sources of Korean Tradition*. Vol. 2: *From the Sixteenth to the Twentieth Centuries*. New York: Columbia University Press. Optional.

Academic journal articles: distributed through Penn+Box  
<<https://upenn.app.box.com/login>>. Required.

Absences, missed exams, and late submissions will be penalized, unless based on medical, family emergency-related, or religious reasons with documentation.

Some holidays are observed by enough students that the university has determined that examinations may not be administered nor may assigned work be required on those dates (paragraph 2, the university's Policy on Secular and Religious Holidays). For other holidays such as the Lunar ("Chinese") New Year's Day, students who notify the instructor in the first two weeks of the semester of their intention to observe them will be permitted to make up any missed work or examinations. These include but are not limited to those listed in paragraph 3 of the policy. The University Chaplain's letter lists dates for all holidays treated in paragraph 2, as well as many but not all of the other holidays that might fall under paragraph 3.

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated. Cheating, forgery, dishonest conduct, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the university's educational, research, and social roles. In line with university regulations, course instructor reserves the right to discipline any student found guilty of inappropriate conduct.

All students will be treated equally, and all marks are final, barring any calculation error. Absolutely no re-grading or re-reading, even when requested on the ground that the student wants to know what (s)he could have done better or needs a certain grade to graduate. After the pre-announced class time during which the student can review the graded material, the instructor will collect it in order to minimize the risk of graded course material circulating outside the class. A student absent during the in-class review will have one week to examine the graded material at another time in the instructor's presence.

#### COURSE SCHEDULE:

##### **Week 1: Introduction**

##### **Week 2: Origins of Korean Civilization and the Period of the Three Kingdoms**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 1 & 2.

Gries, Peter Hays. 2005. "The Koguryo Controversy, National Identity, and Sino-Korean Relations Today". *East Asia: An International Quarterly*. 22 (4): 3-17.

Farris, William Wayne. 1996. "Ancient Japan's Korean Connection". *Korean Studies*. 20 (1): 1-22. Optional.

##### **Week 3 (1/26, 1/28): Silla and Parhae, 676 to 935**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 3.

Barnes, Gina Lee. 2004. "The Emergence and Expansion of Silla from an Archaeological Perspective". *Korean Studies*. 28 (1): 14-48.

Sloane J.D. 2014. "Parhae in Historiography and Archaeology: International Debate and Prospects for Resolution". *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*. 27 (1): 1-35.

Lee, Soyoung, and Denise Patry Leidy. 2013. *Silla: Korea's Golden Kingdom*. New York : The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New Haven : Distributed by Yale University Press. Optional.

#### **Week 4 (2/2, 2/4): Koryŏ - The Early Medieval Period, 935-1170**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 4.

Breuker, Remco E. 2010. *Establishing a Pluralist Society in Medieval Korea, 918-1170 History, Ideology and Identity in the Koryŏ Dynasty*. Introduction.

Duncan, John B. 1988. "The Formation of the Central Aristocracy in Early Koryŏ". *Korean Studies*. 12 (1): 39-61.

#### **Week 5: Koryŏ - The Late Medieval Period, 1170–1392**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 5.

Schultz, Edward J. 2000. *Generals and Scholars: Military Rule in Medieval Korea*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Introduction.

Robinson, David M. 2009. *Empire's Twilight: Northeast Asia under the Mongols*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Asia Center for the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Chap3.

#### **Week 6: Establishment of the Chosŏn Dynasty, 1392–1637**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 6.

Eugene Y. Park. 2015. "Progeny of the Koryŏ Dynasty: The Kaesŏng Wang in Chosŏn Korea". *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*. 28 (1).

Lewis, James Bryant. 2015. *The East Asian War, 1592-1598: International Relations, Violence, and Memory*. Abingdon, Oxon ; New York : Routledge.

#### **Week 7: Chosŏn Society (and Midterm Exam)**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 7.

Yi, Pae-yong, and Ted Chan. 2008. *Women in Korean History*. Seoul: Ewha Womans University Press.

Jungmann, Burglind. 2004. *Painters as Envoys: Korean Inspiration in Eighteenth-Century Japanese Nanga*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. Optional.

Short, John R. 2012. *Korea: A Cartographic History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Optional.

### **Week 8: Late Chosŏn: Early 18<sup>th</sup> century to 1876**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 8.

O, Su-ch'ang. 2006. "Economic Growth in P'yŏngan Province and the Development of Pyongyang in the Late Chosŏn Period". *Korean Studies*. 30 (1): 3-22.

Chang, Gordon H. 2003. "Whose "Barbarism"? Whose "Treachery"? Race and Civilization in the Unknown United States-Korea War of 1871". *The Journal of American History*. 89 (4): 1331-1365.

### **Week 9: Korea in the Age of Imperialism: 1876–1910**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 9.

Kim, Tong-no, John B. Duncan, and To-hyŏng Kim. 2006. *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*. Seoul: Jimoondang.

Ch'oe, Yŏng-ho. 2007. *From the Land of Hibiscus Koreans in Hawai'i, 1903-1950*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Chap 1.

Uden, Martin. 2003. *Times Past in Korea: An Illustrated Collection of Encounters, Events, Customs and Daily Life Recorded by Foreign Visitors*. London: Korea Library. Optional.

### **Week 10: The Japanese Colonial Rule, 1910–1945**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 10.

Kim, Kyung Hyun and Youngmin Choe. 2014. *The Korean Popular Culture Reader*. Durham, North Carolina : Duke University Press. Chap 9.

Hyŏn, Tae-song. 2008. *The Historical Perceptions of Korea and Japan: Its Origins and Points of the Issues Concerning Dokdo-Takeshima, Yasukuni Shrine, Comfort Women, and Textbooks*. Gyoha-eup Kyeonggi-do, Korea: Nanam. Introduction.

### **Week 11: Rival New Regimes and the Korean War, 1945-53**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 11.

Shin, Gi-Wook, Soon-Won Park, and Daqing Yang. 2007. *Rethinking Historical Injustice and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia the Korean Experience*. London: Routledge. Chap 4 & 5.

### **Week 12: North Korea**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 12.

Lankov, A. N. (Andrei Nikolaevich). 2002. "Kim Takes Control: The "Great Purge" in North Korea, 1956-1960". *Korean Studies*. 26 (1): 87-119.

Ria Chae. 2014. "Diplomatic War: Inter-Korean Relations in the 1970s". *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*. 27 (2): 307-330.

### **Week 13: South Korea - From Poverty to Prosperity**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 13.

Moon, Katharine H. S. 1997. *Sex among Allies: Military Prostitution in U.S.-Korea Relations*. New York: Columbia University Press. Introduction.

Choi, Sheena, Kathleen A. Murphey, and Michael J. Seth. 2003. "Education Fever: Society, Politics, and the Pursuit of Schooling in South Korea". *The Journal of Asian Studies*. 62 (2): 645.

### **Week 14: South Korea – Creating a Democratic Society**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 14.

Yea, Sallie. 2000. "Maps of Resistance and Geographies of Dissent in the Cholla Region of South Korea". *Korean Studies*. 24 (1): 69-93.

Armstrong, Charles K. 2001. "America's Korea, Korea's Vietnam". *Critical Asian Studies*. 33 (4): 527-539.

### **Week 15: Contemporary Korea**

Seth, Michael J. 2011. *A History of Korea from Antiquity to the Present*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. Chap 15 & 16.

Lim, Timothy. 2010. "Rethinking Belongingness in Korea: Transnational Migration, "Migrant Marriages" and the Politics of Multiculturalism". *Pacific Affairs*. 83 (1): 51-71.

Kuwahara, Yasue. 2014. *The Korean Wave: Korean Popular Culture in Global Context*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. Introduction.

**Final Exam: TBA.**