

PROVISIONAL

MODERN KOREA

History 121 (cross-listed as EALC 082)

--Fall 2014--

An examination of modern Korean society and culture in tumultuous transition, focusing on challenges for the Chosŏn Dynasty and its reform effort, pressures of imperialism, impact of Japanese colonial rule, conflict between two rival regimes, South Korea's emergence as a major player in the international political economy, some salient features of the totalitarian North Korean regime, triumph of democracy, and Korea's place in the world. This course fulfills Cross Cultural Analysis requirement.

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Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3–4:20 pm
Location TBA

Office hours: TBA

Requirements: Map quiz (5%)
Midterm exam (30%)
Term paper, assigned topic (25%)
Final exam (30%)
In-class discussion participation (10%)

Extra credit: Can be earned by attending a pre-announced Korea-related talk and submitting a page-long (single-spaced) write-up both describing and critiquing it

Readings:

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

Academic journal articles: distributed through Dropbox <www.dropbox.com>. Required.

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

is not tolerated at the University of Pennsylvania. 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 instructors reserve the right to discipline any student found guilty of inappropriate conduct.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 (8/28): Introduction

Week 2 (9/2, 9/4): The Taewŏn'gun's Reform, 1864–1873

Sun Joo Kim, "Taxes, Local Elite, and Rural Populace in the Chinju Uprising of 1862," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 66.4 (November 2007): 993–1027.

Gordon H. Chang, "Whose 'Barbarism'? Whose 'Treachery'? Race and Civilization in the Unknown United States-Korea War of 1871," *Journal of American History* 89.4 (March 2003): 1331–65.

Sources of Korean Tradition 2:

"Yi Hangno: Sinify the Western Barbarians," pp. 140–42.

"Ch'oe Cheu: On Learning Truth," pp. 232–34.

Week 3 (9/9, 9/11): The Eastern Ways–Western Implements Reform, 1873–1890

Andrew Eungi Kim, "Political Insecurity, Social Chaos, Religious Void and the Rise of Protestantism in Late Nineteenth-Century Korea," *Social History* 26.3 (October 2001): 267–81.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

"Yi Manson and Others: Memorial Submitted by Ten Thousand Men," pp. 242–44.

"Yu Kilchun: Levels of Enlightenment," pp. 248–53.

*Map quiz on Thursday, 9/11.

Week 4 (9/16, 9/18): Popular and Civic Reform Movements, 1890–1897

Kyung Moon Hwang, "Citizenship, Social Equality and Government Reform: Changes in the Household Registration System in Korea, 1894–1910," *Modern Asian Studies* 38.2 (May 2004): 355–87.

Susie Jie Young Kim, "What (Not) to Wear: Refashioning Civilization in Print Media in Turn-of-the-Century Korea," *Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique* 15.3 (Winter 2007): 609–36.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

"A Call to Arms Issued at Paeksan," pp. 263–64.

"Kabo Reform Edicts," pp. 273–75.

Week 5 (9/23, 9/25): Imperial Korea, 1897–1910

Vladimir Tikhonov, "Masculinizing the Nation: Gender Ideologies in Traditional

Korea and in the 1890s–1900s Korean Enlightenment Discourse,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 66.4 (November 2007): 1029–65.

Yi Tae-jin, “The Illegality of the Forced Treaties Leading to Japan’s Annexation of the Great Han Empire,” *Korea Journal* 36.4 (Winter 1996): 55–84.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

“Inaugural Message of *The Independent*,” pp. 279–80.

“Chu Sigyŏng: Essay on the Korean Language,” pp. 280–81.

“Yi Sangjae and Others: Memorial on National Salvation,” pp. 283–85.

Week 6 (9/30, 10/2): Anti-Japanese Resistance and Korean Nationalism, 1905–1910

*Midterm exam on Thursday, 10/2.

Week 7 (10/7; no class on 10/9): The Japanese Military Rule, 1910–1919

Week 8 (10/14, 10/16): Korean Nationalism and Social Revolution, 1919–1931

Richard Devine, “Japanese Rule in Korea after the March First Uprising: Governor General Hasegawa’s Recommendations,” *Monumenta Nipponica* 52.4 (Winter 1997): 523–40.

Mitsuhiko Kimura, “The Economics of Japanese Imperialism in Korea, 1910–1939,” *Economic History Review*, New Series, 48.3 (August 1995): 555–74.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

“Son Pyŏnghŭi and Others: Declaration of Independence,” pp. 336–39.

“The Korean Congress in the U.S.: An Appeal to America,” pp. 341–43.

Week 9 (10/21, 10/23): Forced Assimilation and Wartime Mobilization, 1931–1945

Kyu Hyun Kim, “Reflections on the Problems of Colonial Modernity and ‘Collaboration’ in Modern Korean History.” *Journal of International and Area Studies* 11.3 (2004): 95–111.

Pyong Gap Min, “Korean ‘Comfort Women’: The Intersection of Colonial Power, Gender, and Class,” *Gender and Society* 17.6 (December 2003): 938–57.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

“Mun Ilp’yŏng: New Challenges for a Nation with Old Culture,” pp. 319–20.

“Yi Yunjae: Inaugural Editorial for *Han’gŭl*,” pp. 321–22.

“Kim Kyosin: Inaugural Editorial in *Biblical Korea*,” pp. 326–28.

Week 10 (10/28, 10/30): Rival New Regimes and the Korean War, 1945–1953

Charles K. Armstrong, “The Cultural Cold War in Korea, 1945–1950,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 62.1 (February 2003): 71–99.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2: “The Constitution of the Republic of Korea, 1948,” pp. 382–84.

“DPRK’s Old Socialist Constitution” (issued around 1950), Articles 1–38.

*Term paper due at the beginning of the class on Thursday, 10/30.

Week 11 (11/4, 11/6): Postwar Economic Development

Nicholas Eberstadt, "Disparities in Socioeconomic Development in Divided Korea: Indications and Implications," *Asian Survey* 40.6 (November-December 2000): 867-93.

David C. Kang, "Bad Loans to Good Friends: Money Politics and the Developmental State in Korea," *International Organization* 56.1 (Winter 2002): 177-207.

Week 12 (11/11, 11/13): Postwar Politics in the South

Namhee Lee, "Representing the Worker: The Worker-Intellectual Alliance of the 1980s in South Korea," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 64 (November 2005): 911-37.

Lim Chae-Hong, "The National Security Law and Anticommunist Ideology in Korean Society," *Korea Journal* 46.3 (Autumn 2006): 80-102.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

"Declaration of the Seoul National University Students Association, April 1960," pp. 393-95.

"Ham Sŏkhŏn: The Meaning of Suffering," pp. 412-16.

Week 13 (11/18, 11/20): Postwar Politics in the North

Andrei N. Lankov, "The Demise of Non-Communist Parties in North Korea (1945-1960)," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 3.1 (Winter 2001): 103-25.

Mitchell B. Lerner, "A Dangerous Miscalculation: New Evidence from Communist-Bloc Archives about North Korea and the Crisis of 1968," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 6.1 (Winter 2004): 3-21.

SOURCES OF KOREAN TRADITION 2:

"Kim Ilŏng: 'On Eliminating Dogmatism and Formalism and Establishing Juche [*Chuch'e*] in Ideological Work," pp. 420-25.

"North-South Joint Communiqué, Issued on 4 July 1972," pp. 426-28.

Week 14 (11/25; no class on 11/27): Culture and Society of Two Koreas

Sang Mi Park, "The Paradox of Postcolonial Korean Nationalism: State-Sponsored Cultural Policy in South Korea, 1965-Present," *The Journal of Korean Studies* 15.1 (Fall 2010): 67-93.

Kyung Ae Park, "Women and Revolution in North Korea," *Pacific Affairs* 65.4 (1992-93): 527-45.

Week 15 (12/2, 12/4): Korea Since 1987

Jennifer S. Oh, "Strong State and Strong Civil Society in Contemporary South Korea: Challenges to Democratic Governance," *Asian Survey* 52.3 (May/June 2012): 528-49.

Bruce W. Bennett and Jennifer Lind, "The Collapse of North Korea: Military Missions and Requirements," *International Security* 36.2 (Fall 2011): 84-119.

Katrin Katz and Victor Cha, "South Korea in 2011: Holding Ground as the Region's Linchpin," *Asian Survey* 52.1 (January/February 2012): 52-64.

Week 16 (12/9): Korea's Place in the World

*Final exam, date and time TBA.