Readings in Korean History: Korean Society, 1800–1945
History 630 (cross-listed as EALC 780)
--Spring 2014--

This course offers a graduate level introduction to the academic literature on modern Korea’s social history broadly construed. A reading list of noteworthy monographs and edited volumes is intended to help students map the critical questions and debates that have shaped the field. The readings as a whole also represent key methodological developments, including gender and transnational histories. The course proceeds as a reading seminar, meeting weekly. Writing requirements are book reviews and a historiographical paper on a topic of the student’s choosing. Open to motivated undergraduates with instructor’s permission.

Class meetings: Monday 2–4:50 pm, College Hall 315A

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Requirements: Attendance (5%)  
Active discussion participation (25%)  
Discussion leading (30%)  
Book reviews (10%)  
Historiographical paper (20%)  
Map quiz (5%)  
McCune-Reischauer Korean romanization system quiz (5%)

Readings: Listed under Course Schedule (below)  
All books are available at Penn Book Store and Rosengarten Reserve.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 (Jan. 15) : Introduction to historiography on Korea

Week 2 (Jan. 20, no class)

Week 3 (Jan. 27): Socioeconomic history of Korea, 1800–1945

**Week 4 (Feb. 3): Secondary status groups in the modern era, 1800–1945**


*McCune-Reischauer Korean romanization system quiz at the beginning of the class, Monday, February 10.*

**Week 5 (Feb. 10): The northern region, 1800–1945**


*Map quiz at the beginning of the class, Monday, February 17.*

**Week 6 (Feb. 17): Wrongful deaths and the law in the nineteenth Century**


**Week 7 (Feb. 24): The Empire of Korea, 1897–1910**


**Week 8 (March 3): Formation of Korean Protestantism, 1876–1915**


**Spring Break (no class)**

**Week 9 (March 17): Populism and pro-Japanese collaboration, 1896–1910**


**Week 10 (March 24): Colonial modernity, 1910–1945**

Week 1 (March 31): Japanese colonial rule and assimilation Policies, 1910–1945


Week 12 (Apr. 7): Japanese settlers and colonialism, 1876–1945


Week 14 (Apr. 21): Factory women, 1910–1945


Week 15 (Apr. 28): Longue durée family history of Korea, 1590–1945


*Historiographical paper due, 5 pm, Tuesday, May 13.*