

PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS

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

Instructor: Eugene Y. Park
College Hall 306E
610-312-4387
epa@sas.upenn.edu

Office hours: Mondays, noon–1 pm; and Wednesdays 3–5 pm

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

Pang Kie-Chung and Michael D. Shin, eds. *Landlords, Peasants and Intellectuals in Modern Korea*. Ithaca: East Asia Program, Cornell University, 2005.

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

Hwang, Kyung Moon. *Beyond Birth: Social Status in the Emergence of Modern Korea*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004.

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

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

Kim, Sun Joo, ed. *The Northern Region of Korea: History, Identity, and Culture*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2010.

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

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

Kim, Sun Joo, and Jungwon Kim, comp. and trans. *Wrongful Deaths: Selected Inquest Records from Nineteenth-Century Korea*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014.

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

Kim Dong-no, John B. Duncan, and Kim Do-hyung, eds. *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*. Seoul: Jimoondang, 2006.

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

Oak, Sung-Deuk. *The Making of Korean Christianity: Protestant Encounters with Korean Religions, 1876–1915*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2013.

Spring Break (no class)

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

Moon, Yumi. *Populist Collaborators: The Ilchinhoe and the Japanese Colonization of Korea, 1896–1910*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013.

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

Shin, Gi-Wook, and Michael Robinson, eds. *Colonial Modernity in Korea*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Asia Center, 1999.

Week 11 (March 31): Japanese colonial rule and assimilation Policies, 1910–1945

Caprio, Mark. *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea, 1910–1945*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2009.

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

Uchida, Jun. *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876–1945*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2011.

Week 13 (Apr. 14): Politics of gender, 1910–1945

Yoo, Theodore Jun. *The Politics of Gender in Colonial Korea: Education, Labor, and Health, 1910–1945*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008.

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

Kim, Janice C. H. *To Live to Work: Factory Women in Colonial Korea, 1910–1945*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009.

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

Park, Eugene Y. *A Family of No Prominence: The Descendants of Pak Tökhwa and the Birth of Modern Korea*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2014. Forthcoming.

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