



Introduction to Korean Politics

Course Code	200.215 (College of Social Sciences)		
Class Times	TBA	Classroom	TBA
Equivalent Year Level	2~4	Course Credit	3
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Education

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
B.A., Seoul National University

Expertise

Korean Politics, Governance, Civil Society, Interest Group Politics, Political Economy

Most Recent Works

Politics of Governance: A New Paradigm of Korean Politics (in Korean), Seoul: Myoung In, 2014

□ Course Information



Course Description	The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the history and institutions Korean politics. The course is divided into two parts. Part I examines the historical trajectory of Korean politics. Part II deals with major political institutions and actors in Korea. Class will be conducted in a seminar consisting of lectures, student participation, and discussions. Each session, a student (or a group of students) will present a critical review (no longer than five pages, double spaced) of each week's readings. Students are also required to submit and present a short, one-page critical review of each session's readings. There will be a final exam. If necessary, the contents and/or format of the course can be somewhat changed
Course Evaluation	Class participation 10% Critical review/note and presentation 30% Midterm exam 30% Final exam 30% Attendance will be important for keeping up with class. Good attendance and active participation will be reflected in grade.
Course Materials	Required readings will be provided on-line in advance.
Class Policy	<i>(Insert as necessary)</i>
Etc. <i>(e.g. Guidelines)</i>	

□ Course Schedule

Session 1--Introduction

No assigned readings

PART I: HISTORY

Session 2--Brief Survey

Video: The Dynamic Development of Korean Democracy

*The Korea Herald and The Korean Political Science Association eds., *Political Change in Korea* (Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008), chapter 1 (pp. 11-26).

*Hagen Koo, "Strong State and Contentious Society," in Hagen Koo ed. *State and Society in Contemporary Korea* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993).

Session 3--Democratization

*Sunhyuk Kim, *The Politics of Democratization in Korea: The Role of Civil Society* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000), chapter 5.



*Hyug Baeg Im, "Politics of Democratic Transition from Authoritarian Rule in Korea," *Korean Social Science Journal*, Vol. 21, 1995.

*Dae Jung Kim, "Is Culture Destiny?: The Myth of Asia's Anti-Democratic Values," A Response to Lee Kuan Yew, *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 1994.

Session 4--Industrialization

Video: Secrets behind Korea's Economic Success

*Bruce Cumings, *Korea's Place in the Sun* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1997), chapter 6.

*Euiyoung Kim, "Reconstructing the Developmental State," in Young Rae Kim et. al. eds. *Redefining Korean Politics: Lost Paradigm and New Vision* (Seoul: Korean Political Science Association, 2002).

Stephan Haggard and Chung-in Moon, "The State, Politics, and Economic Development in Postwar South Korea" in Hagen Koo (ed.) *State and Society in Contemporary Korea* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993), pp. 51-94.

Session 5--Consolidating Democracy in South Korea

Special Documentary: Power of the People, NGO

*Sunhyuk Kim, *The Politics of Democratization in Korea: The Role of Civil Society* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000), chapter 6.

*Euiyoung Kim, "The Limits of NGO-Government Relations in South Korea," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 49, Issue 5, 2009.

Debate: role of civil society in democratic consolidation

Session 6 – Midterm Exam & Movie on History of Korean Politics

PART II: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Session 7 – Visit to National Museum of Korean Contemporary History

Session 8 – Party and Electoral Politics

The Korea Herald and The Korean Political Science Association eds., *Political Change in Korea* (Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008). pp. 84-167; 170-202.

Session 9--President and National Assembly

The Korea Herald and The Korean Political Science Association eds., *Political Change in Korea* (Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008), pp. 212-237 and 240-272.

Session 10--Civil Society and Interest Group Politics



The Korea Herald and The Korean Political Science Association eds., *Political Change in Korea* (Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008), pp. 203-210; 273-283; 286-295; 314-322

Jennifer S. Oh, "Strong State and Strong Civil Society in Contemporary Korea: Challenges to Democratic Governance." *Asian Survey*, Vol. 52, No. 3, 2013.

Session 11 – Visit to the National Assembly

Session 12 – Special Lecture on Media and Korean Politics I

Session 13 – Special Lecture on Media and Korean Politics II

Session 14 – Wrap-up Session

Session 15 – Final Exam