Introduction to Korean Politics

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**Instructor’s Profile**

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Euiyoung Kim is Professor of Political Science and International Relations. He is also Director of Center for Social Sciences, SNU and Program on Democracy and Economic Development, SNU Asia Center. He is currently President of the Korean Political Science Association. Professor Kim was Research Fellow at the Sejong Institute and Professor of Political Science and International Relations and Dean of Office of International Affairs in Kyung Hee University. He was also Secretary General of World Civic Forum, a joint initiative of UN DESA and Kyung Hee University.

**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 of 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

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**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

*(Insert as necessary)*

Etc.

*(e.g. Guidelines)*

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### Course Schedule

#### Session 1--Introduction

No assigned readings

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**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).


#### Session 3--Democratization

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.


Session 5 -- Consolidating Democracy in South Korea

Special Documentary: Power of the People, NGO


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


Session 9 -- President and National Assembly


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

**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**