

Two Korea

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This course examines the history of two Korea since 1945 through articles, books, and movies. The crucial events and issues since 1945 are the main topics in this course. Origins of the division, the Korean War, interrelation between South and North, economic growth and democratization in South Korea, and North Korean nuclear issue are the topics of this class.

Course Requirements for Undergraduate Students:

- Essay 1 (A4 3 pages): primary source analysis, due at class 6. 20 percent of the course grade.
- Mid-exam: class 8. 20 percent of the class grade
- Essay II (A4 3 pages): analysis based on a theory, due at class 11. 20 percent of the course grade.
- Final Exam: class 15. 20 percent of the course grade
- Class discussion participation: 20 percent of the course grade

Course Requirements for Graduate Students:

- Essay 1 (A4 6 pages): primary source analysis, due at class 6. 20 percent of the course grade.
- Mid-exam: class 8. 20 percent of the class grade
- Essay II (A4 6 pages): analysis based on a theory, due at class 11. 20 percent of the course grade.
- Final Exam: class 15. 20 percent of the course grade
- Class discussion participation: 20 percent of the course grade

Students are expected to complete all assignments on time. No extensions, substitutions, etc., will be allowed except in extraordinary circumstances such as serious illness, verified in writing by a doctor or relevant authority and natural disaster.

Late submission penalty: one grade down from the assignment grade per day.

Attendance for every class is required except in extraordinary circumstances as mentioned above.

Required Book

Tae Gyun Park, *Ally and Empire, Two Myth of South Korea-United States Relations, 1945-1980* (AKS, 2012)

Week 1: Course Introduction (August 30, Wednesday)

- *Ally and Empire*, pp. 15-30

Week 2: Why was Korea independent being different from Vietnam and Indonesia?

Main Question: Why was Korea divided in 1945?

- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 1, 31-63
- Cairo Declaration, General Order No. 1, SWNCC 176 Series, JCS 1725/1 (*Containment* pp. 302-311)

Week 3: Why did a war break out instead of Taiwan or Germany?

Main Question: What was the impact of Chinese Revolution in US policy toward Asia?

- *The Korean War*, Chapter 3 (translation version)
- NSC 8/1, NSC 48, and NSC 49 (*Containment* pp. 231-235, 385-442)

Week 4: Was the US Policy during the Korean War successful?

Main Question: What was the effect of crossing over the 38th parallel in October, 1950?

- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 3, pp. 93-133
- *The Korean War*, Chapter 4 (translation version)

Week 5: Movie

“Frontline” (2011)

Week 6: Was the war ended?

Note: Essay I due in class

Main Question: What is the meaning of the armistice?

- Tae Gyun Park, “What Happened Sixty Years Ago?: ROK US Deep Distrust Between President Rhee and Eisenhower,” *Journal of International and Area Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2014. <http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/pdf/43111523.pdf?refreqid=search%3A9f6b2f1429d10202d1e0dacc535b461>

Week 7: New Look and the origins of the North Korea’s nuclear issue.

Main Question: Why did the US deploy the nuclear weapon in South Korea?

- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 3, pp. 134-149

Week 8: Mid-exam

Week 9: Origins of the South Korea’s economic growth I

Main Question: What was the reason why the US support the Military Junta rather than lawful government?

- “Changes in US Policy toward South Korea in the early 1960s,” *Korean Studies* <http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/pdf/23719217.pdf?refreqid=search%3A28cf1501e683106ad02fb7d19a7ac3ed>
- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 4, pp. 150-235

Week 10: Origins of the South Korea’s economic growth II

Main Question: Why did South Korea involve in the Vietnam War?

Week 11: Security Crisis on the Korean Peninsula in the late 1960s

Main Question: What is the main reason why the security crisis happened?

- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 6, pp. 256-301

- Tae Gyun Park, “Security Crisis in the mid-1960s,” *Pacific Affairs* vol. 82, no. 1, 2009. <http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/pdf/40377679.pdf?refreqid=search%3A9f6b2f1429d10202d1e0dacc535b461>

Week 12: Détente and the Korean Peninsula

Essay II due in Class

Main Question: Why did the US wait and see the consolidation of the dictatorship in East Asian countries in early 1970s?

- *Ally and Empire*, Chapter 7, pp. 303-335
- “Consolidation of Regime in the early 1970s in East Asia”

Week 13: Gwangju and the US (Movie)

Main Question: Was the US responsible for the Gwangju Massacre in 1980?

- Katsiaficas, “Neoliberalism and the Gwangju Uprising,” *Korea Policy Review* (Cambridge: John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University) Vol. II, 2006
- John A. Wickham, Jr. “Korea on the Brink, 1979-1980,” *JFQ*, Spring 2000, pp.110-118
- Tim Shorrock, “The Cherokee Files,” <http://timshorrock.com/documents/korea-the-cherokee-files-part-one/>
- Shin and Chang, “The Politics of Nationalism in US-Korean Relations,” *Asian Perspective*, vol. 28, no. 4, 2004, <http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/pdf/42704481.pdf?refreqid=search%3A5693521e4430ffa9923cc848ef362337>

Week 14: North Korea Nuclear Crisis

Main Question: What triggered the North Korea nuclear issue?

- Tae Gyun Park, “The Korean Armistice System and the Origins of the Cheonan and Yeonpyeong Incidents,” *SJKS* 24 no. 1, 115-136
- D. Oberdorfer and Robert Carlin, *Two Koreas*, (rev. ed. 2014), Ch.11, 12, 13.
- Bruce W. Jentleson and Christopher A. Whytock, “Who “Won” Libya? The Force-Diplomacy Debate and Its Implications for Theory and Policy,” *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 3 (Winter 2005/06), pp. 47–86. (http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/is3003_pp047-086.pdf).
- Chronology of U.S.-North Korean Nuclear and Missile Diplomacy, Latest ACA Resources (<http://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/dprkchron>). Updated March 2016.

Week 13: Final Exam