International Relations and Peace-building on the Korean Peninsula (to be updated further)

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Instructor’s Profile

YOON Young-kwan

Prof. Yoon (Ph.D., SAIS, The Johns Hopkins University) is professor emeritus at Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Korean government (2003-04). Before joining the faculty of Seoul National University in 1990, he taught at University of California at Davis. He served as Korea's eminent representative to and the Co-chair of the East Asia Vision Group II (ASEAN+3 Summit) from September 2011 to October 2012. He published several books and about 70 articles in the field of international political economy, Korea's foreign policy, and inter-Korean relations, some of which appeared in World Politics, International Political Science Review, Asian Survey, Project Syndicate, etc.

Education
Ph.D. in International Relations (SAIS, The Johns Hopkins University, 1987)
B.A. in International Relations (Seoul National University, 1975)

Expertise
International Political Economy, East Asian Politics, Inter-Korean Relations

Most Recent Works
- Columns posted on the Project Syndicates (www.project-syndicate.org), etc.
Course Information

Korea remains one of the only two divided nations in the world. The South and the North still continue their Cold War style confrontation in the post-Cold War, 21st century. However, status quo on the Korean Peninsula may not last long.

Many important theoretical issues in the field of international relations are embedded in the North Korea problem. The debates among the neo-conservatives, realists, and functionalists regarding the solution of the North Korea problem such as security threats or the human rights problem, illustrate this point.

This course will review a few important topics related to North Korea like security (nuclear, missile, conventional) threats, human rights, humanitarian issues, marketization of economy and unifications issues keeping these theoretical debates and the broader international political context in mind.

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

On-line materials and a few hand-outs

Class Policy

Etc.

Course Schedule (Readings are subject to be revised & updated.)

Session 1 (Jun. 26, Wed) – Course Introduction, international politics today


Session 2. (Jun. 27, Thu) Global Geo-Politics and Korea


Session 3 (Jul. 1, Mon) IR Theories and NK (1): From Neo-conservatism to Realism (The Nature of NK Problem: Offensive or Defensive?)

*. Charles Krauthammer, Democratic Realism: An American Foreign Policy for a Unipolar
Session 4 (Jul. 3, Wed) IR Theories and NK (2): Political Economic/Functionalist Approach and President Trump’s Approach


Session 5 (Jul. 4, Thu) The Nuclear Problem (1): History

* D. Oberdorfer and Robert Carlin, Two Koreas, (rev. ed. 2014), Ch.11, 12, 13.

Session 6 (Jul. 8, Mon) The Nuclear Problem (2): Solutions?


Session 7 (Jul. 10, Wed) The Nuclear Problem(3): The THAAD and other Issues


Session 8 (Jul. 11, Thu)—Mid-term Exam

Session 9 (Jul. 15, Mon) Conventional Threats and China-North Korea Relations since 2010


**Session 11 (Jul. 18, Thu) Food Problem and the Humanitarian Assistance**


**Session 12 (Jul. 22, Mon) Economic Transition of the Socialist Economies**


**Session 13 (Jul. 24, Wed) Changing Nature of the NK Economy**


**Session 14 (Jul. 25, Thu) Unification and the Scenarios for the Future of North Korea**


**Session 15 (Jul.26, Fri)—Final Exam**