

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

Course Code	200.203 (College of Social Sciences)		
Class Times	Mon/Wed/Thu 13:00-16:00	Classroom	Building No. 16 Room 215
Equivalent Year Level	2	Course Credit	3

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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

- Yoon Young-kwan, "Will Europe's Past be East Asia's Future?" *Politique Étrangère* (Spring 2014), pp.48-58.
- Yoon Young-kwan, "In Defense of a New Two-Track Approach to North Korea," *Journal of International and Strategic Studies*, No.5 Spring 2012, pp.74-79. (Special Edition, "North Korea at the Crossroads: Where Next?")
- Columns posted on *the Project Syndicates* (www.project-syndicate.org), etc.

□ Course Information

Course Description	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Course Evaluation	<p>Class participation 30% Midterm exam 35% Final exam 35%</p> <p>Attendance will be important for keeping up with class. Good attendance and active participation will be reflected in grade.</p>
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

*. Yoon Young-kwan, "Will Europe's Past Be East Asia's Future?" *Politique Étrangère* 2014/1 (Spring Issue), pp.173-85. (https://www.cairn-int.info/article-E_PE_141_0173--is-europe-s-past-asia-s-future.htm)

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

*. Zbigniew Brzezinski, *The Grand Chess* (New York: Basic Books, 1997), Ch.6, The Far Eastern Anchor, pp.151-93.

*. Z. Brzezinski and John Mearsheimer, "Clash of the Titans," *Foreign Policy* (Oct.22, 2009). (<https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/22/clash-of-the-titans/>)

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*

World (Washington, D.C.: The AEI Press, 2004), pp.1-19.
(<https://www.aei.org/publication/democratic-realism>)

*. H. Morgenthau, "Ch.1. A Realist Theory of International Politics," in *Politics among Nations* (4th ed. 1967), pp.3-14.

Session 4 (Jul. 3, Wed) IR Theories and NK (2): Political Economic/Functionalist Approach and President Trump's Approach)

*. Address by President Kim Dae-jung of the Republic of Korea at the Free University of Berlin, March 9, 2000. (<http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr/dossiers/coree/A/coree2000>)

*. Stephen M. Walt, "The Tragedy of Trump's Foreign Policy," *Foreign Policy* (Mar.5, 2019) (<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/03/05/the-tragedy-of-trumps-foreign-policy/>)

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

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

*. Chronology of U.S.-North Korean Nuclear and Missile Diplomacy, Latest ACA Resources (<http://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/dprkchron>). Updated May 2019.

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

*. Yoon Young-kwan, "Getting to Yes with Kim Jong Un," (Jun.8, 2018). (<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/kim-trump-singapore-summit-recipe-by-yoon-young-kwan-2018-06>)

*. Robert Einhorn, "Singapore and Beyond: Options for denuclearizing North Korea," (June 2018). (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/singapore-and-beyond-options-for-denuclearizing-north-korea/>)

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

*. Jeffrey Lewis, "Opinion: Trump Just Walked Away From The Best North Korea Deal He'll Ever Get," (Mar.1, 2019), NPR.

(<https://www.npr.org/2019/03/01/698909173/opinion-trump-just-walked-away-from-the-best-north-korea-deal-hell-ever-get>)

*. J.D. Pollack, "South Korea's THAAD decision: Neither a surprise nor a provocation," (July 8, 2016). (<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2016/07/08/south-koreas-thaad-decision-neither-a-surprise-nor-a-provocation/>)

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

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

*. Ren Xiao, China Debates DPRK Policy PacNet No.55 (July 22, 2013) (https://csis-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/legacy_files/files/publication/Pac1355.pdf)

*. Scott Snyder, "China's Shifting Roles on the Korean Peninsula: Unintended Consequences of the Singapore Summit," (Oct.2, 2018).

(<https://www.cfr.org/blog/chinas-shifting-roles-korean-peninsula-unintended-consequences-singapore-summit>)

Session 10 (Jul. 17, Wed) Human Rights Issues and Information Flow into NK

*. John Feffer, "The Forgotten Lessons of Helsinki: Human Rights and U.S.-North Korean Relations," *World Policy Journal* (Fall 2004), pp.31-39.

(<http://www.newschool.edu/wpi/journal/articles/wpj04-3/Feffer.html>)

*. Yonho Kim, "North Korea's Mobile Telecommunications and Private Transport Services in Kim Jong Un Era," *HRNK Insider* (2019).

(<http://www.hrnkinsider.org/2019/01/north-koreas-mobile-telecommunications.html>)

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

*. Andrew S. Natsios, "North Korea's Chronic Food Problem," Paper presented at Stanford University Koret Conference "DPRK 2012", February 24, 2011.

*. Stephen Morrison, et. al. "The Gathering Health Storm Inside North Korea." (May 2018). (<https://www.csish.org/analysis/gathering-health-storm-inside-north-korea>)

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

*. *The Economist*, "Perestroika: And Now for the Hard Part," April 28, 1990.

*. William B. Brown, "Engaging and transforming North Korea's economy," in KEI, *Tomorrow's Northeast Asia Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies*, Vol.21 (2011), pp.133-48. (http://www.keia.org/sites/default/files/publications/jukas_2011-07_brown.pdf).

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

*. Byung-yeon Kim and Gerard Roland, "Scenarios for a Transition to a Prosperous Market Economy in North Korea," *International Economic Journal* Vol. 26, No. 3, September 2012, 511–539.

*. Choe Sang-Hun, "North Korea's State-Run Economy Falters Under Sanctions, Testing Elite Loyalty," *The New York Times*, April 18, 2019. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/world/asia/north-korea-economy-sanctions.html>)

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

*. Robert D. Kaplan, "When North Korea Falls," *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 2006. (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2006/10/when-north-korea-falls/305228/>)

*. B. Glaser and S. Snyder, "Responding to Change on the Korean Peninsula: Impediments to U.S.-South Korea-China Coordination," CSIS Report, May 2010. (https://csis-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/legacy_files/files/publication/100506_Glaser_RespondingtoChange_Web.pdf)

Session 15 (Jul.26, Fri)—Final Exam