



## Human Rights in East Asia: Theories and Practices

<b>Course Code</b>			
<b>Class Times</b>	Mon/Wed/Thu 13:00-16:00	<b>Classroom</b>	Bldg
<b>Equivalent Year Level</b>	1/2/3/4	<b>Course Credit</b>	3
<b>Instructor</b>	Bumsoo Kim	<b>Sessions</b>	15(45 class hours)
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### □ Instructor's Profile



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Bumsoo Kim is a Professor of Political Science, College of Liberal Studies, SNU. He also worked as a Visiting Professor of the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Professor Kim was a foreign research scholar at the Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo. He has also taught at the University of Chicago, Chungang University (Seoul, Korea) and many other Korean universities.

#### **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, the University of Chicago  
M.A., Political Science, the University of Chicago  
M.A., International Relations, Seoul National University  
B.A., International Relations, Seoul National University

#### **Expertise**

Contemporary Political Theory, Human Rights, Nationalism, Multiculturalism

#### **Most Recent Works**

- “Are North Korean Compatriots ‘Korean’?: The Trifurcation of Ethnic Nationalism in South Korea during the Syngman Rhee Era (1948-1960),” *The Journal of Korean Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1 (2019; forthcoming).
- “From a ‘Blood Relative’ to a ‘Marginal Man’: Ethnic Koreans in Japan and the Change of Korean Nationalism in the 1980s and 1990s,” *The Korean Review of Political Thought*, vol. 24, no. 2 (2018 Fall).
- “Are *Chae’ilgyopo* Really “Korean”?: An Analysis of *Chae’ilgyopo*’s Images Represented in Daily Newspapers in the 1970s,” *Ilbonbipyung*, vol. 17 (2017), pp. 284-316.



## □ Course Information

Course Description	The purpose of this course is to examine various human rights issues in East Asia from theoretical perspectives. We will first examine major theories of human rights including Hobbes', Locke's, Rousseau's, Mill's theories of human rights. Second, we will apply these theories to the East Asian (and global) context, and examine various human rights issues in East Asia (and the world) theoretically, in particular, focusing on the following questions. What are human rights? What kinds of rights do individuals have? To what extent can government legitimately limit individuals' rights? What are the limits of individual rights? What if there is a conflict between the government's power and individuals' human rights? What are the limits of freedom, for example, the freedom of expression? Can racial prejudice be justified as a freedom of thought? Do we have rights to break law? Who are refugees? What differences are there between refugees and illegal immigrants? Why and to what extent do we need to care about the basic human rights of foreigners who are not members of my country? Third, we will examine the "Asian values" debates and discuss the possibility of universal human rights.
Course Evaluation	Attendance (10%) Participation (15%) Mid-term Exam (25%) Final Presentation (25%) Final Exam (25%)  <b>Attendance</b> will be important for keeping up with class. Good attendance and <b>active participation</b> will be reflected in grade.
Course Materials	Hand-outs
Class Policy	<i>(Insert as necessary)</i>
Etc. <i>(e.g. Guidelines)</i>	Please be advised that questions for Mid-term exam will be based on lecture given in class, not text book.

## □ Course Schedule

Session	Description	Etc
1	<b>Overview &amp; Introduction</b>	
2	<b>Hobbes' Theory of Human Rights I</b> Thomas Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co., 1994), chaps. 13-18, pp. 74-90 and 101-118.	
3	<b>Hobbes' Theory of Human Rights II</b> Thomas Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co., 1994), chaps. 21, 26, and 29, pp. 136-145, 172-189, and 210-219.	



4	<b>: Locke's Theory of Human Rights</b> John Locke, <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988), Book II, chaps. 1-4 and 7-9, pp. 267-285 and 318-353.	
5	<b>Rousseau's Theory of Human Rights</b> Jean J. Rousseau, <i>The Social Contract</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), Book I, chaps. 1-7 and Book II, chaps. 1-10, pp. 41-53 and 57-78.	
6	<b>Topic: Mill's Theory of Human Rights</b> John S. Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), chaps. I-II, pp. 5-55.	
7	<b>Mid-term Exam</b>	
8	<b>Definition of Human Rights</b> Joseph Raz, "On the Nature of Rights," <i>Mind</i> , v. 93, no. 370 (April 1984), pp. 194-214. Maurice Cranston, "Human Rights, Real and Supposed," in D.D. Raphael, ed. <i>Political Theory and the Rights of Man</i> (London: Macmillan, 1967), ch. 4, pp. 43-53.	
9	<b>Positivism, Utilitarianism, and Human Rights</b> Ronald Dworkin, <i>Taking Rights Seriously</i> (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 1977), ch. 7, pp. 184-205.	
10	<b>Subsistence Rights</b> Henry Shue, <i>Basic Rights</i> (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996), Introduction and Part II. pp. 5-10, 91-110, and 131-152.	
11	<b>Cultural Rights</b> Will Kymlicka, <i>Multicultural Citizenship</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995), chs. 1 -3, pp. 1-48.	
12	<b>North Korean Defectors</b> Christina Boswell, "European Values and the Asylum Crisis," <i>International Affairs</i> , v. 76, no. 3 (July 2000), pp. 537-357. Movie: <i>Crossing</i> (2009); Director: Tae-Kyun Kim.	
13	<b>Human Rights and "Asian Values"</b> Daniel Bell, "The East Asian Challenge to Human Rights," <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i> , v. 18, no. 3 (1996), pp. 641-67. Jack Donnelly, "Human Rights and Asian Values: A Defense of 'Western' Universalism," in J. R. Bauer and D. Bell, eds., <i>The East Asian Challenge for Human Rights</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), ch. 2. Movie: <i>Strip Search</i> (2004); Director: Sidney Lumet	
14	<b>Final Presentation</b>	
15	<b>Final Exam</b>	