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ISC328 – Understanding Korean Politics

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Ⅱ. Textbook

Required Textbook	:	Course readings (required)
Recommended Additional Readings	:	Course readings (optional)

Ⅲ. Course Description and Objectives

This course is an introduction to politics and policymaking in contemporary Korea. The course begins with an overview of diverse theoretical, cultural, and historical perspectives on Korean politics and then examines three thematic areas: 1) political and social dynamics of democratic transformation; 2) the political economy of development, crisis, restructuring, recovery, and sustainability; and 3) the debate on how to achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Ⅳ. Grading

Attendance	:	10%
Midterm Exam	:	30%
Final Exam	:	30%
Presentation	:	15%
Debate Participation	:	15%

Ⅴ. Class Outline

Date	Topic	Readings (*: req, #: opt)
June 27 (Tue)	Orientation Day (no classes)	
June 28 (Wed)	Introduction and Overview	

June 29 (Thu) June 30 (Fri)	Perspectives on Korean Politics	# Choi, Jang-Jip. (2012). Democracy after Democratization: The Korean Experience. (Stanford, CA: Asia-Pacific Research Center). # Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. (2010). South Korea since 1980 (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press).
Theme I: The Politics of Democratic Transition, Consolidation, and Deepening		
July 3 (Mon) July 4 (Tue)	- Democracy and democratization - Different paradigms explaining democratization - Concepts of civil society, political society, and the state - The case of Korean democratization	* Kim, Sunhyuk. (2000). The Politics of Democratization in Korea: The Role of Civil Society (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press), Chapters 1-2.
July 5 (Wed)	- 1st democratic juncture - Authoritarian politics under Syngman Rhee - The April Uprising in 1960 - Chang Myon's brief parliamentary democracy - "The Failure of Democracy in South Korea"? - The Military Coup in 1961	* Kim, Chapter 3. # Han, Sungjoo. (1974). The Failure of Democracy in South Korea. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
July 6 (Thu)	- 2nd democratic juncture - Authoritarian politics under Park Chung Hee - Anti-Yusin campaign in the 1970s - The rise of Chaeya - The "Seoul Spring" in 1980	* Kim, Chapter 4. # Kim, Se-Jin. (2011). The Politics of Military Revolution in Korea. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.
July 10 (Mon) July 11 (Tue) July 12 (Wed)	- 3rd democratic juncture - Authoritarian politics under Chun Doo Hwan - Pro-democracy movement in the 1980s - The Minjung movement - The June Uprising in 1987 - The July-August Labor Struggle in 1987 - "Pacted" vs. "mass-ascendant" transition	* Kim, Chapter 5. * Jung, Jai Kwan. (2011). "Popular Mobilization and Democratization: A Comparative Study of South Korea and Taiwan." Korea Observer 42(3): 377-411.
July 13 (Thu)	MIDTERM EXAM	
July 17 (Mon)	- Democratic consolidation since 1987 - The Roh Tae Woo, Kim Young Sam, and Kim Dae Jung governments - Rise of the citizens' movement in the 1990s - The North Korea policy and its impact on South Korean politics and society	* Kim, Chapters 6-7. * Suh, Jae-Jung, Sunwon Park, and Hahn Y. Kim. (2012). "Democratic Consolidation and Its Limits in Korea: Dilemmas of Cooptation." Asian Survey 52(5): 822-844. # Fioramonti, Lorenzo and Antonio Fiori. (2010). "The Changing Roles of Civil Society in Democratization: Evidence

		from South Africa (1990-2009) and South Korea (1987-2009).” African and Asian Studies 9(1): 83-104.
July 18 (Tue) July 19 (Wed)	- Developments since 2000 - Mobilization and counter-mobilization in civil society - Judicialization of politics and impeachment - The Roh Moo Hyun, Lee Myung Bak, and Park Geun Hye governments - The current Moon Jae In government - Future prospects for Korean democracy	* Kim, Sunhyuk. (2009). “Civic Engagement and Democracy in South Korea.” Korea Observer 40(1): 1-26. * Shin, Kwang-Young. (2012). “The Dilemmas of Korea’s New Democracy in an Age of Neoliberal Globalisation.” Third World Quarterly 33(2): 293-309. * Doucette, Jamie and Se-Woong Koo. (2016). “Pursuing Post-Democratisation: The Resilience of Politics by Public Security in Contemporary South Korea.” Journal of Contemporary Asia 46(2): 198-221. * Shin, Gi-Wook and Rennie J. Moon. (2017). “South Korea after Impeachment.” Journal of Democracy 28(4): 117-131. # Doucette, Jamie. (2017). “The Occult of Personality: Korea's Candlelight Protests and the Impeachment of Park Geun-hye.” Journal of Asian Studies 76(4): 851-860. # Shin, Doh Chull. (2017). “The Deconsolidation of Liberal Democracy in Korea: Exploring its Cultural Roots.” Korea Observer 49(1): 107-136.
July 20 (Thu)	Debate I	
Theme II: The Political Economy of Development, Crisis, Restructuring, and Recovery		
July 24 (Mon)	- Explaining the “economic miracle” and the developmental state - Causes of the 1997 crisis: a political etiology - Popular perceptions of the crisis	* Kim, Sunhyuk and Doh Chull Shin. (2004). Economic Crisis and Dual Transition in Korea: A Case Study in Comparative Perspective (Seoul, Korea: Seoul National University Press), Chapter 2. * Krieckhaus, Jonathan. (2017). “Geopolitics and South Korea’s Economic Success.” Asian Perspective 41: 43-69. # Kim, Soon-Yang. (2008). “The East Asian Developmental State and Its Economic and Social Policies: The Case of Korea.” International Review of Public Administration 12(2):69-87.
July 25 (Tue)	- Reform policies of the Kim Dae Jung government - The parallel development model (of democracy and a market economy)	* Kim & Shin, Chapters 4, 6, & 9. * Um, Kyusook, Hyun-Chin Lim, and Suk-Man Hwang. (2014). “South Korea’s Developmental State at a Crossroads:

	- Public and major social actors' reactions to reform policies - Economic reform and democratic deepening: the parallel model in practice - The Korean crisis in comparative perspective - State/bureaucracy reform - Neoliberal globalization and Korea's political economy - Charting the future course for the Korean economy	Disintegration or Re-emergence." Korea Observer 45(2): 211-53. * Kim, Sunhyuk and Chonghee Han. (2015). "Administrative Reform in South Korea: New Public Management and the Bureaucracy." International Review of Administrative Sciences 81(4): 694-712. * Pirie, Iain. (2016). "Korea and the Global Economic Crisis." Pacific Review 29(5): 671-92. * Lee, Yeonho, and Hak-Ryul Kim. (2018). "Economic Crises and Augmenting Financial Bureaucratic Power in South Korea." Pacific Review 31(3): 352-72. # Park, Yong Soo. (2011). "Revisiting the South Korean Developmental State after the 1997 Financial Crisis." Australian Journal of International Affairs 65(5): 590-606. # Lim, Haeran. (2010). "The Transformation of the Developmental State and Economic Reform in Korea." Journal of Contemporary Asia 40(2): 188-210.
July 26 (Wed)	Movie on Korean Politics	
July 27 (Thu)	Debate II	
Theme III: North Korea, Foreign Relations, and the Future of the Korean Peninsula		
July 31 (Mon)	- The role of US in South Korea's democratization - The status of the Korea issue in US foreign policy - "Democracy promotion" - The ROK-US alliance, old and new - Democratization and the ROK-US alliance - Political democratization-foreign policy nexus	* Adesnik, A. David and Sunhyuk Kim. (2013). "South Korea: The Puzzle of Two Transitions." In Kathryn Stoner-Weiss and Michael McFaul, eds., Transitions to Democracy: A Comparative Perspective (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press). * Kim, Sunhyuk and Eun Sun Lee. (2011). "'Dynamics of Contention' in Democratic Korea: The Role of Anti-Americanism." Korea Journal 51(2): 229-255. * Kim, Sunhyuk and Wonhyuk Lim. (2007). "How to Deal with South Korea." The Washington Quarterly 30(2): 71-82. * Lee, Dong Sun. (2007). "Democratization and the US-South Korean Alliance." Journal of East Asian Studies 7(3): 469-500. * Kim, Hayam and Uk Heo. (2016). "What Affects Korea-US Relations?" Pacific Focus 31(1): 31-55. # Han, Sukhee and Jangho Kim. (2010). "South Korea amid the United States and

		China after the Global Financial Crisis." Korea Observer 41(3): 415-438.
Aug 1 (Tue)	- North Korea - Reconciliation, peace, and reunification on the peninsula - Visions for the future	* Fiori, Antonio and Sunhyuk Kim. (2014). Jasmines Do Not Bloom in Pyongyang: the Persistent Non-transition in North Korea." Pacific Focus 29(1): 44-67. * Cha, Victor D. and Nicholas D. Anderson. (2012). "A North Korean Spring?" The Washington Quarterly 35(1): 7-24. * Yoon, Tae-Ryong. (2015). "Neutralize or Die: Reshuffling South Korea's Grand Strategy Cards and the Neutralization of South Korea Alone." Pacific Focus 30(2): 270-95. # Lankov, Andrei. (2008). "Staying Alive: Why North Korea Will Not Change." Foreign Affairs 87(2): 9-16.
Aug 2 (Wed)	FINAL EXAM	
Aug 3 (Thu)	Graduation Day (Available both Online / Offline)	