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ISC276 – South-North Korean Relations in Historical Context

I . Instructor

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II. Textbook

Required Textbook	:	Course readings are taken from books, articles, and historical documents, and will be posted on Blackboard.
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III. Course Description and Objectives

This course examines the difficult issue of the division of Korea into two hostile, ideologically polarized states. It explores how this division came about and how relations between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have evolved over time. The objective of the course is for the students to gain an understanding of the nature and course of inter-Korean relations, why the division of Korea has lasted so long, and why it continues to be so difficult to resolve. Students will use the discipline of history to examine both the domestic and international factors that have shaped and continue to shape inter-Korean relations.

The course relies heavily on lectures as well as on class discussion based on the required readings. Students must therefore complete the readings prior to each class and be prepared to discuss them.

Attendance is very important and will be taken daily. Students must notify the

instructor in advance of any excused absence. As per Korea University policy, students must attend at least 70% classes to receive a passing grade. The mid-term exam and final (non-cumulative) exam will consist of fifty multiple choice questions drawn from the readings and lectures. The questions will test how well the students have mastered factual content and analytical concepts. There will be five quizzes - two on maps, two on readings, and a take-home quiz on the visit to the War Memorial of Korea. At the end of the course students will submit a three-page paper discussing what they consider to be three of the most important factors that have shaped inter-Korean relations. Grades on the paper will be based on factual accuracy, analytical rigor, and clarity of expression.

Students are expected to be honest in all academic work and must abide by all rules and regulations of Korea University regarding academic honesty.

IV. Grading

Midterm Exam		40%
Final Exam	:	40%
Paper	:	10%
Quizzes	:	10%

V. Class Outline

Date	Topic and Reading		Quizzes and Assignments
June 27 (Tue)	Orientation Day		
June 28 (Wed)	Introduction to the Course Map of Korea		
June 29 (Thu)	Division of Korea K. Weathersby, "The Soviet Union, the United States, and the Establishment of the Republic of Korea," in Inho Lee, Youngho Kim, and Gyoo-hyoung Kahng, eds., <i>Re-thinking the Foundation of the Republic of Korea</i> (Seoul: Kiparang, 2009): 1-8.		
June 30 (Fri)	Approaches to Unification, South and North Hakjoon Kim, <i>Unification Policies of South and North Korea, A Comparative Study</i> (Seoul:		

	Seoul National University Press, 1978), Chapter Two "Unification Policies of North and South Korea Prior to the Korean War (Fall 1948-June 1950), pp. 63-86.		
July 3 (Mon)	Decision for War, 1949-1950 K. Weathersby, "To Attack or Not to Attack? Stalin, Kim Il Sung and the Prelude to War," Cold War International History Project Bulletin (Spring 1995): 1-9.		
July 4 (Tue)	Korean War: South and North Allan R. Millett, <i>The War for Korea, 1950-1951: They Came from the North</i> (University Press of Kansas, 2010): Chapter 6		Map Quiz 1 Korea
July 5 (Wed)	Korean War: Armistice and Legacies K. Weathersby, "North Korea and the Armistice Negotiations," <i>Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society Korea Branch</i> (Seoul, 2016) Hiroki Wada, <i>The Korean War</i> (Roman and Littlefield, 2014): Chapter 7 Text of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, July 27, 1953		
July 6 (Thu)	Postwar Reconstruction and the 1956 Crisis B.K. Gills, <i>Korea versus Korea, A Case of Contested Legitimacy</i> (London and New York: Routledge, 1996), Chapter 5, "Postwar Reconstruction in South Korea: The Penalties of Dependence?" pp. 76-97. Zhihua Shen and Yafeng Xia, <i>A Misunderstood Friendship: Mao Zedong, Kim Il Sung, and Sino-North Korean Relations, 1949-1976</i> (Columbia University Press, 2018): Chapter 3		Map Quiz 2 The Korean War
July 10 (Mon)	Military Coup in South, Attack from North Bernd Schaefer, "North Korean 'Adventurism' and China's Long Shadow, 1966-1972," Working Paper No. 44, Cold War International History Project		Quiz 3 Visit to War Memorial of Korea

July 11 (Tue)	The 1972 Joint Communique Jong-dae Shin, "DPRK Perspectives of Korean Reunification after the July 4 th Joint Communique," E-dossier #10, North Korea International Documentation Project, July 2012 Text: North-South Joint Communique, Pyongyang, July 4, 1972		
July 12 (Wed)	Failure of the 1972 Accord Hakjoon Kim, <i>Unification Policies of South and North Korea, A Comparative Study</i> , Chapter 10, "Proposals in the Post-Joint Communique Period from the International Community for a Korean Settlement and the Responses of the Two Koreas," pp. 347-362.		
July 13 (Thu)	Midterm Exam		
July 17 (Mon)	Confrontation and Nordpolitik, 1980-86 No reading assignment		
July 18 (Tue)	The '88 Olympics and Soviet/South Korean Rapprochement Don Oberdorfer, <i>The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History</i> (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1997), Chapter 8 "The Great Olympic Coming-Out Party," and Chapter 9 "Moscow Switches Sides," pp. 179-228.		
July 19 (Wed)	The Emergence of the Nuclear Issue Don Oberdorfer, <i>The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History</i> (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1997), Chapters 11, 14.		
July 20 (Thu)	Famine and the Politics of Aid Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland, <i>Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid, and Reform</i> (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007): 27-41, 140-149.		Quiz 4 Famine in North Korea
July 24 (Mon)	Sunshine Policy and the Summit of 2000		

	<p>Kim Dae-Jung Presidential Library and Museum, "Lessons of the German Reunification and the Korean Peninsula," Speech by President Kim Dae-Jung at the Free University of Berlin, March 9, 2000. (7 pp.)</p> <p>Remarks by President Kim Dae Jung on Returning Home from the Inter-Korean Summit</p> <p>Text: "North-South Joint Declaration" Pyongyang, June 15, 2000.</p>		
July 25 (Tue)	<p>Nuclear Diplomacy</p> <p>Andrei Lankov, <i>The Real North Korea: Life and Politics in the Failed Stalinist Utopia</i> (Oxford University Press, 2015): Chapter 4</p> <p>Text: "Joint Statement of the Fourth Round of the Six-Party Talks"</p>		
July 26 (Wed)	<p>Marketization in the North and Soft Power in the South</p> <p>Hazel Smith, <i>North Korea: Markets and Military Rule</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2015): Ch 9</p> <p>Documentary "Jangmadang Generation"</p>		Quiz 5 Jangmadang Generation
July 27 (Thu)	<p>Politics of Survival</p> <p>Anna Fitfield, <i>The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jung Un</i> (Public Affairs, 2019): Chapters 5-11</p>		
July 31 (Mon)	<p>Kim Jong Un, Moon Jae-In and Shifting Regional Balances</p> <p>Text: Panmunjom Declaration on Peace, Prosperity, and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula</p>		Papers Due
Aug 1 (Tue)	Review for Exam and Discussion of Papers		
Aug 2 (Wed)	Final Exam		
Aug 3 (Thu)	<p>Return final exams</p> <p>Graduation Day (Available both Online / Offline)</p>		