

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL AND MODERN KOREA - 46113

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 1

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In this course we will study the development of Modern Korea since the end of the Choson dynasty until today. The course we will examine various aspects of Korean society, politics and culture.

Course/Module aims:

Understand the history of Korea and its influence on Korea's policies

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Understand the complexity of the crisis in the Korean Peninsula

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, discussions and movies

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. The end of the Chosŏn Dynasty
3. The Japanese occupation and the resistance
4. The end of the Japanese occupation and the establishment of Korea
5. The Korean War: the cause and the regional and global implications
6. The Korean War: A comparative cinematic view
7. The First Republic in the South and Kim Il-sung
8. The Second Republic in the South: Why democracy failed and its implications
9. The Park Chung-hee era
10. From Kwangju to Roh Moo-hyun
11. South Korea – Economic Development, democratic consolidation and the students
12. North Korea – From Kim Il-sung to Kim Jong-il
13. North Korea- Education, indoctrination and the rule of law
14. Korea's unification and nuclear weapon

Required Reading:

Carter J. Eckert (1990). *Korea, old and new: A history*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

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Additional Reading Material:

Grayson H James (1997). "The myth of Tangun: A dramatic structural analysis of a Korean foundation myth," *Korea Journal*, Vol.37,No.1, pp.35-52.

Vermeersch Sem (2008). *The Power of the Buddhas. The Politics of Buddhism During the Koryŏ Dynasty (918-1392)*. Cambridge: Harvard UP.

Cumings Bruce (1997). *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History*. London: W. W. Norton & Company,pp.76-138.

Chung Man Jo (2009)(et al). *The institutional basis of civil governance in the Chosŏn dynasty*. Seoul: The Academy of Korean Studies.

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Hawley Samuel (2005). *The Imjin War: Japan's sixteenth-century invasion of Korea and attempt to conquer China*. Berkeley : Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California

Baker Don (2008). *Korean Spirituality*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Buswell E. Robert (ed.) (2007). *Religions of Korea in Practice*. Oxford: Princeton University Press.

Clark, Donald N. (2000). *Culture and Customs of Korea*. London: Greenwood Press, Ch.2.

Clark, Donald N. (1986). *Christianity in Modern Korea*. University Press of America.

Grayson James Huntley.(2002). *Korea - A Religious History*. RoutledgeCurzon.

Kalton, C.Michael.(1975). "An Introduction to Silhak," *Korea Journal*, 15:5, pp.29-46.

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Shim Jae Seung and Moosung Lee (eds.)(2008). *The Korean Economic System*. Hampshire: Ashgate.

Song Byung-Nak Song (2003). *The Rise of the Korean Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 3rd ed.

Armstrong K Charles (2003). *The North Korean Revolution: 1945-1950*. Ithaca: Cornell UP.

Chinoy Mike (2008). *Meltdown*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Eberstadt Nicholas (2007). *The North Korean economy*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers.

Haggard Stephen and Marcus Noland (2007). *Famine in North Korea*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Kim Sung Chull (2006). *North Korea under Kim Jong Il*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Ryang Sonia (ed.)(2009). *North Korea*. New York: Lexington.

Lee E Jee Sun (2009). *Post-Unification Korean National Identity*. (WP 09-03)

Washington DC.: SAIS.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 20 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

None