

Understanding Modern South Korea: Democratization and Democratic Institutions

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The purpose of this class is to improve our understanding of Modern South Korean society in terms of her democratization, the development of democratic institutions and their performance. since 1945. The class covers topics on the democratic transition and democratic resilience, particularly in response to the COVIUD 19 pandemic situation. Also, it examines the historical development of democratic institutions and their performance. At the end of this course, students are expected to have a full-fledged understanding of current south Korean democracy.

Grading Policy

- 10% Attendance
- 30% Questions and discussion
- 20% assignments (1~2 pages report)
- 20% Midterm Exam: a set of short questions, at least one per a class (take home)
- 20% Final Exam: a set of short questions, at least one per a class (take home)

Requirements

- Every Class starts from the Q & A session. You have to raise at least one question based on the reading at the beginning of each class.
- If there is no lecture note provided in a class, that means we focus more on discussion over the assigned topic of the class. In such a class, there will be only some outlines of the relevant issues.

Required Book

Selected chapters in Han, JeongHun, Ramon Pardo Pacheco and Youngho Cho. (eds) "Handbook of South Korean Politics" Oxford University Press. (forthcoming, hereafter HPC). Every assigned material in each week will be uploaded at ETL.

Class Schedule

Class 1(23rd June): Course Introduction

- Lecture note 1

Class 2 (25th June): Understanding South Korea

- Preliminary understanding of both socio-economic and political aspect: lecture note 2
- Korean history before democratization (HPC chapter 3)

Class 3 (28th June): Modernization of Korea

- Lecture note 3
- Apter, chapter 2, 43-80.

Class 4 (30th June): Democracy and Democratization

- Conservative democratization (HPC chapter 6)
- Warren. Chapter 21, 382-397.

Class 5 (02nd July): Democratization in Korea

- Watching Video Clips (choose freely one of movies concerning Korean democracy)
- Write a report about the role of civil society on the democratization
- Consult Kim(2000) pp.7-22.

Class 6 (05th July): Constitutional Politics in South Korea

- constitutional politics (HPC chapter 10)
- Stimson, chapter 17, 317-332

Class 7 (07th July): Democratic Resilience in South Korea and Minority representation

- Lecture note 4
- Minority representation (HPC chapter 15)

Class 8 (09th July): Midterm (take home)

Class 9 (12th July) Korean Regime Type

- Lecture note 5
- Presidentialism with Parliamentary Characteristics (HPC chapter 4)

Class 10 (14th July) : Administrative Politics

- Administrative politics (HPC chapter 12)
- Bureaucratic Accountability in Korea (HPC chapter 29)

Class 11 (16th July) : Election in South Korea

- Lecture note 6
- Elections and electoral systems (HPC chapter 16)

Class 12 (19th July): National Assembly and Representatives

- Lecture note 7
- Legislative politics (HPC chapter 11)

Class 13 (21st July): Political Parties and Party Politics

- Lecture note 8
- Party politics (HPC chapter 12)

Class 14 (23rd July): Regionalism in Korea

- Regionalism cleavage (HPC chapter 5)
- Kwon(2004)

Class 15 (26th July): Final Exam (take home)