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**International Relations of North Korea  
with East Asian Countries**

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This course inquires into North Korea's past and current relationship with the neighboring countries including China, Russia, Japan, the U.S. and South Korea, while paying additional attention to some of the prominent issues associated with North Korea such as the development of WMD, refugees, and transnational crimes. It reviews diverse scholastic approaches to explaining and understanding the international politics surrounding North Korea. No prior knowledge in the field of North Korean studies or political science is required, though any of it would help students better grasp the contents of the materials covered in the course.

The requirements of the course are a final exam, a 5-6 page paper, presentations, and participation in the class discussion. The paper is expected to identify the key questions for the subject of the week that a student freely chooses, to show how the reading materials answer those questions, and to outline her own view on the questions as well as the readings. The guideline for drawing the final course grade is as follows: 50% for the final exam, 20% for a paper, and 20% for presentations, 10% for class participation. But I reserve the right to make adjustments to the grade weightings if necessary.

The following schedule is a guideline to help you plan your reading. The planned reading schedule may be modified as the course proceeds, and extra materials will be introduced during class if needed. You should complete the required readings before class in order to be prepared for the discussion.

Primary Literature:

Hazel Smith, *North Korea: Markets and Military Rule* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Ralph Hassig & Kongdan Oh, *The Hidden People of North Korea*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015).

Adam Cathcart et al, eds., *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2017).

Gregory J. Moore, ed., *North Korean Nuclear Operationality* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

Kyung-Ae Park & Scott Snyder, eds. *North Korea in Transition: Politics, Economy, and Society* (Lanham, Maryland; Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2013).

San-Hun Choe, Gi-Wook Shin & David Straub, eds., *Troubled Transition: North Korea's Politics, Economy and External Relations* (Stanford: W.H.S. Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2013).

C. Kenneth Quinones & Joseph Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea* (Indianapolis: Alpha, 2003).

## **Class Schedule**

(Required reading is marked with asterisk)

### **I. Introduction**

#### **Class 1: Course Description and Class Organization**

\*Smith, *North Korea*, Ch. 1 (pp. 19-43).

### **II. North Korea: Past and Present**

#### **Class 2: Making of North Korea**

\*Quinones & Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea*, Chs. 10-12 (pp. 135-174).

\*Smith, *North Korea*, Ch. 3 (pp. 69-90).

Christopher Green "Wrapped in a Fog: On the DPRK Constitution and the Ten Principles," in Cathcart et al, eds., *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics*.

#### **Class 3: North Korean Ideology and Politics**

\*Charles Armstrong, "The Role and Influence of Ideology," in Park & Snyder, eds., *North Korea in Transition*.

\*Christopher Hale, "Multifunctional Juche: A Study of the Changing Dynamic between Juche and the State Constitution in North Korea," in Kun Young Park, ed., *Inter-Korean Relations: Family or Enemy?* (Seoul: Hollym, 2014).

Robert Winstanley-Chesters, "Treasured Swords: Environment under the Byungjin Line" in Cathcart et al, eds., *Change and Continuity in North Korean Politics*.

Young-chul Chung et al, "State Strategy in Kim Jong-un Era: The "Byongjin" Policy of Pursuing Economic and Nuclear Development," *Korea Observer* 47, 1 (2016): 1-34.

#### **Class 4: North Korean Economy and Society**

\*Hassig & Oh, *The Hidden People of North Korea*, Chs. 3 & 4 (pp. 39-59 & 61-91).

\*Sandra Fahy, "Making Sense of Daily Life in North Korea," in Choe, Shin & Straub, eds., *Troubled Transition*.

Andrew S. Natsios, "North Korea's Chronic Food Problem," in Choe, Shin & Straub, eds., *Troubled Transition*.

David von Hippel & Peter Hayes, "North Korea's Energy Security: Challenges and Assistance Approaches," in Kyung-Ae Park, ed., *Non-Traditional Security Issues in North Korea* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2013).

### **III. Politics of Northeast Asia**

#### **Class 5: Power Shift in Northeast Asia**

\*Joseph S. Nye, "American and Chinese Power after the Financial Crisis," *The Washington Quarterly* 33, 4 (2010): 143-153.

\*G. John Ikenberry, "From Hegemony to the Balance of Power: The Rise of China and American Grand Strategy in East Asia," *International Journal of Korean Unification Studies* 23, 2 (2014): 41-63.

\*Immanuel Wallerstein, "Northeast Asia in the Multipolar World-System," *Asian Perspective* 34, 4 (2010): 191-205.

Robert D. Kaplan, "The Geography of Chinese Power," *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2010): 22-41.

Kai He, "Explaining United States-China relations: Neoclassical Realism and the Nexus of Threat-interest perceptions," *The Pacific Review* 30, 2 (2017): 133-151.

#### **Class 6: Regionalism and Nationalism in Northeast Asia**

\*C. Kenneth Quinones, "Regionalism versus Nationalism in Northeast Asia," *Journal of Political Criticism* 13 (2013): 1-22.

\*T. J. Pempel, "Divergent Memories versus Collective Cooperation: Ambivalent Relations in Northeast Asia," *Journal of Northeast Asian History* 13, 1 (2016): 9-37.

Nam-kook Kim, "Trust Building and Regional Identity in Northeast Asia," *IAI Working Papers* 17-10 (2017).

John Ravenhill, "East Asian Regionalism: Much Ado about Nothing?" *Review of International Studies* 33 (2009): 215-235. Also refer to a revised version titled "The 'New' East Asian Regionalism: A Political Domino Effect" (2010).

### **Class 7: North Korea in the Region: Outlines**

\*Robert A. Manning, "Northeast Asian Futures: Toward a New Multilateralism," *Atlantic Council Issue Brief* (Nov. 2017)

\*Gilbert Rozman, "Multilateralism and Pyongyang's Foreign Policy Strategy," in Kyung-Ae Park, ed., *New Challenges of North Korean Foreign Policy* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).

Haksoon Paik, "North Korea's Place in East Asian International Relations," in R. Frank & J. Swerson-Wright, eds., *Korea and East Asia* (Boston: Brill, 2013), pp. 182-215.

## **IV. North Korea's Relationship with Neighboring Countries**

### **Class 8: North Korea and the United States**

\*Quinones & Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea*, Ch. 18.

\*Joel S. Wit, *The Way Ahead: North Korea Policy Recommendations for the Trump Administration* (US-Korea Institute at SAIS, 2016).

\*Mary B.D. Nikitin et al., "Nuclear Negotiations with North Korea: In Brief," *CRS Report* (Dec. 2017).

Evans J. R. Revere, "2017: Year of Decision on the Korean Peninsula," a paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Korea Research Institute for National Strategy-Brookings Institution Joint Conference (February 8, 2017).

Todd M. Rosenblum, "Managing the Korean Conundrum: Bad, Worse, and Wild Cards," *Atlantic Council Issue Brief* (Oct. 2017).

### **Class 9: North Korea and China**

\*Quinones & Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea* (Indianapolis: Alpha, 2003), Ch. 15.

\*Liu Ming, "Changes and Continuities in Pyongyang's China Policy, in Park & Snyder, eds., *North Korea in Transition*.

\*Silvia Menegazzi, "China's Foreign Policy in Northeast Asia: Implications for the Korean Peninsula," *IAI Working Papers* 17-3 (2017).

Yihe Zhao & Sung-Hack Kang, "China's Policy Towards North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Program: From a Free Rider to a Controller?" *Korean Political Science Review* 51, 3 (2017): 111-132.

Adrew Scobell, "China and North Korea: Bolstering a Buffer or Hunkering Down in Northeast Asia," a testimony presented at the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (June 8, 2017).

### **Class 10: North Korea's Relationship with Russia, Japan and Europe**

\*Quinones & Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea* (Indianapolis: Alpha, 2003), Chs. 14 & 17.

\*Richard Weitz, "Russian Policy toward North Korea: Steadfast and Changing," *International Journal of Korean Unification Studies* 24, 3 (2015): 1-29.

\*Il-Young Jeong, "Solving the Security Dilemma between North Korea and Japan," *Journal of East Asian Affairs* 26, 2 (2012): 137-161.

\*John Everard, "North Korea's Relations with Europe," in Choe, Shin & Straub, eds., *Troubled Transition*.

Alexander Lukin, "Russia's Policy in Northeast Asia and the Prospects for Korean Unification," *International Journal of Korean Unification Studies* 26,1 (2017): 1-19.

Elena Atanassova-Cornelis, "Northeast Asia's Evolving Security Order: Power Politics, Trust Building and the Role of the EU," *IAI Working Papers* 17-4 (2017).

### **Class 11: North Korea and South Korea**

\*Quinones & Tragert, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding North Korea* (Indianapolis: Alpha, 2003), Chs. 16 & 19.

\*Haksoon Paik, "Changes and Continuities in Inter-Korean Relations," in Park & Snyder, eds., *North Korea in Transition: Politics, Economy, and Society*.

Sang-Hun Choe, "An Inconsolable Divide: The Roots of the Korean Conundrum," in Choe, Shin & Straub, eds., *Troubled Transition*.

## **V. Current Issues on North Korea**

### **Class 12: Weapons of Mass Destruction**

\*International Crisis Group, "The Korean Peninsula Crisis (I): In the Line of Fire and Fury," *Asia Report* 293 (2018).

\*Choon-geun Lee, "Assessing North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Capability," in Peter Hayes and Chung-in Moon, eds., *Denuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula* (Seoul: Yonsei University Press, 2015), Ch. 1 (pp. 3-23).

Woosik Cheong, "How can we solve the North Korean Nuclear Issue?" in Peter Hayes and Chung-in Moon, eds., *Denuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula* (Seoul: Yonsei University Press, 2015), Ch. 8 (pp. 156-185).

Lorenzo Mariani, "Assessing North Korea's Nuclear and Missile Programmes: Implications for Seoul and Washington," *IAI Working Papers* 17-11 (2017).

Chaesung Chun, "The ROK-US Alliance and North Korea's Nuclear Crisis," *Journal of Peace and Unification* 6, 1 (2016): 1-16.

### **Class 13: Weapons of Mass Destruction (Continued)**

\*David Kang, "Washington's Response to an Operationally Nuclear North Korea," in Moore, ed., *North Korean Nuclear Operationality*.

\*Gregory J. Moore, "Beijing's Problem with an Operationally Nuclear North Korea," in Moore, ed., *North Korean Nuclear Operationality*.

Katsuhisa Furukawa & Hajime Izumi, "Japan's Responses to North Korea's Nuclear and Missile Tests," in Moore, ed., *North Korean Nuclear Operationality*.

Georgy Toloraya, "Russia's De Facto Nuclear Neighbor," in Moore, ed., *North Korean Nuclear Operationality*.

### **Class 14: Human Rights and Refugee**

\*Hassig & Oh, *The Hidden People of North Korea*, Chs. 7 & 8 (pp. 139-157 & 159-181).

\*Shin-Wha Lee, "International Legal Perspectives on North Korean Refugee Issues," in Kyung-Ae Park, ed., *Non-Traditional Security Issues in North Korea* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2013).

Woo-young Lee & Yuri Kim, "North Korean Migrants: A Human Security Perspective," *Asian Perspective* 35 (2011): 59-87.

Hyun-min Ah et al., *White Paper on North Korean Human Rights* (Seoul: North Korean Human Rights Archives, 2016).

## **Class 15: Final Exam**