

History of Korean Politics
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Mon-Thrs, 1-3:50pm

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This seminar explores one simple question: What makes the two Koreas, North and South, so different after the national division and the Korean War more than sixty years ago? It examines this question by highlighting and explaining the defining characteristics of the both systems in the context of their respective political change, economic development, national security, human rights and response to globalization.

Texts:

- The Asan Forum (<http://www.theasanforum.org/>)--select articles
 - Other articles will be emailed to students as PDF files. The following books must be purchased.
- Blaine Harden, *Escape from Camp 14*, New York: Viking, 2012(hereafter Harden).
- Don Oberdorfer and James Carlin, *The Two Koreas*, New York: Basic Books, 2013 (hereafter Oberdorfer and Carlin)

Requirements:

- 2 out of 3 examinations (in-class, open book exams) 40%

- 2 case presentations (20 minutes presentation plus Q&A) 40%
- Class participation 20%

Schedules:

1	Common Roots of the Two Koreas (2): Topic: The 2015 Korea-Japan Agreement on the Comfort Women Issue	Cumings, Chapters 3-4 Students search and read select media sources on the subject prior to coming to class.
2	The National Division and the Korean War (2) Topic: Kim Il Sung	Cumings, Chapter 5. Students search and read select media sources on the subject prior to coming to class.
3	The National Division and the Korean War (2) Film in Class: "A State of Mind"	Cumings, Chapter 6 and 7 Students search and read select media sources on the subject prior to coming to class.
4	The Politics of North Korea Topic: Kim Jong Un and the `Byeongjin` Policy	Cumings, Chapter 8 Students search and read select media sources on the subject prior to coming to

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5	Midterm Exam	
6	Politics of South Korea Topic: Park Chung Hee, Kim Dae Jung, and Roh Moo Hyun	Cumings, Chapter 7
7	South Korea between the US and China Topic: "One Belt, One Road"	Asan Report, South Korean Attitudes toward China, July 2014. http://en.asaninst.org/content/south-korean-attitudes-on-china/