Korea's Relations with Major Neighboring Countries and Its Growing Role on a Global Stage
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Thursdays, 2:05-5:15pm at 50-52E

Introduction:
This course is designed to provide an overview of Korean foreign policy in its relations with key neighbors. With ample on-the-spot experiences in many hot issues of Korean foreign policy practices, the instructor intends to share these experiences with students majoring in East Asian studies. The course will be sharing pragmatic and practical issues about South Korean foreign policy, rather than a theoretical approach to foreign policy in East Asia. It will deal with many pending issues of Korea’s relations with Japan and China. It will also review the status of East Asian integration in comparison with EU and the future prospect, current status of Korea-US relations and Korea’s growing role on the global stage.

Requirements:
The course will consist heavily of in-class discussion. Students are required to complete the reading assignment prior to class and expected to participate actively during class. Students must also complete three response papers and one final paper for this class. You may choose the weeks for which you will write a response paper, but each paper must be turned in at the start of class between weeks 2 and 10. Each response paper should be no longer than 1-page single spaced, and consist of your critical analysis of the reading material. The final paper, due at the start of class in week 10 (March 15th), is a 8-10 page paper on the following question: “What is your suggested course of action for South Korea that is struggling to find the middle ground between its alliance with the United States and the growing influence of the PRC?” The final paper is not an academic research paper; the purpose of the paper is to allow an opportunity for students to present their opinions on this dilemma by South Korea, taking into account the class discussions and readings throughout the quarter. Research beyond class-material is permitted, but not required.

Grading:
Attendance and participation: 50%
Response papers: 30% (10% x 3)
Final paper: 20%
Readings:
There are four books and a reader required for the course:

The books and the reader are available at the Stanford Bookstore. The four books will also be on reserve at Green Library. The readings noted “ONLINE” will be available on the course webpage. Students are free to manage the reading load however they wish within the weeks of a certain topic. However, it is advisable that you complete a significant portion of the reading before the start of the first week of each topic, as it will allow for a more in-depth discussion during class.

Course Schedule:

**Week 1: Introduction to the Course**
- Course overview
- A brief lecture on the history and characteristics of Korea’s foreign relations

Required Readings:

**Weeks 2, 3, 4: Korea-Japan Relations**
- Historical legacy and the diplomatic normalization of 1965
- Joint declaration on the Partnership for the 21st Century in 1998
- Diplomatic War in 2005 and major pending issues
- Japan-North Korea relations

Required Readings:
- Togo, Kazuhiko, “Japan-South Korea Relations and the Role of the US on History,” (pp. 97-123) in Rozman, Gilbert, ed. *U.S. Leadership, History, and Bilateral Relations in Northeast Asia.*
- Park, Cheol Hee, “Getting Away or Getting In: US Strategic Options in the Historical Controversy between its Allies,” (pp. 124-142) in Rozman, Gilbert, ed. *U.S. Leadership, History, and Bilateral Relations in Northeast Asia.*
Weeks 5, 6, 7: Korea-China Relations
- Traditional relations and the diplomatic normalization in 1992
- Post-normalization developments
- China’s rise and the relations in 21st Century
- Sino-North Korean relations

Required Readings:
- Chung, Jae Ho. Between Ally and Partner: Korea-China Relations and the United States.
- Snyder, Scott. China’s Rise and the Two Koreas.

Week 8: East Asian Integration
- East Asian Integration and the European Experience

Required Readings:
http://aparc.stanford.edu/events/an_asean_community_by_2015_prospers_and_implications_for_asia_and_the_united_states/


Additional Readings (Optional):


**Week 9: Korea-US Relations**

- Current status of Korea-US relations

Required Readings:


Additional Readings (Optional):

Week 10: Korea’s growing role on the global stage – *FINAL PAPER DUE*

Required Readings:


* Details of Weeks 8, 9, and 10 will be discussed in greater detail throughout the quarter