

## **History 725: Historiography of Modern Korea**

Fridays, 4-6 p.m., Humanities 5257

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This seminar explores major trends and issues in the historiography of modern Korea, paying close attention to interactions between culture, intellectuals, politics, and social change, as well as the ways in which Korea has fit into regional and global patterns. The focus for the first part of the semester will be the colonial era, and for the second, the postliberation era. Working chronologically and thematically, we will read a mix of influential earlier studies and important recent works. Students will write weekly response papers and a historiographic essay. The primary objective of this course is to provide students with a strong foundation for future research and teaching on modern Korea.

### **Course Requirements:**

- (1) Attendance and Participation
- (2) 11 response papers (max. 500 words). Post your papers to Learn@UW no later than Thursday, 8 p.m.
- (3) Final project for graduate students. Choose between either
  - a. Drafting an undergraduate syllabus with at least 50% modern Korea content.
  - b. Writing a historiographic essay (15 pages page, double-spaced) on a topic of your choosing.

Sept. 5 – Preliminaries

Sept. 12 – Asian Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Roundtable in the Pyle Center: 9:00-12:30, 2:00-5:30

Sept. 19 – Modern Nationalist Discourse

Andre Schmid, *Korea Between Empires, 1895-1919* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2002)

Sept. 26 – Economic Development

Carter J. Eckert, *Offspring of Empire: The Koch'ang Kims and the Colonial Origins of Korean Capitalism, 1876-1945* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1991).

Oct. 3 – Historiographic Interlude

Gi-Wook Shin & Michael E. Robinson, "Introduction: Rethinking Colonial Korea," in *Colonial Modernity in Korea* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 1999), 1-18.

Bruce Cumings, "Colonial Formations and Deformations: Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam," *Parallax Visions: Making Sense of American-East Asian Relations* (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1999), 69-94.

Gi-Wook Shin, "Agrarian Conflict and the Origins of Korean Capitalism," *American Journal of Sociology* 103:5 (March 1998): 1309-1351.

Tae-hern Jung, "Two Korea's Perceptions of the 'Colonial Modernity' since 1945," *International Journal of Korean History* 2 (December 2001): 193-219.

Andre Schmid, "Colonialism and the 'Korea Problem' in the Historiography of Modern Japan: A Review Article," *Journal of Asian Studies* 59:4 (November 2000): 951-976.

Jung Keun-Sik, "Colonial Modernity and the Social History of Chemical Seasoning in Korea," *Korea Journal* 45:2 (Summer 2005): 9-36.

Oct. 10 – Gender History

Hyaeweol Choi, *Gender and Mission Encounters in Korea* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009)

Oct. 17 – Settler Colonialism

Jun Uchida, *Brokers of Empire: Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876-1945* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2011), selected chapters.

Oct. 24 – Empire & Spatiality

Todd Henry, *Assimilating Seoul: Japanese Rule and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014)

Oct. 31 – The Korean War

Bruce Cumings, *The Korean War: A Modern History* (NY: Random House, 2010),

Allan R. Millett, “The Korean War: A 50-Year Critical Historiography,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 24:1 (March 2001), 188-224.

Nov. 7 – North Korea (1)

Suzy Kim, *Everyday Life in the North Korean Revolution, 1945-1950* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013)

Nov. 14 – North Korea (2)

Charles K. Armstrong, *Tyranny of the Weak: North Korea and the World* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013)

Nov. 21 – South Korea (1)

Namhee Lee, *The Making of Minjung: Democracy and the Politics of Representation in South Korea* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2007)

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 5 – South Korea (2)

Hyung-A Kim and Clark W. Sorensen, eds., *Reassessing the Park Chung Hee Era, 1961-1979: Development, Political Thought, Democracy, & Cultural Influence* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2011), introduction, chapters 4-5.

Byung-Kook Kim & Ezra F. Vogel, *The Park Chung Hee Era: The Transformation of Korea* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2011), introduction, chapters 9, 12, 14, conclusion.

Hwang Byeong-ju, “The Ruling Discourse and Mass Politics of the Park Chung Hee Regime,” *Review of Korean Studies* 12:3 (September 2009), 11-40.

Namhee Lee, "The Theory of Mass Dictatorship: A Re-examination of the Park Chung Hee Period," *Review of Korean Studies* 12:3 (September 2009), 41-69.

Youngju Ryu, "Korea's Vietnam: Popular Culture, Patriarchy, Intertextuality," *Review of Korean Studies* 12:3 (September 2009), 101-123.

Dec. 12 – South Korea (3)

John Dimoia, *Reconstructing Bodies: Biomedicine, Health, and Nation-building in South Korea Since 1945* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2013)

Dec. 19 – Final Project Due