

UW-Madison
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Hist 725: Historiography of Colonial-Era Korea

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the English-language historiography of colonial-era Korea with a focus on nationalist discourse, social and cultural history, and the complex interactions among Koreans and Japanese within the space of empire. We will be reading a mix of influential earlier studies and promising recent works. The objective is for you to build, or fortify, your own categories for understanding colonial-era history and historiography in preparation for future academic work.

Course Requirements:

- (1) Eight book reviews/response papers (3-4 pages). Write book reviews for books, or response papers for weeks in which we read book chapters and journal articles (Feb. 14, & May 2). Post your papers on Learn@UW as text postings and upload as doc, docx, or pdf file each week by Sunday night.
- (2) Final project for graduate students. Choose between either
 - a. drafting an undergraduate syllabus
 - b. writing a historiographical essay (8-10 page, double-spaced) on a selected topic

Evaluation:

For graduate students, I will evaluate your seminar participation (40%), book reviews (35%), and final project (25%).

For undergraduates, I will evaluate your seminar participation (50%) and book reviews (50%).

Jan. 31

The Emergence of Modern Nationalist Discourse in Korea

Andre Schmid, *Korea Between Empires: Nation and Identity in East Asia, 1895-1919* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2002).

OPTIONAL:

Henry H. Em., "Minjok as a Modern and Democratic Construct: Sin Ch'aeho's Historiography, in *Colonial Modernity in Korea* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 1999), 336-361.

Feb. 7

The Colonial State

Mark Caprio, *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2009).

OPTIONAL:

Todd A. Henry, "Sanitizing Empire: Japanese Articulations of Korean Otherness and the Construction of Early Colonial Seoul," *The Journal of Asian Studies* 64:3 (August 2005): 639-675.

Feb. 14

Rural Social Relations

Pang Kie-chung and Michael D. Shin eds., *Landlords, Peasants, and Intellectuals in Modern Korea* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell East Asia Program, 2005), selected chapters.

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

Feb. 21

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).

OPTIONAL:

Atul Kohli, "Where Do High Growth Political Economies Come From?: The Japanese Lineage of Korea's 'Developmental State'," *World Development* 22:9 (September 1994): 1269-1283.

Stephen Haggard et al., "Japanese Colonialism and Korean Development: A Critique," *World Development* 25:6 (1997): 867-881.

Feb. 28 Social Class

Kyung Moon Hwang, *Beyond Birth: Social Status in the Emergence of Modern Korea* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004).

March 7 Gender and Modernity

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

March 21 Gender and Class

Janice Kim, *To Live to Work: Factory Women in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009).

March 28 Cultural History (1)

Kim Brandt, *Kingdom of Beauty: Mingei and the Politics of Folk Art in Imperial Japan* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2007).

Apr. 4 Cultural History (2)

E. Taylor Atkins, *Primitive Selves: Koreana in the Japanese Colonial Gaze, 1910-1945* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010).

Apr. 11 *Reading Day*

Apr. 18 Imperial Space

Hyun Ok Park, *Two Dreams in One Bed: Empire, Social Life, and the Origins of the North Korean Revolution in Manchuria* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press 2005).

Apr. 25 *Reading Day*

May 2

On "Colonial Modernity"

Gi-Wook Shin and Michael E. Robinson, "Rethinking Colonial Korea," in *Colonial Modernity in Korea*, pp. 1-18.

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

Gi-Wook Shin, "Agrarianism: A Critique of Colonial Modernity in Korea," *Society for Comparative Study of Society and History* (1999), 784-804.

Bruce Cumings, "The Legacy of Japanese Colonialism in Korea," in *The Japanese Colonial Empire*, 478-496.

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

Lee, Horyong. "The Current State of Studies on the Japanese Colonial Era and Related Items: With a Special Focus on the Studies Produced in the 21st Century." *International Journal of Korean History* 10 (December 2006): 157-188.