**Seminar in North Korea:**

**Society and Culture in North Korea**

**Spring 2017**

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| Course  Title | Seminar in North Korea:  Society and Culture in  North Korea | Course Number | 8754.522 | Major | Korean Studies |
| Time | Thursdays, 14:30-17:30 | Classroom | TBA | Credits | 3 |
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

* A survey of the social and cultural history of North Korea from 1948 to present.

**COURSE MATERIAL**

* All required reading material will be uploaded on the university portal (ETL)

**COURSE FORMAT AND LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

* Lecture, student presentation, discussions conducted in English

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

* Weekly presentation (brief survey of issues, scholarship on or relevant to the given topic of the week and student's own questions and critique)
* All students are expected to be prepared to comment analytically on the reading material every week and engage actively in discussions.
* Advanced Korean reading and listening comprehension proficiency is desired, although not absolutely required (film screening and short novel reading may be assigned for several topics)

**GRADING**

* Weekly presentation 50%
* Class participation 30%
* Attendance 20%

**COURSE SCHEDULE** **(As of 4 January 2017)**

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| **WEEK 1 (2 March)**  Course Outline |  |
| **WEEK 2 (9 March)**  Historical Overview  (Kim Il Sung Era) | * Kihl, Young Whan. "The Cultural Dimensions of North Korean Communism," *Korean Studies*, Vol. 18 (1994), pp. 139-137. * Buzo, Adrian. *The Guerilla Dynasty* (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1999), Chapter 1. * Cumings, Bruce. *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History* (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 1997), Chapter 8. |
| **WEEK3 (16 March)**  Historical Overview-  Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un Eras | * Kim, Sung Chull. *North Korea under Kim Jong Il: From Consolidation to Systemic Dissonance* (Albany: State University of New York, 2006), Chapters 3. * Lim Jae-Cheon*. Kim Jong Il's Leadership of North Korea* (London and New York: Routledge, 2009), Chapter 4, 5. |
| **WEEK 4 (23 March)**  Anti-Japanese Nation Building | * Armstrong, Charles. *The North Korean Revolution* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003), Chapter 2,3,6. * Gwang-oog Kim. "The Making of the North Korean State," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Fall 2007), pp. 15-42. * Lee, Chong-sik. "Land Reform, Collectivization, and Peasants in North Korea," *The* *China Quarterly*, No. 14 (April-June 1963), pp. 65-81 * Cathcart, Adam and Charles Kraus. "Peripheral Influence: The Sinuju Student Incident of 1945 and the Impact of the Soviet Occupation in North Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Fall 2008), pp. 1-27. * Cathcart, Adam. "Song of Youth: North Korean Music from Liberation to War," *North Korean Review,* Vol. 4, No. 2 (Fall 2008), pp. 93-104. |
| **WEEK 5 (30 March)**  Inventing Socialist Identity | * Suk-young Kim. "Springtime for Kim Il-Sung in Pyongyang: City on State, City as Stage," *TDR*, Vol. 51, No. 2 (Summer 2007), pp. 24-40. * Choi, Hyungsub. "Rationalizing the Guerilla State: North Korean Factory Management Reform, 1953-1961," *History and Technology*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (2004), pp. 53-74. * Cheehyung Harrison Kim. "North Korea's Vinalon City: Industrialism as Socialist Everyday Life," *East Asia Cultures Critique*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (Fall 2014), pp. 809-836. * Scalapino, Robert and Chong-sik Lee. *Communism in North Korea II* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1972), Chapter 15. * Kim, Suk-Young*. Illusive Utopia: Theatre, Film, and Everyday Performance in North Korea* (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2010), Chapter 4. |
| **WEEK 6 (6 April)**  Coping with Post-socialism | * Buzo, Adrian. *The Guerilla Dynasty* (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1999), Chapter 5,6. * Garoussenko, Tatiana. "Calls for Self-Sacrifice in North Korean Creative Writing in the Late 1990s to 2000s," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Fall 2008), pp. 29-56. * Kwon, Heonik and Hyung-ho Chung. North Korea: Beyond Charismatic Politics (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012), Chapters 1, 2, 3. * Kim, Suk-Young. *Illusive Utopia: Theatre, Film, and Everyday Performance in North Korea* (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2010), Chapter 3. * Hyangjin Lee, "Conflicting Working Class Identities in North Korean Cinema," *Korea Journal* (Autumn 2000), pp. 237-254. |
| **WEEK 7 (13 April)** | **Special Guest Lecture (North Korean Refugee)** |
| **WEEK 8 (20April)** | **No Class**  **Mid-term Exam Period** |
| **WEEK 9 (27 April)**  The Second Society | * Haggard, Stephan and Marcus Noland, *Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid, and Reform* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), Chapters 2,3. * Lankov, Andrei and Kim Seok-hyang. "North Korean Market Vendors: The Rise of Grassroots Capitalists in a Post-Stalinist Society," *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 81, No.1 (Spring 2008), pp. 53-72. * Lankov, Andrei. "Low-Profile Capitalism: The Emergence of the New Merchant/Entrepreneurial Class in Post-Famine North Korea," in Kyung-ae Park and Scott Snyder eds., *North Korea in Transition: Politics, Economy, and Society* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2013), pp. 179-194. * Hassig, Ralph and Kong Dan Oh. *The Hidden People of North Korea: Everyday Life in the Hermit Kingdom* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2009),Chapter 3, 4. * Lerner, Mitchell. "Markets, Movies, and Media: The Growing Soft Power Threat to North Korea," *Journal of East Asian Affairs*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2015), pp. 41-70. * 이명자, "우리집 문제를 통해서 읽는 북한 중산층의 제2사회," 통일문제연구, Vol. 19, No. 2 (2007), pp. 403-428. |
| **WEEK 10 (4 May)**  Transformation of Juche  (Education) | * Kim, Sung Chull. *North Korea under Kim Jong Il: From Consolidation to Systemic Dissonance* (Albany: State University of New York, 2006), Chapters 3. * Kang, Jing Woong. "Political Uses of Confucianism n North Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Spring 2011), pp. 63-87. * Jung, Hyang Jin. "Jucheism as an Apotheosis of the Family: The Case of the Arirang Festival*," Journal of Korean Religion*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (October 2013), pp. 93-122. * Kim, Chee Hyung. "Total, Thus Broken: Chuch'e Sasang and North Korea's Terrain of Subjectivity," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 17, No.1 (Spring 2012), pp. 69-96. |
| **WEEK 11 (11 May)**  Women in the Rise and Fall of Socialism | * Jung, Kyungja and Browen Dalton, "Rhetoric Versus Reality for the Women of North Korea: Mothers of the Revolution," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 5 (September/October 2006), pp. 741-760. * Lankov, Andrei and Seokhyang Kim. "Useless Men, Entrepreneurial Women and North Korea's Post-Socialism: Transformation of Gender Roles Since the Early 1990s," *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (2014), pp. 68-69. * Park, Kyung-ae. "Economic Crisis, Women's Changing Economic Roles, and Their Implications for Women's Status in North Korea," *The Pacific Review*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (2011), pp. 159-177. * Kim, Suzy. "Mothers and Maidens: Gendered Formation of Revolutionary Heroes in North Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Fall 2014), pp. 257-289. * Lipovestky, Gilles. *Empire of Fashion* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994. * Medvedev, Katalin. "Ripping Up the Uniform Approach: Hungarian Women Piece Together a New Communist Fashion," in Regina Lee Blaszczyk ed., *Producing Fashion: Commerce, Culture, and Consumers* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008). * Kim, Suk-Young. "Dressed to Kill: Women's Fashion and Body Politics in North Korean Visual Media (1960s-1970s), *East Asian Cultures Critique*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (Spring 2011), pp. 159-191. |
| **WEEK 12 (18 May)**  North Korean Defectors in South Korea | * Gabroussenko, Tatiana. "From Developmentalist to Conservationist Criticism: The New Narrative of South Korea in North Korean Propaganda," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 1(Spring 2011), pp. 27-61. * Chung, Byung-ho. "Between Defector and Migrant: Identities and Strategies of North Koreans in South Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 32 (2008), pp. 1-27. * Suh, Bo-Hyuk. "Controversies over North Korean Human Rights in South Korean Society," *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (2007), pp. 23-46. * Choo, Hae Yeon. "Gendered Modernity and Ethnicized Citizenship: North Korean Settlers in Contemporary South Korea," *Gender and Society*, Vol. 20, No. 5 (October 2006), pp. 576-604. * Bidet, Eric. "Social Capital and Work Integration of Migrants: The Case of North Korean Defectors in South Korea," *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (2009), pp. 151-179. * Kang, Jin Woong. "Historical Change in North Korean Nationalism, " *North Korean Review* (Spring 2007), pp. 86-104. |
| **WEEK 13 (25 May)**  Human Rights Issues | * Smith, Hazel. "Opening Up by Default: North Korea, Humanitarian Community, and the Crisis," *The Pacific Review*, Vol. 12, No. 3 (1999), pp. 453-478. * Hong, Christine. "Reframing North Korean Human Rights," *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 4 (2013), pp. 511-532. * Smith, Hazel. "Crimes Against Humanity?" *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 1 (2014), pp. 127-143. |
| **WEEK 14 (1 June)**  Transnational Migration of North Korean Refugees | * Armstrong, Charles. *Tyranny of the Weak: North Korea and the World, 1950-1992* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013), Chapter 5. * 정은이. "재일조선인 귀국자의 삶을 통해서 본 북한체제의 재조명: 재일탈북자의 증언을 중심으로," 아세아연구, Vol. 52, No. 3 (2009), pp. 189-227. * 남근우. "북한귀국사업의 재조명: 원조경제에서 인질경제로의 전환," 한국정치학회보, Vol. 44, No. 2 (2010), pp. 137-158. * Cathcart, Adam and Charles Kraus. "The Bonds of Brotherhood: New Evidence on Sino-North Korean Exchanges, 1950-1954," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (Summer 2011), pp. 24-51. * Shen, Zhihua and Yafeng Xia. "Chinese-North Korean Relations and Chinese Policy toward Korean Cross Border Migration, 1950-1962," *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 4 (Fall 2014), pp. 133-158. * Chung, Byung-ho. "Living Dangerously in Two Worlds: The Risks and Tactics of North Korean Refugee Children in China," *Korea Journal* (Autumn 2003), pp. 191-211. * Gray, Kevin and Jong-woon Lee, "Following China's Footsteps? The Political Economy of North Korean Reform," *The Pacific Review*. * Reilly, James. "China's Market Influence in North Korea," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 54, No. 5 (September/October 2014), pp. 894-917. * Kim, Sun-kyung. "I am Well-Cooked Food: Survival Strategies of North Korean Female Border Crossers and Possibilities for Empowerment," *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 4 (2014), pp. 553-571. |
| **WEEK 15 (8 June)** | **Special Guest Lecture (North Korean Refugee)** |
| **WEEK 16 (15 June)** | **Final Term Exam Period** |