Korea-Southeast Asia Relations (M2052.000400)
SNU GSIS
Fall 2020

Wed 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Building 140, Room 105

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Course Description
This seminar provides an intensive study of contemporary Korea-Southeast Asia relations in economic, security, and cultural domains. In doing so, it pays great attention to how general theories of international relations, political economy, and development studies can be fruitfully applied to the study of the interactions between Korea and Southeast Asia. Equally importantly, this course is also designed to equip students with abilities to work seriously with both qualitative and quantitative data while informed by historical understanding of these relationships. Students will be asked to gather, describe, and analyze data to gain insights on Korea-Southeast Asia relations.

Course Prerequisites
There are no prerequisites although Korean reading proficiency will help you extract statistical data from Korean sources.

Instructional Methods (Subject to Change)
In-person classes (Four meetings): Sept 2, Sept 16, Oct 14, and Nov 11
Synchronous online classes on Zoom: the rest
Short pre-recorded video clips when necessary throughout the semester

Course Requirements and Evaluation

1. Class attendance and participation 10 %
2. Weekly response questions 10 %
3. Cross-country comparison project 10 %
4. Timeline project 10 %
5. Treaty database project 10 %
6. Bilateral relations report and presentation 20 %
7. Final exam 30 %
1. Attendance and participation: Students are expected to do the readings before they come to class and engage discussions.

2. Weekly response questions: Students will submit questions on the weekly readings. Those questions will be discussed in class and evaluated by the instructor.

3. Assignments (three projects): Students will compile (1) a cross-country comparison of key economic indicators of Korea and Southeast Asian countries, (2) an annotated timeline of Korea-Southeast Asia relations, and (3) an analysis of international treaties between Korea and a Southeast Asia country.

For assignments involving data collection and data analysis, you will be asked to work with MS Excel and Tableau. Detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

4. Student presentations: Students will present their work on the bilateral relations between Korea and a Southeast Asian country to class near the end of the semester. Detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

5. Final exam: Students will take a take-home exam. Detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

Course Reading

There is no single text for this course. For journal articles, students are expected to obtain them through the SNU library system. Reading materials that may be difficult to find will be available through ETL.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be treated lightly. It will result in lowered or failing grades as well as the possibility of more serious punishments.

Use of Electronic Devices for In-person Classes

You may use laptops or tablets in class to take notes or consult readings. Any other use of electronic devices is prohibited. Violating this policy will negatively impact your participation grade.

Recording Policy

Video and/or audio recording of any course activity is prohibited as a general rule. Students with approved accommodations from the Center for Students with Disabilities permitting the recording of class meetings must present the accommodation letter to the instructor in advance of any recording being done.

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction and Course Overview
No readings

**Week 2: A Framework for Analyzing Korean Policy toward Southeast Asia**


More Readings TBA

* Writing workshop

**Week 3: Historical Overview of Korea-Southeast Asia Relations I**


* Recommended:


* Cross-country comparison workshop

**Week 4: Historical Overview of Korea-Southeast Asia Relations II**


* Timeline project workshop

**Week 5: Recent Developments in Korea-Southeast Asia Relations**


More Readings TBA

* Treaty database workshop

**Week 6: No Class: Chuseok**

**Week 7: Korea-Southeast Asia Trade**

ADB. *Asia's Journey to Prosperity: Policy, Market, and Technology Over 50 Years*, 2020, Various chapters. [http://dx.doi.org/10.22617/TCS190290](http://dx.doi.org/10.22617/TCS190290)


Statistical data from KITA, ASEANstats, UN Comtrade, and WITS

* Trade profile workshop

**Week 8: Foreign Direct Investment and Infrastructure Development in Korea-Southeast Asia Relations**


ASEAN Secretariat. *ASEAN Investment report: 2016 foreign direct investment and MSME linkages*, (Jakarta, Indonesia, 2016) Chapter 2 “Korean FDI and MNEs in ASEAN”


Statistical data from Korea Eximbank, KOTRA, ASEANstats, UNCTAD, OECD, the International Contractors Association of Korea, and World Bank

* FDI profile workshop

**Week 9: Development Assistance in Korea-Southeast Asia Relations**

Readings TBA
Statistical data from OECD, the Korea Economic Development Cooperation Fund, and the Korea International Cooperation Agency

* OECD CRS exercise workshop

*Recommended:
Deaton, Angus. "Do we need to rethink the Robin Hood principle?" World Economic Forum, June 14, 2016.

**Week 10: International Migration in Korea-Southeast Asia Relations**


Statistical data from Statistics Korea, Korean Ministry of Justice, and World Bank

* Recommended:
Yang, Dean. "International migration and human development." UNDP Human Development Research
Week 11: Tourism and Cultural Exchange in Korea-Southeast Asia Relations

Readings TBA
Statistical data from Statistics Korea, ASEANstats, World Bank and World Tourism Organization

Week 12: Japan-Southeast Asia Relations: A Comparative View


Shiraishi, Takashi, and Takaaki Kojima, eds. ASEAN-Japan Relations. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2013, Various chapters.


* Recommended:

Week 13: Student Presentations

Week 14: Student Presentations

Week 15: Final Exam

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