

# **Modernization and the Transformation of Korean Society**

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## **Grading:**

1. Final Project: 50%
2. Presentation and Participation: 50%

## **Individual Project (Original research) by December 20:**

A research on any topic of Korean modernization; A comparative research between Korea and any other country (your home country?) you choose is also fine;

15-20 pages in double space including tables, figures and reference, font 12.

## **Schedule:**

### **Week 1 (9/3) Introduction**

### **Week 2 (9/10) What is modernization?(Inglehart); Tradition vs. Modern**

\*Kumar, Krishan. 1990. "Modernization and Industrialization" Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 24, 15<sup>th</sup> ed. Pp. 255-66.

\*Inglehart, Ronald, and Christian Welzel. 2005. "A Revised Theory of Modernization" in *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press. Pp. 15-47.

### **Week 3 (9/17) Theory of Korea's Socioeconomic Success**

\*Evans, Peter. 1979. "Imperialism, Dependency, and Dependent Development" In *Dependent Development* by Peter Evans. Princeton University Press. Pp. 14-54.

- \*Amsden, Alice. 1989. "Industrializing through Learning" In *Asia's Next Giant. South Korea and Late Industrialization* by Alice Amsden. Oxford University Press. Pp. 3-23.
- \*Moon, Hwy-Chang. 2016. "Ch 1. Foundations of Korea's Economic Development"; "Ch. 4. The ABCD Model: The Success Factors of Korea's Economic Growth" In *The Strategy for Korea's Economic Development* by Hwy-Chang Moon. Oxford University Press.

#### **Week 4 (9/24) Korea's Earlier Socioeconomic Success**

- \*Kuznets, Paul W.. 1988. "An East Asian Model of Economic Development: Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea" *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 36(3, Supplement): Why Does Overcrowded, Resource-Poor East Asia Succeed: Lessons for the LDCs? pp. S11-S43.
- \*Amsden, Alice. 1989. "The Boom in Education" In *Asia's Next Giant. South Korea and Late Industrialization* by Alice Amsden. Oxford University Press. Pp. 215-239.
- \*Sorensen, Clark W. 1994. "Success and Education in South Korea" *Comparative Education Review*, 38(1). Special Issue on Schooling and Learning in Children's Lives, pp. 10-35.
- \*Lie, John. 1998. "Ch. 4. In and Under the Tracks of Development" In *Han Unbound*. Stanford University Press. Pp. 75-118

#### **Week 5 (10/1) Economic Performance of "The Rest"**

- \*Amsden, Alice. 2001. "II. Sneaking Ahead, circa 1950-" In *The Rise of "The Rest"* by Alice Amsden. Oxford University Press. Pp. 123-248.

#### **Week 6 (10/8) Democratization in the 1980s and Afterwards (Kim)**

- \*Lie, John. 1998. "Ch. 5. Development Contradictions and Political Democratization" In *Han Unbound*. Stanford University Press. Pp. 119-153
- \*Johnson, Chalmers. 1989. "The Democratization of South Korea: What Role Does Economic Development Play?" *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*. Vol. 4. Pp. 63-79.
- \*Im, Hyug Baeg. 2011. "Better Democracy, Better Economic Growth? South Korea" *International Political Science Review* 32(5): 579-597

## **Week 7 (10/15) Compressed Modernity**

Guest Lecturer: Professor Kyung-Sup Chang (Sociology Department, SNU)

Chang Kyung-Sup. 2016. "Compressed Modernity in South Korea: Constitutive Dimensions, Historical Conditions, and Systemic Mechanisms." Youna Kim (ed), *The Routledge Handbook of Korean Culture and Society: A Global Approach*, pp.31-47. London/New York Routledge.

Chang Kyung-Sup. 1999. "Compressed Modernity and Its Discontents: South Korean Society in Transition." *Economy and Society*, volume 28, number 1, pp.30-55.

Chang Kyung-Sup. 2014. "Transformative Modernity and Citizenship Politics: The South Korean Aperture." Chang Kyung-Sup (ed), *South Korea in Transition: Politics and Culture of Citizenship*, pp.163-180. London/New York: Routledge.

Chang Kyung-Sup. 2012. "Developmental Citizenship in Perspective: The South Korean Case and Beyond." Chang Kyung-Sup, and Bryan S. Turner (eds), *Contested Citizenship in East Asia: Developmental Politics, National Unity, and Globalization*, pp.182-202. London/New York: Routledge.

Chang Kyung-Sup. 2012. "Predicaments of Neoliberalism in the Post-Developmental Liberal Context." Chang Kyung-Sup, Ben Fine, and Linda Weiss (eds), *Developmental Politics in Transition: The Neoliberal Era and Beyond*, pp.70-91. Basingstoke/New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

## **Week 8 (10/22) Economic Crisis in 1997 and Afterwards**

\*Haggard, Stephen. 2000. *The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis*. Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC. Intro&Chs. 1-3. Pp. 1-138.

## **Week 9 (10/29) Women's Life Course Changes in Korea and Japan**

Guest lecturer: Sasano Misae (PhD Candidate, Sociology Department, SNU)

How do Japanese women's life courses have in common with Korean women, and how are they different? We will read two papers that attempt to explain Japan's demographic, family and women's life course changes from different perspectives. Emiko Ochiai is looking for an explanation of East Asian demographic and family changes, focusing on the timing and speed of modernization based on the demographic transition theory. On the other hand, Toru Suzuki, a demographer, tries to explain from the viewpoint of cultural theory (explained by Confucianism and Feudalism), the appearance of the family before modernization. Comparing two perspectives, we will think comprehensively about the family and women's life course changes in Korea and Japan.

\*Ochiai, Emiko. "Leaving the West, rejoining the East? Gender and family in Japan's semi-compressed modernity." *International Sociology* 29.3 (2014): 209-228.

- \*SUZUKI, Toru. Low fertility and population aging in Japan and Eastern Asia. In: *Low Fertility and Population Aging in Japan and Eastern Asia*. Springer, Tokyo, 2013. pp. 1-87.  
 Chapter2, *Demography of Low Fertility in Japan and Eastern Asia*. Pp.3-19.  
 Chapter 3, *Low Fertility from a Comparative Perspective*. Pp. 20-34

### **Week 10 (11/5) Traditional Korean Family**

- \*Deucher, Martina. 1992. *The Confucian Transformation of Korea*. Harvard University Press. Chs. 3, 5 and 6. Pp. 129-178, 203-281.
- \*Eun, Ki-Soo. 2009. "Diverse Ways of Family Succession in Late Chosun Period" *Historical and Comparative Family History*. Edited by Ochiai Emiko et al. Waseda University Press (in Japanese). Pp. 167-202.

### **Week 11 (11/12) Modern Family Dynamics**

- \*Ochiai, Emiko. 2011. "Unsustainable Societies: The Failure of Familialism in East Asia's Compressed Modernity." *Historical Social Research* Vol. 36. No. 2. Pp. 219-245,
- \*Chang, Kyung-Sup. 2011. *South Korea Under Compressed Modernity. Familial Political Economy in Transition*. Routledge. Pp. 27-67.

### **Week 12 (11/19) Population Dynamics**

- \*LESTHAEGHE, RON. 2010. "The Unfolding Story of the Second Demographic Transition" *Population and Development Review* 36(3): 211-251.
- \*McDonald, Peter. 2000. "Gender Equity in Theories of Fertility Transition" *Population and Development Review* 26(3): 427-439.
- \*McDonald, Peter. 2006. "Low Fertility and the State: The Efficacy of Policy" *Population and Development Review* 32(3): 485-510.

### **Week 13 (11/26) Gender and Gender Preference**

- \*Chong, Kelly H. 2006. "Negotiating Patriarchy: South Korean Evangelical Women and the Politics of Gender", *Gender and Society*, 20(6): 697-724.
- \*Ochiai, Emiko. 2013. "The Logic and Family and Gender Changes in Early 21st-Century East Asia" *East Asian Gender in Transition*. Keimyung University Press. Pp.117-145.

\*GUILMOTO, CHRISTOPHE Z. 2009. "The Sex Ratio Transition in Asia" *Population and Development Review*, 35(4): 519-549.

\*Boer, Andrea, and Valerie Hudson. 2017. "Patrilineality, Son Preference, and Sex Selection in South Korea and Vietnam" *Population and Development Review* 43(1): 119–147

#### **Week 14 (12/3) Nationalism**

\*Shin, Gi-Wook. 2006. *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*. Stanford University Press.

Ch. 5. Ilmin Chuui and Modernization of Fatherland. Pp.96-109.

Ch. 7. Tradition, Modernity and Nation. Pp. 135-150.

Ch. 8. Division and Politics of National Representation. Pp. 151-165.

Ch. 10. Ethnic Identity and National Unification. Pp. 185-203.

#### **Week 15 (12/10) Korean Wave: K-Pop, K-Food... Korean Uniqueness?**

Sinnott, Megan. 2012. "Korean-Pop, Tom Gay Kings, Les Queens and the Capitalist Transformation of Sex/Gender Categories in Thailand" *Asian Studies Review* December, Vol. 36, pp. 453–474.