**Finance and Economic Development: The Korean Experience**

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**Class hours: Monday 13:00-16:00**

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**Course Description:**

This course has two purposes. The first one is to make students understand key issues recently developed in the field of international economy. Second, while studying hot debates surrounding current issues, this course also aims to guide students in their undertaking academic research and writing a thesis.

For the first purpose, we will select several issues which are most debated in the real world economy, and have discussions in the class. For the second purpose, students are required to prepare and present their own researches.

Since this course is designed to address various advanced issues in international economics, it is recommended for the 3rd semester or higher students who are embarking on thesis writing and have some background with preliminary classes of micro- and macro- economics and also international economics.

**Course Format:**

This course will combine students’ presentations with regular and special lectures.

* Students are expected to make several presentations: two individual presentations (one on key issues and the other on their research topics) and one group presentation on issues related with those covered in class. Group presentation is debates between two groups. Students are required to submit the PPT files after each presentation.
* Each week students are required to submit two-page weekly report before class, which includes a brief of and students’ own comments on course reading materials assigned for the week.
* By the end of the semester, students are also required to submit a term paper on what they choose for thesis writing.

**Course Materials:**

There will be no designated textbook but many reading materials in this class. Students are advised to read articles related to issues covered in class and to their research topics. Course reading materials will be posted on the website before class begins.

**Evaluation:**

* Weekly reports: 30%
* Presentations and group discussion: 50%
* Term-paper: 20%
* Class attendance and participation: bonus

**Course Outline:**

This course is basically composed of three parts, lectures, presentations, and group discussion. Part one includes lectures on recent key economic issues at country, regional or international level. Part two is for individual presentations and group discussions by students on the issues related to the class. Part three is another presentation by students on their own researches.

**PART I: Lectures**

1. Regional integration or disintegration

: Brexit and Grexit

2. International financial crises

: Asian crisis, Global financial crisis, and Euro crisis

**PART II: Presentation and Group discussion**

1. Individual Presentations on key issues
2. Group Discussions

**PART III: Research Presentation**

1. Individual Presentations of own researches