**Modernization and the Transformation of Korean Society**

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**1. Course Overview**

Modernization is understood as leading to or coinciding with political democratization and/or economic growth. Including Korean society, the term ‘modernization’ usually applied to focus on the change from, so called traditional society to modern society. However, it does not mean that every modern society is automatically linked with democracy and economic prosperity. In addition, attempts to measure the degree of achieving democracy or economic growth are not an easy task. Most of the approaches on studying theories and debates of modernization do not focus on tracing the change in society. This course aims to provide a critical tool in understanding the change and social transformation in Korean society of modernization.

To achieve this aim, this course suggests a method in making comparisons between the traditional period and so called modernized times on several important social issues and between Korean society and other societies in East Asia. Due to the limit of time, we will narrow down our focus to the changes related with family and gender. During the course, participants are expected to read and ponder on the five themes of modernization in Korean society: Filial piety (care for the old), Family value and relationships, Family planning (fertility), Diaspora, and Social democratization and gender.

What are the main issues need to be considered in understanding the modernization(s) of Korean society? How the modernization(s) and transformations influenced Korean people’s way of life? Based on these inquiries, we will discuss several important issues related with the Korean Modernization during the semester.

**2. Course Achievements and Requirements**

This course would concentrate on the readings assigned and discussions involved. The more you read, the more you will participate, which will bring you nearer to the higher level of satisfaction on understanding and having an insightful thought on the modernization of Korean society. I strongly advise you to devote considerable time and energy to the readings and discussions in class. Students are encouraged to read materials assigned weekly and write a short review paper explaining personal thoughts.

To this end, your grade will be determined as follows:

1. Attendance and Participation: 10%
2. Review Papers and/or assignment: 20%
3. Presentation and leading the discussion: 20%
4. Mid-Term Exam or Paper: 20%
5. Final Project or Final Exam: 30%

**3. Final Term Paper**

*to be announced*

**4. Course Schedule:**

**Week 1 (3/2) Introduction**

**Week 2 (3/9) Modernization Theory Revisited**

Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. 2007. “A Revised Theory of Modernization” (Ch.1), *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence*, (New York: Cambridge University Press), pp.15-47.

Berman, Sheri. 2009. “What to Read on Modernization Theory”,

https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2009-03-12/what-read-modernization-theory

**Week 3 (3/16) Legacy of Colonialism and Confucianism in Asia and Korea**

Kim, Wonik. 2009. “Rethinking Colonialism and the Origins of the Developmental State in East Asia,” *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol. 39, No. 3, August, pp.382-399.

Kim, Choong Soon. 2007. “Nascent Modernization in the Midst of ‘Broken Calm” (Ch. 2), *Kimchi and IT: Tradition and Transformation in Korea*, (Seoul: Ilchokak), pp. 47-71.

**Week 4 (3/23) Korea and East Asia in the 20th and 21th Centuries**

Wah, Chan Kam and James Lee. 2010. “Rethinking the social development approach in the context of East Asian social welfare”, *China Journal of Social Wor*k, Vol 3, No.1, pp.19-33.

Eggleston, Karen and Shripad Tjljapurkar, eds. 2010. “Introduction,” *Aging Asia: The Economic and Social Implication s of Rapid Demographic Change in China, Japan, and South Korea*, (Stanford: The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center), pp.3-17.

**Week 5 (3/30) Past Virtue? Traditional Filial Piety in the 20th century**

Sorenson, Clark and Sung-Chul Kim. 2004. “Filial Piety in Contemporary Urban Southeast Korea: Practices and Discourses” (Ch.8), Ikels, Charlotte (ed.). *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp.153-181.

Traphagan, John. W. 2004. “Curse of the Successor: Filial Piety vs. Marriage Among Rural Japanese” (Ch. 10), Ikels, Charlotte (ed.). *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp.198-216.

Eun, Ki-Soo, Moon Hyuna and Minja Kim Choe eds. 2015. Ch. 3, Explanatory Note (pp.153-156) and Section 3-2 The Clash of Values in Family Care (pp. 200-205), *Modern Korean Family: A Sourcebook,* (Seongnam: The Academy of Korean Studies Press).

**Week 6 (4/6) New Social Ties: Caring for the Old**

Park, hong-Jae. 2015. “Legislating for Filial Piety: An Indirect Approach to Promoting Family Support and Responsibility for Older People in Korea,” *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, Vol. 27, No.3, pp. 280-293.

Yap, Mui Teng, Leng Leng Thang, and John W. Traphagan. 2006. “Introduction: Again in Asia: Perennial Concerns on Support and Caring for the Old”, *Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology*, 20, pp.257-267.

Kwon, Soonman. 2010. “Population Aging and the Introduction of Long-term Care Insurance in South Korea”, Eggleston, Karen and Shripad Tjljapurkar ed., *Aging Asia: The Economic and Social Implication s of Rapid Demographic Change in China, Japan, and South Korea*, (Stanford: The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center), pp.109-117.

**Week 7 (4/13) Mid-Term Exam or Paper**

**Week 8 (4/20) Aiming for the Low Fertility: Family Planning in Past Korean Society**

Ahn, Kye-Choon and Seung-Hyun Han. 1978. “Induced Abortion and the MCH Law in Korea,” *Journal of East and West Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp.65-78.

Yang, Jae Mo, Sook Bang, Myung Ho Kim and Man Gap Lee. 1965. “Fertility and family planning in rural Korea,” *Population Studies*, Vol 18, No. 3, pp. 237-250.

Eun, Ki-Soo, Moon Hyuna and Minja Kim Choe eds. 2015. Ch. 1-1, Source 5, 8, 13,14 (pp.13-14, 17-18, 26-29, 29-30), and Ch.1-2 Source 3 and 10 (pp.32-34, 41-43), *Modern Korean Family: A Sourcebook,* (Seongnam: The Academy of Korean Studies Press).

**Week 9 (4/27) Low Fertility as a Problem: More Children Needed in Contemporary Korea**

Sung, Woong Kyun. 2012. “Abortion in South Korea: The Law and the Reality,” *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family* 26(3), 278-305.

Anderson, Thomas and Hans-Peter Kohler. 2013. “Education Fever and the East Asian Fertility Puzzle: A case study of low fertility in South Korea,” *Asian Population Studies*, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp.196-215.

Yang, Sungeun and Paul C. Rosenblatt. 2008. “Confucian Family Values and Childless Couples in South Korea”, *Journal of Family Issues*, Vol. 29, No.5, pp.571-591.

**Week 10 (5/4) Family Relations and Attitude Change: Past**

Kim, Myung-hye. 2011. “Urban Family Relationships in the Rapidly Industrializing Korean Society” (Ch. 6), Korean Family Studies Association ed., *Korean Families: Continuity and Change*, (Seoul: Seoul National University Press), pp.185-214.

Martin, Linda G. 1990, “Changing Intergenerational Family Relations in East Asia,” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol, 510, pp.102-114.

Choi, Soo Ho. 2000. “Land Is Thicker than Blood: Revisiting “Kinship Paternalism” in a Peasant Village in South Korea”, Journal of Anthropological Research, Vol. 56, No. 3, pp.349-363.

**Week 11 (5/11) Are Family and Kinship Ties Transforming? Present**

Yoo, YoungJu, Insoo Lee and Gyesook Yoo. 2007. “How Strong Families Encounter Social Challenges in the Republic of Korea,” *Marriage and Family Review*, Vol. 41, No. 1-2, pp.195-216.

Eun, Ki-Soo. 2011. “Changes in Population and Family in Korea” (Ch.3), *Korean Families: Continuity and Change*, (Seoul: Seoul National University Press), pp.87-127.

Kim, Seung-kyung and Kyounhee Kim. 2014., “The personal is political: the abolition of the family-head system,” (Ch.4), *The Korean women’s movement and the state: bargaining for change* (New York: Routledge), pp. 66-89.

Eun, Ki-Soo, Moon Hyuna and Minja Kim Choe eds. 2015. Ch. 3 Section 2-1 Changes in Attitudes toward Marriage and Divorce (pp.174- 186), *Modern Korean Family: A Sourcebook,* (Seongnam: The Academy of Korean Studies Press).

**Week 12 (5/18) Diasporic Koreans Part 1: From the Colonial Period to Present**

**Special Lecture “Return Migration among Older Sakhalin Koreans”**

Invited Speaker, Sungsook Lim (Toronto University, Canada)

**Week 13 (5/25) Diasporic Koreans Part 2: Who are Koreans? Korean Identity Issues in the Age of Globalization**

Kim, Tae-Sik and Yongmin Kim. 2016. “Who are (not) Koreans? Practices employed by Korean news media for covering Korean-American individuals’ success stories,” *Citizenship Studies*, Vol. 20, No.5, pp. 490-509.

Lee, Chulwoo. 2012. “How can you say you’re Korean? Law, governmentality and national membership in South Korea,” *Citizenship Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp.85-102.

Kim, Nora Hui-Jung. 2016. “Naturalizing Korean ethnicity and making ‘ethnic’ difference: a comparison of North Korean settlement and foreign bride incorporation policies in South Korea,” *Asian Ethnicity*, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 185-198.

**Week 14 (6/1) Social Democratization and Gender Issues**

Kim, Seung-kyung and Kyounhee Kim. 2014., “Women’s movement and gender policy: dynamics of resistance, tension, and negotiation,” (Ch.2), *The Korean women’s movement and the state: bargaining for change* (New York: Routledge), pp. 20-36.

Ochiai, Emiko. 2013. “The Logic and Family and Gender Changes in Early 21st-Century East Asia” *East Asian Gender in Transition*. (Daegu: Keimyung University Press), pp.117-145.

Eun, Ki-Soo, Moon Hyuna and Minja Kim Choe eds. 2015. Ch. 2-1, Source 2, 7 (pp. 53-63, 73-75), and Ch.2-3 Source 2 (pp.95-96), Ch. 2-4 Source 1 (pp.125-127) *Modern Korean Family: A Sourcebook,* (Seongnam: The Academy of Korean Studies Press).

**Week 15 (6/8) Final Discussion with papers or Exam**