

# 2019 HISS Syllabus

## International Relations in East Asia

### HANYANG UNIVERSITY

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Description: This is a mainly a Political History and Current International Relations Course, with a measure of Asian Cultural Studies included. Emphasis will be placed on the origins of each nation, general themes of their partnerships and conflicts, crucial incidents, and the intervention of other powers such as Mongolia, Russia, Europe and, mainly, the United States. The origins and significance of the current problem-issues and differing perspectives between the three will be explored, including issues of North Korea and re-unification; the “great game” now being played between those three and the USA will be investigated in light of recent and current events. The lectures and readings will be practical and interesting, focused on important trends and not petty details, and therefore will be memorable for the students.

Objective: Its objective will be will be to make beginning-level students become familiar with the 2000+ years of history between Korea, China and Japan.

Preparations: Reading materials will be provided online by Professor.

Schedule:	Week 1	Introductions, and Opening Themes of East-Asian Relations Korean & Chinese Origins, Earliest Contacts and Ancient Relations Early Relations between the Three Nations; Sui attacks Goguryeo
	Week 2	Early & Medieval Relations between the Three Nations Ancient Transmission of Civilization from Korea to Japan Unified Shilla and Tang China The Mongol Conquest of Asia; Launch of the Joseon Dynasty The Origin, Progress and Consequences of the Imjin War
	Week 3	Manchu Invasion Isolationism American and European Involvement in the 1800s Imperial Japan's War against Korea, China & etc 1895-1945
	Week 4	The Division of Korea by the Great Powers after WW-II Issues and Changes of the Early Modern Era 1953-69 Challenges and Dramatic Transformations of the 1970s-80s Olympics and Democracy in South Korea; collapse of NK Issues and Changes of the Recent Modern Era

Evaluation:	Midterm (%)	Final (%)	Attendance (%)	Assignments (%)	Participation (%)	Etc. (%)
	40	40	10	00	10	00

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