COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Yonsei University

Program(s)

Yonsei University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

COMPARATIVE EAST ASIAN STUDIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP E ASIAN STUDY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides a comparative and theoretical introduction to the recent social transformation of East Asian societies. In the first half, we study the reform and opening up of "Actually Existing Socialism" in China. For this, we read the theories of Marx and Lenin to make sense of issues in post-socialist transformation. Socialism in theory by Marx and Lenin used to be an alternative vision to western, liberal capitalism to some countries, but socialism in reality has been disasterous and almost disappeared on earth. The topics of working class politics, human rights and democracy, resistance and struggle from below, and globalization are discussed. In the second half, we move to the topics of gender and citizenship. We read a few articles by contemporary feminists, then examine the contemporary issues faced by women and minority in East Asia. In this part, we collectively examine and grapple with the problem of social exclusion and discrimination in East Asia today. Assessment: Attendance and Participation (20%), Final Exam (40%), Mid-Term Exam (40%)

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOC3402

Host Institution Course Title

COMPARATIVE EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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