COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION AND IDENTITY IN MODERN EAST ASIA
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Seoul National University
Program(s) Seoul National University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 23
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RELIGION AND IDENTITY IN MODERN EAST ASIA
UCEAP Transcript Title REL&ID MOD EA
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the role religion plays in the modern states of East Asia (China, South Korea, Japan). In this case, “modern” is defined as the era starting with the Opium Wars, or the beginning of Western Imperialism in the region. This period redefined the religious landscape, challenging the existing traditions and introducing new ones, thereby having important implications in the formation of modern East Asian states.

The main focus of the course will be on developments after 1945. Although religion is often relegated to a footnote when discussing modern societies of East Asia, religious values, myths, and practices remain a key part of the identity formation process. Since identity for most people remains an implicit factor, such factors often only come to the fore in crisis or conflict situations, which force people to take a position in terms of their identity. Since it is not possible to give a comprehensive picture of the whole history of religion in Modern East Asia, the course will be driven by case studies that will help the students understand the larger flow of change.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
L0656.000100

Host Institution Course Title
RELIGIONS IN MODERN EAST ASIA: IDENTITY AND CONFLICT

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Host Institution Campus

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