COURSE DETAIL

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GEOPOLITICS

Country
Korea, South

Host Institution
Yonsei University

Program(s)
Yonsei University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
132

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GEOPOLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
NUCLEAR&GEOPOLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course examines international nuclear non-proliferation regimes and geopolitical situations as an important part in international peace and security. Via case studies, the course explores the history of nuclear weapon development and the establishment of nuclear non-proliferation regimes as well as nuclear disarmament agreements between the United States and Russia (formerly the Soviet Union) and the UN’s efforts to ban nuclear weapons.

The course further addresses the history of nuclear weapon development, use, and related, resultant negotiations, treaties, and subsequent political impact upon and by various governing bodies throughout the world. The course situates and reviews cases in the geopolitical context: nuclear development and possession in India, Pakistan, and Israel; the Cuban Missile Crisis; and Iranian nuclear development.

In addition, the possibility of further nuclear proliferation by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Japan and Taiwan is discussed in relation to geopolitical interests, and North Korea's nuclear tests and South Korea’s nuclear option are debated in the context of North Korea’s nuclear threat and geopolitical strategy.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ISM2122

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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