

2020 KF Global e-School

Providing Univ.	Seoul National University		
Receiving Univ.	University of Tuebingen		
Semester	Fall 2020	Language of Instruction	English
Course Title	English	Cultural and Social Transformation of Contemporary Korea	
	Korean	현대 한국의 문화와 사회 변화	
Instructor	Eui Hang Shin (Seoul National University Asia Center)		
Course Description	<p>This course explores the cultural, economic, political, and social changes of contemporary Korean society since 1945 from comparative, historical, and sociological perspectives. The course is divided into three parts. The first part of the course examines the relationships between state and society, democratization movement, growth of nongovernmental organizations, anti-Americanism, developmental state, chaebol groups, labor movement, and consumption behaviors. The second part focuses on an analysis of the demographic transition to extremely low fertility, aging, marriage, family, internal and international migration patterns. The third part takes a critical look at the current conditions of education system, folk beliefs, religious behaviors, Protestant churches, popular culture, and sports industry. The primary aim of the course is to make students familiar with the historical paths that were evolved into the contemporary Korean society and to formulate critical, balanced, and comparative perspectives on the current issues of Korea.</p>		
Reading Materials	<p><i>Cultural and Social Transformation of Contemporary Korea: Reading Materials</i>. 2020; A Collection of Book Chapters and Journal Articles Compiled by the Instructor.</p> <p>The Korea Herald. (Editor). 2007. <i>Insight into Korea: Understanding Challenges of the 21st Century</i>. Seoul: The Korea Herald</p> <p>Kyong Dong Kim and The Korea Herald. (Editors). 2008. <i>Social Change in Korea. Insight Into Korea Series Volume 2</i>. Seoul: Jimoondang.</p>		