

Course Code	IR M 21 E 55
School/Department	School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India
Name of the Course	Korean Peninsula in the International Affairs
Course Tutor	Dr. Jojin V John
Course Type	Elective
Course Credits	Four
Description	This course provides a comprehensive analysis of the Korean Peninsula's role in international affairs, from historical context to the contemporary geopolitical climate. Students will explore the interplay between regional actors, as well as the influence of global powers, in shaping the Korean Peninsula's political, economic, and security landscape. The course also aims to build a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by North Korea and South Korea, including reunification prospects, regional security, and global impact.
Course Objectives COs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO1- Understand the historical background of the Korean Peninsula, including its division, the Korean War, and post-war developments. • CO2- Analyse the roles and interests of regional and global actors in shaping the Korean Peninsula's geopolitical landscape. • CO3 – Evaluate the political, economic, and security implications of the North Korean nuclear issue and the inter-Korean relations. • CO4 – Develop critical thinking skills in assessing the prospects of reunification, regional security, and the Korean Peninsula's future in international affairs.
Learning Outcomes LOs	<p>On completion of this course, students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [LO 1] Develop a historical and analytical understanding of the developments in the Korean Peninsula. • [LO 2] Be able to critically evaluate and arrive at a nuanced perspectives on issues in the Korean Peninsula • [LO 3] Demonstrate an understanding of the linkages between domestic and international dimensions of the developments in the Korean Peninsula. • [LO 4] Demonstrate an updated understanding of the key issues in the Korean Peninsula and the foreign policy practices of South Korea and North Korea
Pedagogic	<i>72 Hours of Learning Comprises of</i>

Methods	Lectures/ Tutorials/Assignments/Group Discussions/Audio-Visual Engagement
Evaluation	<i>✓Internal Assessment: 40 Marks -20 marks for Class participation along with Assignment/ Review Article/ Book Review/Seminar presentation; 20 Marks for internal tests</i> <i>✓End Semester External Examination: 60 marks</i>
Content through Modules POs Mapped to COs and Los	<p>Module I: Locating Korean Peninsula in the International Affairs (PO 1, PO2, CO1, CO2, LO1 , LO2)</p> <p>20 Percent</p> <p>a) Korean Peninsula as a vortex of geopolitics: Historical Perspective b) Korea at the turn of 20th Century c) Pacific War and the Korean Peninsula</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction, Samuel S. Kim, The Two Koreas and the Great Powers, page 1-38 2. Korea’s Place in the World, Bae Kichan, Korea at the Crossroads, page 17-36 3. The Evolving Asian System by Samuel Kim in International relations of Asia / edited by David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, Rowman and Littlefield, 2008, pages 35-56 4. Introduction, Korea at the Center: Dynamics of Regionalism in Northeast Asia, Edited by Charles K. Armstrong, Gilbert Rozman, Samuel S. Kim, and Stephen Kotkin, ME Sharp, 2006, pages xi-xiii 5. Introduction: Korea in the World in Charles K Amstrong, Koreas, Rutledge 2007, page 1-20 <hr/> <p>Module II: Cold War and the Development in the Korean Peninsula (PO 1, PO2, CO1, CO2, LO1 , LO2, LO3)</p> <p>20 Percent</p> <p>a) The Korean Question b) The Korean War c) Korean Peninsula Security Order d) Inter-Korea relations during the Cold War e) Foreign Policies of North and South Korea</p>

Readings:

1. Chapter 4- The Passions and Chapter 5-Collision: 1948-1953 in Bruce Cummings, Korea's Place in The Sun: A Modern History (W.W. Norton & Company, 1997), pp.185-298.
2. The Soviet-American Hegemonic Rivalry and Korea's Division, Bae Kichan, Korea at the Crossroads, page 295-365
3. Shin Wookhee, The Political Economy of Security:South Korea in the Cold War System, Korea Journal, Vol.38 No.4 Winter 1998 , pp.147 ~ 168
4. Kim Myongsob, Reexamining Cold War History and the Korean Question, Korea Journal, Vol.41 No.2 Summer 2001 , pp.5 ~ 27
5. Introduction: North Korea and the International System in Charles K. Armstrong (2013), Tyranny of the Weak: North Korea and the World, 1950–199 pages 1-9
6. Documentary, War of the World Episode 5;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xN2GSZ2a5LE>
7. Documentary: BBC Cold War: Korea (E5) Available on YouTube; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYeWURHhr04>
8. Movie: The Tae Baek Mountains (1994),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAXBF103saY>

Module III: Korean Peninsula in the Post-Cold War International Order

(PO 1, PO2, CO1, CO2, LO1 , LO2, LO3)

20 Percent

- a) End of Cold War and the Korean Peninsula: Continuity and Change
- b) Foreign Policies of North Korea and South Korea
- c) Sunshine Policy and Inter-Korean engagement
- d) The Nuclear enigma

Readings:

1. Jae Jin Lee, South Korea's Foreign relations Face the Globalization Challenges, in Samuel Kim (2003), Korea's Globalisation, OUP
2. Young WhanKilh, A New World Order and the Korean Peninsula, Pacific Focus, Volume 8, Issue 1, 1993
3. Samuel S. Kim, North Korean Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Period, Strategic Studies Institute, 2007 URL:
<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/PUB772.pdf>
4. Armstrong, C. K. (2010). The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History

5. Cha, V. D. (2013). *The Impossible State: North Korea, Past and Future*,
6. Snyder, S. A. (2018). *South Korea at the Crossroads: Autonomy and Alliance in an Era of Rival Powers*. New York: Columbia University Press.,
7. Kim, S. S., & Lee, I. H. (2012). *The Korean Peace Process: From the Agreed Framework to the Six-Party Talks*. In R. Foot & G. C. Plasser (Eds.), *North-East Asia's Difficult Decades: The Search for Regional Security* (pp. 65-85). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Module IV: Korean Peninsula and the Great Powers

PO 1, PO2, CO1, CO2, LO1 , LO2, LO3, LO4)

20 Percent

- a) United States
- b) China
- c) Soviet Union/Russia
- d) India and the Korean Peninsula

Readings:

1. The United States and the Two Koreas in Samuel S. Kim, *The Two Koreas and the Great Powers*. Page 225-295(Compulsory Reading)
2. Mark E. Manyin, Emma Chanlett-Avery, Mary Beth D. Nikitin, Ian E. Rinehart, "U.S.-South Korea Relations" CRS Report for Congress , CSR, <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41481.pdf>
3. Victor Cha, "Realism, Liberalism and the Durability of the US-South Korean Alliance," *Asian Survey* (July 1997).
4. Gi-Wook Shin, "South Korean Anti-Americanism," *Asian Survey* 36.8 (August 1996), pp. 787-803
5. Scott Snyder, *Expanding the US–South Korea Alliance* in Scott Snyder (ed), *The US–South Korea Alliance: Meeting New Security Challenges*, Lynne Rienner, 2012
6. Japan and Two Koreas in Samuel S. Kim, *The Two Koreas and the Great Powers*. Page 157-224
7. The Russia and Two Koreas in Samuel S. Kim, *The Two Koreas and the Great Powers*. Page 102-156
8. China and the Two Koreas in Samuel S. Kim, *The Two Koreas and the Great Powers*. Page 42-101
9. JV John, *India–South Korea relations under ‘Special strategic partnership’ : ‘Act east policy ’ meets ‘New southern policy’*, *India Quarterly* 2021, 76 (2), 207-225

10. Pankaj, Narendra M., Indo-Korean Cultural Relation: A Survey, Korea Journal, 28 (12),
URL:https://www.ekoreajournal.net/issue/view_pop.htm?Idx=2531
11. Lee, Ocksoon, India, Korea's 'Orient': Signs of Reproduced Orientalism, International Journal of Korean History (Vol.5, Dec. 2003)
12. Skand Tayal, India and the Republic of Korea: Engaged Democracies, Routledge 2015.
13. Kim ChanWahn, The Role of India in the Korean War, International Area Studies Review, 2010 vol. 13 no. 2 21-37

Module V: Critical Issues in the Korean Peninsula

PO 1, PO2, CO4, CO3, LO2, LO3, LO4)

20 Percent

- a) Inter-Korean Relations and the Question of Unification
- b) North Korean WMD and the Security Dynamics in Korean Peninsula
- c) Global Korea: South Korea's Emerging Role in International Affairs
- d) Rise of China, US-China Strategic Competition and the future of the Korean Peninsula

Readings:

1. Samuel S. Kim , Chapter One Introduction: Managing the Korean Conflict, in Samuel Kim (ed) Inter-Korean Relations: Problems and Prospects, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004 pages 1-20
2. Chien-peng Chung, Democratization in South Korea and Inter-Korean Relations, Pacific Affairs, Vol. 76, No. 1 Spring, 2003), pp. 9-35
3. Charles K. Armstrong, Inter-Korean Relations: A North Korean Perspective, in Samuel Kim (ed) Inter-Korean Relations: Problems and Prospects, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004
4. Son Key-young, South Korean Engagement Policies and North Korea: Identities, Norms and the Sunshine Policy, London: Routledge. 2006
5. Victor Cha (2014), Changing Concept of Korean Unification, Global Peace Foundation
6. Park, Young Ho (2014), South and North Korea's Views on the Unification of the Korean Peninsula and Inter-Korean Relations, URL:
7. <http://www.brookings.edu/~media/events/2014/1/21-korean-peninsula-unification/park-young-ho-paper.pdf>
8. Victor Cha and David Kang (2003), Nuclear North Korea: a debate on engagement strategies, Colombia University Press.
9. Chung Eun-sook, Long-Stalled Six-Party Talks on North Korea's Nuclear Program: Positions of Countries Involved, The Korean

	<p>Journal of Defense Analysis Vol. 25, No. 1, March 2013, 1-15</p> <p>10. Mary Beth Nikitin, North Korea's Nuclear Weapons: Technical Issues, CSR, https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34256.pdf</p> <p>11. Jongryn Mo and John Ikenberry _ The Rise of Korean Leadership</p> <p>12. Jojin V. John (2014), "Becoming and Being a Middle Power: Exploring a</p> <p>13. New Dimension of South Korea's Foreign Policy", China Report, 50 (4), 325-341</p> <p>14. Snyder, Scott 2012. Global Korea South Korea's Contributions to International Security, New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press</p> <p>15. Cheong WaDae 2009. Global Korea: The National Security Strategy of the Republic of Korea, Seoul: Cheong WaDae.</p> <p>16. Chapter 5: The Sino-American Hegemonic Structure and Korea's Crossroads, in Bae Kichan, Korea at the Crossroads, page 295-265</p> <p>17. The Puzzle and China's Amazing Rise, David Kang, China rising : peace,</p> <p>18. power, and order in East Asia, Columbia University Press, 2007, page 1- 17</p> <p>19. Zheng Bijian, "China's Peaceful Rise to Great Power Status," Foreign Affairs Vol. 84, No. 5, September/October 2005.</p> <p>20. Snyder, Scott. China's Rise and the Two Koreas. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc. (2009)</p> <p>21. David Kang, Between Balancing and Bandwagoning: South Korea's Response to China, Journal of East Asian Studies 9 (2009), 1-28</p>
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