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**Divisions, Reconciliation and Unity: the Korean Experience**

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course schedule:** (see Timeline below)

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**OFFICIAL COURSE DESCRIPTION**

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University of Ottawa, Faculty of Social Science Field Research Class/Joint Summer School with the University of Rostock, Germany and Ewha University in Seoul, South Korea.

**AFFILIATIONS**

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This course is in partnership with the University of Rostock and Ewha Womens University.



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**GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION**

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The summer school Divisions, Reconciliation and Unity: the Korean Experience is a unique opportunity for graduate and undergraduate-level students to explore Korean identity, culture, division, and the prospect of reunification. The highly interactive program is built around three themes: (1) the Cold War History of Korea, (2) inter-Korean relations in the post-Cold war era, (3) current North-South Korean relations, and (4) the two Koreas in the current international environment. This intense and highly interactive two-week summer school will feature a mixture of lectures, group work, and excursions. The first week of the summer school will be dedicated to the Cold War period, and will give students some background to understand the current state of the two Koreas. The second week will then be dedicated to more contemporary topics.

The course will also include some guest lectures from German professors from the University of Rostock, and some presentations by myself on the relations between Germany/ Canada and the two Koreas.. These guest lectures will hopefully show some avenues of learning between the three countries.

**Location:** Seoul, South Korea

**Housing:**

The students will be housed on the Ehwa campus

**Transportation:**

For all our excursions, we will use public transportation and/or rent a bus.

**Target group:**

The target group are 10 students (i.e. Masters students and 4<sup>th</sup> year Bachelors' students) from the University of Ottawa. The program will also feature 10 students from the University of Rostock and 10 students from Ewha University.

**Costs:**

Students will have to pay for the flight, some meals and incidentals. Costs for housing and the program will be covered by Ehwa University. Breakfast as well as some lunches and dinners will also be covered.

**REQUIREMENTS**

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I expect that participants want to immerse themselves into Korea's historical and contemporary life. The seminar will consist of a mixture of seminar sessions and visits/ excursions, which will normally cover the morning and part of the afternoon. In addition, there will be some guest speakers who will talk about their personal experiences in the divided country from their different perspectives. The course will be student-focused and I expect familiarity with basic qualitative and quantitative research techniques. The course will be held in English and active knowledge of the English language is required.

**Components of Final Mark**

<b>Evaluation format</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Group presentation	20%	To be determined
Book Review: Korea: A New History of South and North	30%	To be determined
Diary	30%	To be determined
Participation	20%	Ongoing

**Group presentation:**

Groups of 5 students will be responsible for 20 to 30 minute presentations during the summer school. The subjects will be given during the first day of the summer school.

**Book Review:**

As a preparation for the course, each student will be asked to write a 5-page (double-spaced) book review of Korea: A New History of South and North by Victor Cha and Ramon Pacheco Pardo. This book review should familiarize students with the history of the two Koreas.

**Diary:**

Students are asked to write some personal reflections (1 page a day) summarizing their thoughts about the course.

**In-class participation:**

Students are asked to actively participate in class lectures and all other activities related to the class.

**Schedule per day (tentative)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Arrival of participants at Ehwa University (this probably implies a departure on Thursday evening)
<b>Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning:</b> Free time to recover from jet lag
<b>Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning:</b> 9:00-10:00: Introduction to the summer school, Greetings from the 3 participating universities 10:15 to 11:15: Introduction of the participants 11:30 to 12:00: Distribution of the group tasks  <b>Afternoon:</b> Introduction to Inter-Korean Relations
<b>Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Module Korea in the Cold War</b>  <b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00: the Korean War  <b>Afternoon:</b> The Two Koreans during the Cold War
<b>Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Module Korea in the Cold War</b>  <b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00: Inter-Korean Relations at the end of the Post-cold war period.  <b>Afternoon:</b> Visit Demilitarized Zone

<p><b>Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Module Korea in the Post- Cold War</b></p> <p><b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00 North Korea and South Korean in the 1990s and 2000s: A continuation of the Cold War?</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> 2:00 – 4:00 Group work</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Module Korea in the Post- Cold War</b></p> <p><b>Morning:</b> 9am to 12pm: South Korean Democracy since the late 1980s</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> 2:00 – 4:00 Group work</p>
<p><b>Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Day trip:</b> Cheonan Warship Security Tour</p> <p>Evening: Dinner and Bibab performance</p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Day Trip:</b> Seoul City Tour (Gyeongbokgung Palace, Insadong, N Seoul Tower</p>
<p><b>Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Module: the two Koreas today</b></p> <p><b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00: The two Koreas today, changing conflict and cooperation on the Korean Peninsula</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> 2:00 – 4:00pm – Group work</p>

<p><b>Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Module: the two Koreas today</b></p> <p><b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00: the North Korean Nuclear Problem</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> Han River Tour</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Module: the two Koreas today</b></p> <p><b>Morning:</b> 9:00 – 12:00 Northeast Asia’s Diplomatic Security Environment</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> 2:00 – 4:00 The prospects of reunification</p> <p><b>Evening:</b> Free time/group work</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Morning/ Afternoon: Germany Day/ Canada (Comparing the Korean Experience of divisions, reconciliation and unity with the German/ Canadian Experience)</b></p> <p>Guest lectures from Profs. Kreuzberger and Dorsch from the University of Rostock and Prof. Stockemer, Univeristy of Ottawa</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Morning:</b> 9:00-10:30 <i>am</i> Group Presentations 11:00 - 12:30 <i>pm</i> Closing Ceremonies</p> <p><b>Afternoon/Evening:</b> Free time</p>
<p><b>Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>End of the summer school, departure of participants</b></p>