

## **HH2026: Health, Food, and Sports in Modern Korean History**

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### **Course Description:**

This course aims at enhancing and deepening your understanding of modern Korean history through your case studies of topics concerning health, food, and sports. These three subjects have often been ignored in the mainstream narrative of Korean history, but are now highlighted with the growth of medical history and microhistory, as well as a closer relationship among history, sociology, and ethnography. These scholarly developments have enriched our purview, as they can show minute details of everyday life of ordinary Koreans alongside the larger power shifts in broader social formulations. Hence, you will be able to appreciate the complexities and contradictions in the process of nation-building and crafting modernity in Korea, especially its southern half during the twentieth century. This course thus broadens your view of East Asian history and society.

### **Evaluation:**

1. Midterm Assignment: Website Construction (25%)
2. Final Research Essay (30%)
3. Pre-Seminar Questions (15%)
4. Discussion Reports (15%)
5. Attendance and Participation (15%)

### **Course Schedule and Prescribed Readings:**

#### 1. Introduction

Sonja Kim, "In the Margins: Writing on Medicine in Korea after 1876," *Korean Journal of Medical History* 19 (2010), pp. 255-298.

Rachael Joo, *Transnational Sport: Gender, Media, and Global Korea* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2012), pp. 35-64.

Katarzyna Cwiertka, *Cuisine, Colonialism, and Cold War: Food in Twentieth-Century Korea* (London: Reaktion Books, 2012), pp. 7-13

#### 2. Theoretical Issues

Nikolas Rose, *Inventing Our Selves: Psychology, Power, and Personhood* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998), pp. 150-168.

Gi-Wook Shin, *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea: Genealogy, Politics, and Legacy* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), pp. 1-20.

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality: An Introduction*, translated by Robert Hurley (New York: Vintage Books, 1990), pp. 135-159.

Sheila Jasanoff, "Technologies of Humility: Citizen Participation in Governing Science," *Minerva* 41 (2003), pp. 223-244.

3. "Premodernity" in Medicine and Public Health in Korea

Don Baker, "Oriental Medicine in Korea," in Helaine Selin (ed.), *Medicine across Cultures* (Dordrecht, Kluwer, 2003), pp. 113-153.

Dongwon Shin, "Hygiene, Medicine, and Modernity in Korea, 1876-1910," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 3 (2009), pp. 5-26.

Soyoung Suh, "From Influence to Confluence: Positioning the History of Pre-Modern Korean Medicine in East Asia," *Korean Journal of Medical History* 19 (2010), pp. 225-253.

4. Health, Food, and Sports during the Colonial Challenge

Cwierotka, *Cuisine, Colonialism, and Cold War*, pp. 58-78.

Jung Hwan Cheon, "Bend It Like a Man of Chosun: Sports Nationalism and Colonial Modernity of 1936," in Kyung Hyun Kim and Youngmin Choe (eds.), *The Korean Popular Culture Reader* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2014), pp. 199-227.

Todd A. Henry, "Sanitizing Empire: Japanese Articulations of Korean Otherness and the Construction of Early Colonial Seoul, 1905-1919," *Journal of Asian Studies* 64 (2005), pp. 639-675.

5. Gendered Bodies in the Colony

Jin-Kyung Park, "Husband Murder as the 'Sickness' of Korea: Carceral Gynecology, Race, and Tradition in Colonial Korea, 1926-1932," *Journal of Women's History* 25 (2013), pp. 116-140.

Theodore Yoo, *The Politics of Gender in Colonial Korea: Education, Labor, and Health, 1910-1945* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008), pp. 161-192.

Sonja Kim, "'Limiting Birth': Birth Control in Colonial Korea (1910-1945)," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 335-359.

6. Biomedicine, Sexuality, and Gender in the Park Chung Hee Era

- John P. DiMoia, “‘Let’s Have the Proper Number of Children and Raise Them Well!’: Family Planning and Nation Building in South Korea, 1961-1968,” *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 361-379.
- John P. DiMoia, *Reconstructing Bodies: Biomedicine, Health, and Nation-Building in South Korea since 1945* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2013), pp. 145-176.
- Jane Kim, “Penile Necrosis, Military Medicine, and South Korean Participation in the Vietnam War, 1964–1973,” *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 11 (2017), pp. 541-561.

7. Food and the Making of Modernity

- Sangmee Bak, “McDonald's in Seoul: Food Choices, Identity, and Nationalism,” in James L. Watson (ed.), *Golden Arches East: McDonald's in East Asia* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), pp. 136-160.
- Cwiertka, *Cuisine, Colonialism, and Cold War*, pp. 114-141.
- Young-Kyun Yang, “Jajangmyeon and Gunggukjip: The Changing Position and Meaning of Chinese Food and Chinese Restaurants in Korean Society,” *Korea Journal* 45 (2005), pp. 60-88.

8. Korean Medicine and the Confused Boundaries

- Jongyoung Kim, “Alternative Medicine’s Encounter with Laboratory Science: The Scientific Construction of Korean Medicine in a Global Age,” *Social Studies of Science* 37 (2007), pp. 855-880.
- Eunjeong Ma and Michael Lynch, “Constructing the East-West Boundary: The Contested Place of Modern Imaging Technology in South Korea’s Dual Medical System,” *Science, Technology, and Human Values* 39 (2014), pp. 639-665.
- Annette H.K. Son, “Modernization of medical care in Korea (1876-1990),” *Social Science & Medicine* 49 (1999), pp. 543-550.

9. World Cup and the Politics of Representation

- Rachel Joo, “Consuming Visions: The Crowds of the Korean World Cup,” *Journal of Korean Studies* 11 (2006), pp. 41-67.
- Hyunjung Lee and Younghan Cho, “Performing Nation-ness in South Korea during the 2002 Korea-Japan World Cup,” *Korea Journal* 49 (2009), pp. 93-120.
- Jiyeon Kang, “Corporeal Memory and the Making of a Post-Ideological Social Movement: Remembering the 2002 South Korean Candlelight Vigil,” *Journal of Korean Studies* 17 (2012), pp. 329-350.

10. The Hwang Scandal and the Biomedical Questions on National Bodies

Sanghyun Kim, "The Politics of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research in South Korea: Contesting National Sociotechnical Imaginaries," *Science as Culture* 23 (2014), pp. 293-319.

Leo Kim, "Explaining the Hwang Scandal: National Scientific Culture and Its Global Relevance," *Science as Culture* 17 (2008), pp. 397-415.

Azumi Tsuge and Hyunsoo Hong, "Reconsidering Ethical Issues about 'Voluntary Egg Donors' in Hwang's Case in Global Context," *New Genetics and Society* 30 (2011), pp. 241-252.

So Yeon Leem and Jin Hee Park, "Rethinking Women and Their Bodies in the Age of Biotechnology," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 9-26.

#### 11. Food, Health, and Mad Cow Militancy

Herbert Gottweis and Byoungsoo Kim, "Bionationalism, Stem Cells, BSE, and Web 2.0 in South Korea: Toward the Reconfiguration of Biopolitics," *New Genetics and Society* 28 (2009), pp. 223-239.

Jongyoung Kim, "The Networked Public, Multitentacled Participation, and Collaborative Expertise: US Beef and the Korean Candlelight Protest," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 8 (2014), pp. 229-252.

Seung-Ook Lee, Sook-Jin Kim, and Joel Wainwright, "Mad Cow Militancy: Neoliberal Hegemony and Social Resistance in South Korea," *Political Geography* 29 (2010), pp. 359-369.

#### 12. Plastic Surgery and the Modification of Identities

John P. DiMoia, *Reconstructing Bodies*, pp. 117-212.

Ruth Holliday and Joanna Elfving-Hwang, "Gender, Globalization and Aesthetic Surgery in South Korea," *Body and Society* 18 (2012), pp. 58-81.

So Yeon Leem, "The anxious production of beauty: Unruly bodies, surgical anxiety and invisible care," *Social Studies of Science* 46 (2016), pp. 34-55.

#### 13. Medicine and Gender Politics in Twenty-First Century

Yeonbo Jeong, "Scientific Motherhood, Responsibility, and Hope: Umbilical Cord Blood Banking in South Korea," *New Genetics and Society* 33 (2014), pp. 349-369.

Yoonjung Kang, "Love and Money: Commercial Postpartum Care and the Reinscription of Patriarchy in Contemporary South Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies* 19 (2014), pp. 379-397.

Laura C. Nelson, "Diagnosing Breast Cancer in South Korea: 'Western' Behaviors, Stress, and Survivor Activism," *Journal of Korean Studies* 17 (2012), pp. 253-268.

## **Assignments:**

### Midterm Assignment: Website Construction (25%)

You are expected to construct a website explaining a course theme in depth: including the transition of Korean hygienic practices, changing food practices, the Hwang Scandal, or the politics of imported foods. You may use any platform available in the internet. Please construct a website that uses both images and stories, coming from various sources. Yet at least three articles in the syllabus must be used in supporting your idea in the website, and these articles, along with others, should be instrumental in making your main argument. This assignment will be graded according to the historical accuracy of the content, its analytic depth, and the strength of your main argument. The technical aspects of your website may also count, but will not be the key component of the evaluation. Your submission should be in the form of a MS Word file (.doc or .docx), not pdf. It should include the website's URL address, as well as all the texts included in the site.

### Final Research Essay (30%)

You will write your final essay on a topic on Korean history regarding health, food, and sports. You can use any approach or sources as far as you cite three articles (including those in the prescribed and optional reading list) in the syllabus. In addition, at least one primary source should be used, including movies, dramas, surveys, magazine articles, newspapers, and interview scripts. Your essay must be uploaded into the course portal within NTULearn in the format of an MS Word file rather than PDF. The recommended word number is 2,000.

### Pre-Seminar Questions (15%)

After finishing the required readings for each week, every student must submit a question for discussion during the seminar. The question is to be uploaded in the course portal in NTULearn before each Tuesday evening (7pm). These questions will be graded according to their relevance, novelty, and ingenuity.

### Discussion Reports (15%)

After the seminar, each group—which students can create by themselves but cannot be changed after the add/drop period—should submit a short report of discussion to the course portal of NTULearn after the end of the class. This report reflects the outcome of the class members' conversation about the discussion question assigned to them. The professor's evaluation will be added as a comment, about which students can ask further questions. In each report, there must be a list of participating members. The deadline is 9pm on every Wednesday.

### Attendance and Participation (15%)

Each student's activity and attendance is monitored in every seminar and will be used in the final evaluation. Please try to attend every class and be sure to be proactive during the discussion.

### **Late Submission:**

There will be a penalty to a paper submitted after the deadline. The extent of penalty will be decided depending on the general distribution of students' marks in the entire class. But late submission can be excused according to the professor's understanding of the student's circumstances.

### **Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is a serious academic misconduct and may endanger a student's career in a highly severe way. It is done intentionally or unintentionally by using another person's ideas and writings without any proper citation and/or quotation marks. Paraphrasing is an act of rewriting other people's ideas or arguments using your own words. While this is an acceptable practice in most cases, it can be an issue if you do not indicate that the ideas have come from another person's work. If you are not sure about how you should do regarding these issues, please do cite the referred sources in footnotes/endnotes and use the quotation marks around the terms you did not invent. Even if a student cited a source, direct quotation without quotation marks may be a problem, too. If any plagiarized sentence or paragraph is detected, the grade will be reduced to zero and the student's name will be reported to the school.

### **Policy on Missing Classes:**

In general, students are encouraged to attend all seminars. However, they may miss a few, if there is a good reason, such as illness, required university activity, or family emergency. In such cases, students can claim for the credit of class attendance, only after they submit a summary of the week's readings along with the documentary evidence on the reasons for absence.

### **Optional Readings:**

You may read any of the following papers in writing your midterm or final assignments. The papers in this list can be found in the course portal of NTU Learn. The books are found in the NTU libraries.

### Korean History in General:

- Michael Robinson, *Korea's Twentieth Century Odyssey: A Short History* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2007).
- Bruce Cumings, *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History* (New York: Norton, 2005).
- Michael J. Seth, *A Concise History of Korea* (Lanham: Rowman, 2016).
- Charles K. Armstrong, *The Koreas*, 2nd edition (New York: Routledge, 2014).
- Gi-Wook Shin and Michael Robinson (eds.), *Colonial Modernity in Korea* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1999).
- Edward J. Shultz, "Top Ten Things to Know about Korea in the Twenty-First Century," *Education about Asia* 7 (2002), pp. 7-10.

### Theoretical Issues:

- Michel Foucault, "Governmentality," in Graham Burchell, Colin Gordon, and Peter Miller (eds.), *The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991), pp. 87-104.
- David Armstrong, "The Rise of Surveillance Medicine," *Sociology of Health and Illness* 17 (1995), pp. 393-404.
- Adele E. Clarke, Janet K. Shim, Laura Mamo, Jennifer Ruth Fosket and Jennifer R. Fishman, "Biomedicalization: Technoscientific Transformations of Health, Illness, and U.S. Biomedicine," *American Sociological Review* 68 (2003), pp. 161-194.

### Traditional Medicine:

- Seong-su Kim, "From Woohwang Cheongsimwon to Ginseng," *Korean Journal of Medical History* 26 (2017), pp. 147-180.
- Dongwon Shin, "How Commoners Became Consumers of Naturalistic Medicine in Korea, 1600-1800," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 4 (2010), pp. 275-301.
- Eunjeong Ma, "The Medicine Cabinet: Korean Medicine under Dispute," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 4 (2010), pp. 367-382.

### Health and Medicine during the Japanese Colonial Rule:

- Yunjae Park, "The Work of Sherwood Hall and the Haiju Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Colonial Korea," *Korean Journal of Medical History* 22 (2013), pp. 681-712.
- Jin-Kyung Park, "Bodies for Empire: Biopolitics, Reproduction, and Sexual Knowledge in Late Colonial Korea," *Korean Journal of Medical History* 23 (2014), pp. 203-238.
- Shiyung Liu, "The Ripples of Rivalry: The Spread of Modern Medicine from Japan to its Colonies," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 47-71.

### Korean Food and Making of Modernity:

- Sangmee Bak, "From Strange Bitter Concoction to Romantic Necessity: The Social History of Coffee Drinking in South Korea," *Korea Journal* 45 (2005), pp. 37-59.
- Hong Sik Cho, "Food and Nationalism: Kimchi and Korean National Identity," *The Korean Journal of International Relations* 46 (2006), pp. 207-229.
- Hanhee Ham, "Rice and Koreans: Three Identities and Meanings," *Korea Journal* 45 (2005), pp. 89-106.

- Hyomin Kim, "Functional Foods and the Biomedicalisation of Everyday Life: A Case of Germinated Brown Rice," *Sociology of Health and Illness* 35 (2013), pp. 842-857.
- Eun-Sung Kim, "Technocratic Precautionary Principle: Korean Risk Governance of Genetically Modified Organisms," *New Genetics and Society* 33 (2014), pp. 204-224.

#### Birth Control and Population Problems:

- Gary Becker, "An Economic Analysis of Fertility," in George B. Roberts (ed.), *Demographic and Economic Change in Developed Countries* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1960).
- Doo-Sub Kim, "Missing Girls in South Korea: Trends, Levels and Regional Variations," *Population* 59 (2004), pp. 865-878.
- Young-Gyung Paik, "The Discourse of National Population Crisis and Its Framing of Bioethical Issues in Contemporary South Korea," *Korea Journal* 49 (2009), pp. 73-92.

#### Problems in the Park Chung Hee Era:

- Caroline Norma, "Demand from Abroad: Japanese Involvement in the 1970s' Development of South Korea's Sex Industry," *Journal of Korean Studies* 19 (2014), pp. 399-428.
- Geun Bae Kim, "An Anatomical Chart of South Korean Science and Technology in the 1960s: Their Relationships with Political Power," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 5 (2011), pp. 529-542.

#### The World Cup:

- Kyoim Yun, "The 2002 World Cup and a Local Festival in Cheju: Global Dreams and the Commodification of Shamanism," *Journal of Korean Studies* 11 (2006), pp. 7-39.
- Mikhail Bakhtin, "Carnival and Carnavalesque," in John Storey (ed.), *Cultural Theory and Popular Culture: A Reader*, Second Edition (Essex: Pearson, 1998), pp. 250-259.

#### The Hwang Scandal:

- Choon Key Chekar and Jenny Kitzinger, "Science, Patriotism and Discourses of Nation and Culture: Reflections on the South Korean Stem Cell Breakthroughs and Scandals," *New Genetics and Society* 26 (2007), pp. 289-307.
- Herbert Gottweis and Byoungsoo Kim, "Explaining Hwang-Gate: South Korean Identity Politics between Bionationalism and Globalization," *Science, Technology, and Human Values* 35 (2010), pp. 501-524.
- Sungook Hong, "Introduction," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 1-7.
- Tae-Ho Kim, "How Could a Scientist Become a National Celebrity?" *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 2 (2008), pp. 27-45.
- Leo Kim, "Governing Discourses of Stem Cell Research: Actors, Strategies, and Narratives in the United Kingdom and South Korea," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 6 (2012), pp. 497-518.
- Jenny Kitzinger, "Questioning Hype, Rescuing Hope? The Hwang Stem Cell Scandal and the Reassertion of Hopeful Horizons," *Science as Culture* 17 (2008), pp. 417-434.
- Rikke Schmidt Kjaergaard, "Stem-Cell Spin: Covering the Hwang Affair in Science and Nature," *Science as Culture* 20 (2011), pp. 349-373.



Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner and Seyoung Hwang, "Governance of Stem Cell Research: Public Participation and Decision-Making in China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan," *Social Studies of Science* 42 (2012), pp. 684-708.

Mad Cow Disease:

Hee-Je Bak and Daniel Lee Kleinman, "Media Cultures and the Representation of Science in Korea and the United States: The BSE Case in 2008," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 11 (2017), pp. 331-352.

Philip J. Pauly, *Biologists and the Promise of American Life* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000), pp. 71-92.

Plastic Surgery:

Eduardo Zachary Albrecht, "Embodying Progress: Aesthetic Surgery and Socioeconomic Change in South Korea," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 10 (2016), pp. 29-49.

Seok-Chan Eun, "Brilliant Hallyu and Plastic Surgery," *Journal of Korean Medical Sciences* 28 (2013), pp. 1561-1562.

Woo Keong Ja, "The Beauty Complex and the Cosmetic Surgery Industry," *Korea Journal* 44 (2004), pp. 52-82.

Taeyon Kim, "Neo-Confucian Body Techniques: Women's Bodies in Korea's Consumer Society," *Body and Society* 9 (2003), pp. 97-113.

So Yeon Leem, "The Dubious Enhancement: Making South Korea a Plastic Surgery Nation," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 10 (2015), pp. 1-21.

Modern Biomedicine:

Leo Kim and Han Woo Park, "Diagnosing "Collaborative Culture" of Biomedical Science in South Korea: Misoriented Knowledge, Competition, and Failing Collaboration," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 9 (2015), pp. 233-252.

Leo Kim, "'Your Problem Is That Your Face Reveals Everything When You Are Lying': Making and Remaking of Conduct in South Korean Life Sciences," *New Genetics and Society* 30 (2011), pp. 213-225.

Jeong-Ro Yoon, Sung Kyum Cho, and Kyu Won Jung, "The Challenges of Governing Biotechnology in Korea," *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 4 (2010), pp. 335-348.