

Syllabus

South Korea contemporary politics

Democracy and political regionalism

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Subject: Política Coreana

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Introduction:

The political history of South Korea begins after colonial liberation, the fall of Japan after World War II, and the consequent separation of the peninsula into North and South. After liberation, the Korean people have made great achievements in a short period of time, in regard to the country's reconstruction, economic development and democratic consolidation.

Within this scenario, this course will tour the contemporary political history of South Korea, beginning with the period of authoritarianism, through the democratic transition and subsequent consolidation. Central axes of the historical moments approached the role of social movements, political regionalism, the characteristics of democracy in the country, the peculiarities of its political system, among others were highlighted.

General Objective:

The objective of this course is to provide students an overview of contemporary South Korean politics. Study the political system is a useful element that contributes to understanding and understanding of the country and its people. In this regard it is proposed to provide the public with general tools for understanding key features such as political regionalism in South Korea, the characteristics of their political parties, electoral system, leaders and social movements and democratization process. It is also intended to introduce students to the comparison between the political history of South Korea and Argentina and include the Korean community abroad totaling over seven million citizens.

Specific Objectives:

- Provide Students of tools that facilitate the Korean problem, contributing to the reflection on the current domestic policy.
- Identify and explain the historical, social and political processes analyzed in the course and their specificities and generalities.
- Stimulate interest in Korean studies and familiarize students with the political structures of Korea as a way to improve the channels of cooperation and exchange.

Agenda:

- I. Authoritarianism and Korean democratization process; the concept of democracy and authoritarianism; history of democracy; Gwangju movement; June Revolution.
- II. Democracy and political regionalism in South Korea; background of regional conflict; time of the three Kim; positive and negative effects of regionalism; regionalism Koreans living outside the country.
- III. The Korean political system; political parties; presidential system and the role of the Legislature; electoral system; separation of powers.

IV. The system of formal democracy and the system of real democracy; mature democracy; consolidated democracy; economic democracy.

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