

## Syllabus

### Inter-Korean relations. Historical background and current situation

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#### Introduction:

The subject will address the case of North and South Korea, the only country in the world remains divided to this day. The Korean peninsula, last bastion of the Cold War, keeps watchful eye of countries in its immediate neighborhood and world power: China, Russia, Japan and the United States.

The separation of the peninsula in 1945, after the release and a covenant between the two superpowers of the time, the US and the Soviet Union, was followed by a terrible war started by North Korea in 1950, which resulted in the destruction of Korean territory and loss of lives. Although the armistice signed in 1953, the ongoing tension between the two countries is still dormant. North Korea, whose people going through repeated famines and is hereditarily ruled by the Kim family, threatens South Korea and the entire world with the possible use of nuclear weapons.

In this context, the problem between North and South Korea is seen as attractive, not only for Korean citizens but to the world. Therefore, study will be the basis of matter.

Schedule:

I. The historical background of the division of the Korean peninsula.

Japanese imperialism and Japanese colonialism (1910-1945). The release of Japanese rule and the division of the two Koreas. Confrontation between left and right. Meeting of Cairo and Yalta meeting. US Military Dominance and the Soviet Union.

II. The Korean War. An ethnic group, two countries on the Korean peninsula. Separation between North and South Korea. The development process of the war. Results of the war. 1953 Armistice.

III. The geopolitical situation of war and North-South relations. Cold War division of the world between liberalism and communism. Interested countries: USA, Soviet Union, China and Japan. Talks between North and South Korea.

IV. The problem of nuclear weapons and efforts for resolution. Threat of North Korea to the world. Third test nuclear weapons. Six-partite talks on the nuclear issue.

V. Economic cooperation between North Korea and South Korea. The case of the Kaesong Industrial Complex. Korean summit. Meeting of separated families. Tourism and business in Monte Geumgangsan.

VI. Positions on the reunification of the Korean government's policies and South Korean peninsula. Situation of South Korea and North Korea position. US influence. Public policy regarding the issue under President Park Geun Hye.

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