

E4: Contemporary Issues of Korea

Winter Term 2019/20

Addressees	This module is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of Korea or Korean language. Basic understanding of economics and social science may be helpful to understand each session's specific topics, but is not mandatory.	
General Information	The elective module "Contemporary Issues of Korea" consists of two parts which can be found in the LSF as:	
	Introduction to the Korean Economy (Lecture)	Topical Issues of the Korean Economy and Business Management (Seminar)
	The lecture provides an introduction to the economy of Korea and its development, as well as Korea's international (economic) relations with neighboring countries.	The seminar offers a hands-on analysis of selected fields of the Korean economy and business environment, particularly through guest lectures and the review of current literature.
Topics	History of South Korean Economic Development; The Korean Economy between State and Chaebols; Youth Unemployment & Education System; Development of Korea's Financial Policies and the Financial Market; Economy & Innovation; The Economic Effect of Demographic Change & the Aging Society in South Korea; Asian Financial Crisis and the Role of the IMF in South Korea; Regional Economic Relations; FDI, ODA & Trade Linkages in East Asia: The Case of South Korea; Scenarios of a possible Korean Reunification	Topics are related to visiting guest lectures and are expected to include business and economic issues, also on the borderline to political-economic and socio-economic phenomena.
Credit and Grading	The lecture accounts for 3 ECTS points. Course language is English. Your attendance at every session is essential. Participation/homework accounts for 25% of the final grade. A 60-minute written exam at the end of the semester accounts for 75 % of the final grade.	The seminar accounts for 3 ECTS points. Course language is English. Participation/homework accounts for 25% of the final grade. A seminar paper (deadline: 28 February 2020) accounts for 75 % of the final grade.
	Students who successfully complete the module earn 6 ECTS points. Splitting of the module for BA MOAS, MA MEASE/CEAS and M.Sc.(BWL) students is <i>not</i> possible. Erasmus exchange students may take both or only the 3 ECTS lecture course.	
Time and Place	The first meeting is on 23 October 2019 . The last meeting is on 5 February 2020 . There will be no lectures and seminars on 4 December, 11 December and between 23 December 2019 and 3 January 2020. The lecture takes places on Wednesdays, 2 pm – 4 pm c.t. in LE 736 . The seminar usually takes places on Wednesdays, 4 pm – 6 pm c.t. in LE 736 . Deviations from this schedule will be announced.	
Literature	For each session, there is a list of required readings. The literature will be provided in the download area of the Chair's website. Students are expected to read these texts thoroughly before each session.	
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