Course Name: International Politics Surrounding Korean Peninsula Ⅰ  
Lecturer: Narushige MICHISHITA  
Semester: First  
Course Level: 3 - 4  
Credit: 2

Course Objective/Theme

The goal of this course is for students to become able to analytically examine and evaluate the issues of international relations and security concerning the Korean Peninsula, and to think for him/herself about the measures taken by Japan.

Course Outline

Purpose, content, and procedure of the course:
・Lecture-based class with time for Q&A session
・Since the lecture includes personal opinion of the lecturer, students should listen critically. If you feel unconvinced on some issue, make sure to ask a question

Course Schedule

* You should read the designated “required readings” before or after each class. As for “references,” you can read them if you are interested.

First half: Present and future of the issues of the Korean Peninsula

■1 Basic knowledge about the issues of the Korean Peninsula
Required readings:
Tadashi KIMIYA, Kankoku: minshuka to keizaihatten no dainamizumu South Korea: Dynamism of Democratization and Economic Development) Chikuma Shinsho, pp.19-54.
Browse through various information on the homepage of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  “Daikanminkoku—ippan jijou (Republic of Korea—general information)”
  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/area/korea/data.html>
  “Kita chosen (chosen minshushugi jinmin kyowakoku)—ippan jijou (North Korea [Democratic People’s Republic of Korea]—general information”
  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/area/n_korea/data.html>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Gaiko seisho (Diplomatic Bluebook) Sections related to the Korean Peninsula (in HP)

■2 History and present situation of regime competition between South Korea and North Korea
Required readings:
Narushige MICHISHITA, “Nihon no anzenhosho to chosen hanto (Japan’s Security and the Korean Peninsula)” Tatsuo AKANEYA・Kotaro OCHIAI (eds.), Nihon no anzen hosho (Japan’s Security), Yuhikaku Compact, 2004, pp.149-155.
Ryosei KOKUBUN (ed.) Gendai higashi ajia—chosen hanto, chugoku, taiwan, mongoru (Modern East Asia—the Korean Peninsula, China, Taiwan, and Mongolia), Keio Gijuku UP, 2009, pp.54-123.
References:
FUAN Uigaku, *Kankoku to kitachedo no keizai hikaku (Comparison of Economy between South Korea and North Korea)*, Osaka keizai hoka daigaku keizai kenkyusho kankoku keizai kenkyukai (ed. & trans.), Omura Shoten, 2005.

3 Reality of North Korea—its strengths and weaknesses

Required readings:
Ryosei KOKUBUN (ed.) *Gendai higashi ajia—chosen hanto, chugoku, taiwan, mongoru (Modern East Asia—the Korean Peninsula, China, Taiwan, and Mongolia)*, Keio Gijuku UP, 2009, pp. 124-185.

References:

4 Nuclear/missile problem of North Korea—its background, present situation, and prospect

Required readings:

References:
Narushige MICHISHITA, “Kita chosen no misairu gaiko to kakoku no taio—kaku gaiko tono hikaku no shiten kara (North Korea’s missile diplomacy and reactions of various countries—in comparison with nuclear diplomacy)”, Masao OKONOGI (ed.) *Kiki no chosen hanto (the Korean Peninsula in crisis)*, Keio Gijuku UP, 2006, pp. 69-111.
Narushige MICHISHITA, “Kita chosen no kaku kaihatsu wo meguru kosho 1993〜94 –kyosei shudan no yakuwari wo chushin ni (Negotiations around nuclear development of North Korea: 1933〜94—centering around the role of compulsory measures)” *Kokusai anzen hosho (International security)* vol. 33, no. 1 (June, 2005).
The history and future of South Korea’s policy on North Korea

Required readings:

Narushige MICHISHITA, “Nihon no anzenhosho to chosen hanto (Japan’s security and the Korean Peninsula)” Tatsuo AKANEYA•Kotaro OCHIAI (eds.), Nihon no anzen hosho (Japan’s Security), Yuhikaku Compact, 2004, pp. 158-164.


References:


Q&A for mid-term exam + watching a video: The 38th Parallel

Mid-term exam

Second half: The Korean Peninsula and Japan

The Korean Peninsula and surrounding big powers

Required readings:

Narushige MICHISHITA, “Nihon no anzenhosho to chosen hanto (Japan’s security and the Korean Peninsula)” Tatsuo AKANEYA•Kotaro OCHIAI (eds.), Nihon no Anzen Hosho (Japan’s Security), Yuhikaku Compact, 2004, pp. 156-158.

“Zaikan beigun (U.S. forces stationed in South Korea)”, Wikipedia.

Hideki OKUZONO, “No mu-hyon seiken to bei kan domei no saihen (The Roh Moo-Hyun Administration and Reorganization of the ROK-US alliance),” Kokusai anzen hosho (International Security), vol. 33, no. 3 (December, 2005).

References:


Security relationship between Japan and the Korean Peninsula

Required readings:
Narushige MICHISHITA, “Nihon no anzenhosho to chosen hanto (Japan’s Security and the Korean Peninsula)” Tatsuo AKANEYA・Kotaro OCHIAI (eds.), Nihon no anzen hosho (Japan’s Security), Yuhikaku Compact, 2004, pp. 138-149.

References:

North Korea’s nuclear/missile issue and Japan’s reactions + watching a video “Dando misairu boei (Ballistic Missile Defense)” (17 minutes)

Required readings:
Ministry of Defense, Boei hakusho (White paper on defense), a section called “Kita chosen (North Korea)” in Part I, Chapter 2, “dai 2 setsu chosen hanto (Section 2 the Korean Peninsula)” (Available in Ministry of Defense HP.)
Ministry of Defense, Boei hakusho (White paper on defense), a section called “1 Dando misairu kougeki nadoen o taio (Measures against Ballistic Missile Attack, etc.)” in Part III, Chapter 1, “dai 2 setsu: aratana kyoui ya tayou na jitaichi no jikkoutekina taiou (Section 2: Effective Measures Against New Menaces and Various Situations)” (Available in Ministry of Defense HP.)

References:
Buntaro KUROI, Kita chosen ni sonaeru gunji gaku (Military Science to Prepare for North Korea), Kodansha +α Shinsho, 2006.

Pending issues between Japan and the Korean Peninsula—centering on the Takeshima/Dokdo issue

Required readings:
Toshiaki ARAI, Nikkan/niccho kankei no kadai-tohoku ajia wa teikei dekiruka (Issues on Japan-ROK/Japan-North Korea Relationship-Can Northeast Asia Form an Alliance?) Nicchu Shuppan, 2005, pp. 142-198.
Wikipedia “Nikkann mondai (Japan-Korea Disputes)”
Wikipedia “Takeshima (Shimane ken) (Takeshima (Shimane Prefecture))”

References:
Wikipedia “Nihon kai kosho mondai (Sea of Japan Naming Dispute)”
Wikipedia “Rekishi kyokasho mondai (Japanese History Textbook Controversies)”
Wikipedia “Zainichi chosenjin no kikan jigyō (Repatriation Programs for North Korean Residents of Japan)”
Wikipedia “Kita chosen niyoru nihonjin rachi mondai (North Korean Abductions of Japanese)”
Tomoyuki KOJIMA and Ryosei KOKUBUN (coordinators), Higashi aija—ajia I: chosen hanto/chugoku/taiwan/mongoru (East Asia-Asia I: the Korean Peninsula/China/Hong Kong/Taiwan/Mongolia), Kokusai Josei Basic Series, Jiyu Kokumin-sha, 1997, pp. 31-82.
LEE Chong-sik, Sengo nikkan kanketsu shi (History of Japan-ROK Relations after WWII), Chuo-Korinsha, 1989.
Kan KIMURA, Chosen hanto wo dou miruka (How to Look at the Korean Peninsula), Shueisha Shinsho, 2004.
Kentaro SERITA, Nihon no ryodo (Japan's Territory), Chuko sosho, Chuo-Korin-Shinsha, 2002, Chapter 4.
Yoshihiko YAMADA, Nihon no kokkyo (Japan's Borders), Shincho Shinsho, Shincho-sha, 2005.
Takayuki NAKAZAWA, Zukai shimaguni nippon no ryodo mondai (Illustrated Territorial Disputes of Island Nation Japan), Toyo Keizai Shinposha, 2005.
Japan-Korea History Joint Research Committee <http://www.jkcf.or.jp/history/>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a pamphlet “Kita chosen ni yoru nihonjin rachi mondai (Abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea)”
Japan-ROK FTA Joint Research Committee Report（PDF）
Japan-ROK leaders’ joint statement — building a foundation for Japan-ROK cooperation, moving toward an era of peace and prosperity of Northeast Asia— (June, 2003)
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/kaidan/yojin/arc_03/j_k_seimei.html>
■12 The Korean Peninsula’s reunification issue and the role of Japan
Required readings:
Wikipedia, “Chosen toitsu mondai (Korean Reunification)”
References:
Yoshikazu TANAKA, “Chosen hanto” kiki no kozu—hanto toitsu to nihon no yakuwari (The Composition of the “Korean Peninsula” crisis—Reunification of the Peninsula and the Role of Japan), Minerva 21Seiki Library, Minerva Shobo, 2006, Chapter 4.

13 General discussion
14 Q&A for final exam
15 Final exam

Grading Method

- Mid-term exam (50%)
- Final exam (50%)

- All the exam questions taken directly from lectures and required readings.
- I am planning to ask students to write short essays using designated keywords for both the mid-term and the final exams.
- I don’t check attendance. Evaluation will be based on the result of exams only.

Textbook(s)

None.

Reference(s)

【General references】
The National Institute for Defense Studies, Higashi ajia senryaku gaikan (East Asian Strategic Review): each annual issue (both Japanese and English)

- Includes description of security issues on the Korean Peninsula every year.

【Movies with related themes】
- If you are interested in these movies, please try to watch them by renting DVDs.
  - *Taegukgi Hwinallimyo* (Japanese title: “Burazaahuddo,” or "Brotherhood")
  - A story of brothers, Jin-tae and Jin-seok, who were compulsorily recruited to the Korean War.
  - *The Game of Their Lives* (Japanese title: “Kiseki no irebun—1966 nen W hai kita chosen VS itaria sen no shinjitsu”)
    - In the 1966 World Cup in England, totally unmarked North Korea beat reigning Italy and advanced to the last eight.
  - *Shilmido* (Japanese title: "Shirumido")
    - In April 1968, 31 death-row inmates were ordered to assassinate Kim Il-Sung, North Korea’s supreme leader, in exchange for release from the sentence. However, as the government changed its diplomatic policy, the assassination plan was cancelled.
  - *White Badge*
    - A war film that describe the Vietnam War from the viewpoint of South Korea, which took part in the war as an ally of the United States.
  - *DMZ: Demilitarized Zone—38th Parallel North in Recollection* (South Korea, 2005. 98 minutes)
    - Documentary that uncovers the truth about what happened on the 38th parallel north, so-called DMZ, after the assassination of the South Korean president in 1979.
  - *JSA*
A murder by South Koreans took place in the North Korean sentry box in Panmunjom / joint security area=JSA. A fiction based on a real story.

**Double Agent** （Japanese title: “Niju supai”）

- In 1980, a North Korean man called Im defected to South Korea. However, his real identity was a North Korean double agent.

**Gancheob Li Cheol-Jin** （Japanese title: “SPY Li Chorujin: kita chosen kara kita otoko”）

- A comedy with dark humor about the tragedy of the division of the two Koreas. North Korean agent Li tries to acquire “the DNA of a super pig” in order to save his countrymen who are suffering from a serious food shortage.

**Shuri**

- A fictional spy action blockbuster that depicts the struggles between North Korean special forces and South Korean intelligence agency.

**Albatross** （Tokuma Japan Communications）

- A South Korean army lieutenant, who became a prisoner of North Korean army during the Korean War and has a long-term feud with a North Korean officer, escapes from a camp for political prisoners. The subject matter is groundbreaking since it introduces the reality of North Korea, but the movie itself is third-rate.

**Dear Pyongyang** （2005, Japan, directed by YANG Yong-hi）

- An emotional masterpiece by Yang Yong-hi, a North Korean auteur who was born and raised in Osaka, that depicts her three elder brothers who “returned” to North Korea and her parents who devoted their lives to the activities of General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chosen soren).

**Riku/kai/kuu kankoku kokubosho no subete (Army/Air Force/Navy: All About the South Korean Defense Ministry), director: KIM Seon-Hwa.**

**Korean Peninsula**

- The movie is set in near future when the day of reunification is approaching. However, Japan tries to interfere and brings the Korean Peninsula to a crisis. A historian Choi takes the responsibility of exposing a historical secret that has been hidden more than 100 years.