

## War Studies Advanced Program, Winter 2018 NORTH KOREA

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**Thursday, January 4, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM**

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***Strategic and Domestic Political Context: Understand the background to the Korean War***

Readings:

- T.R. Fehrenbach, *This Kind of War* (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1963). Chapter 1-4, pages 11-64.
- Max Hastings, *The Korean War* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1987). Chapters 1-3, pages 23-75.
- Matthew B. Ridgway, *The Korean War* (New York: Da Capo Paperback, 1967). Chapter 1, pages 1-16.
- Dennis Wainstock, *Truman, MacArthur, and the Korean War* (New York: Enigman Books, 1999). Introduction, pages xii-xxvii.

***The Initial Attack, U.N. decision, and the Defense of Pusan: Understand the initial phases of the war, North Korea has the initiative.***

Readings:

- Dean Acheson, *Present at the Creation* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1969). Chapters 44 and 45, pages 402-425.
- Fehrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 7-13, pages 97-216.
- Hastings, *The Korean War*. Chapter 4, pages 76-98.

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**Friday, January 5, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM**

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***Inchon, The Drive to the Yalu, and The Chinese Entry into the War: Understand the next phase of the war, regaining the initiative, then losing it.***

Readings:

- Acheson, *Present at the Creation*. Chapters 47, parts of 48, and 49, pages 441-457 and 461-477.
- Hastings, *The Korean War*. Chapters 5-8, pages 99-164.
- Ridgway, *The Korean War*. Chapters 3-4, pages 33-78.
- Fehrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 14-19, pages 217-324.

***The MacArthur Controversy and Ridgway Assumes Command:*** Understand why MacArthur was fired and the beginning of the end of the war.

Readings:

- Acheson, *Present at the Creation*. Chapters 53-54, pages 512-528.
- Hastings, *The Korean War*. Chapters 9-10, pages 165-207.
- Ridgway, *The Korean War*. Chapters 5-6, pages 79-184.
- Fahrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 24-25, pages 397-443.

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**Saturday, January 6, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM**

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***The 38th Parallel, Stalemate, and the Armistice:*** Understand the non-end of the war.

Readings:

- Acheson, *Present at the Creation*. Chapters 55 and 68, pages 529-538 and 651-658.
- Ridgway, *The Korean War*. Chapters 7-9, pages 185-242.
- Hastings, *The Korean War*. Chapters 16-18, pages 286-344.
- Fahrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 29-32 and 37-39, pages 491-538 and 595-660.
- Transcript of the armistice agreement

***The Development of the Two Koreas, Part 1:*** Understand developments between the armistice and the end of the Cold War.

Readings:

- Don Oberdorfer, *The Two Koreas* (Reading, Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley, 1997). Preface and chapters 1-9, pages xi-xv and 1-228.

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**Sunday, January 7, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM**

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***The Development of the Two Koreas, Part 2:*** Understand developments in the immediate post-Cold War period.

Readings:

- Don Oberdorfer, *The Two Koreas*. Chapters 10-15 and Afterward, pages 229-411.

***Today's Risk Assessment, Part 1:*** Understand the problems of sanctions, nuclear deterrence, and nonproliferation.

Readings:

- Abby Hamblin, "North Korea: How Obama, Bush, Clinton dealt with the rogue nation," San Diego Union-Tribune, August 10, 2017.
- Sarah Lohschelder, "Three Presidents Facing North Korea—A Review of U.S. Foreign Policy," Huffington Post.

- Jamie McIntyre, “Winning a war against North Korea would come a ‘great cost’: Here’s what it might look like.” The Washington Examiner, July 16, 2017.
- Susan Glasser, “North Korea: The Full Transcript [of a discussion with Ambassador Christopher Hill and Admiral Dennis Blair].” Politico Magazine, September 18, 2017.
- Eleanor Albert, “What to Know About the Sanctions on North Korea.” Council on Foreign Relations, September 26, 2017.

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## Monday, January 8, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM

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***Today’s Risk Assessment, Part 2: Understand the regions as it stands today.***

Readings:

- Russell Goldman, “How Trump’s Predecessors Dealt With the North Korean Threat,” New York Times, August 17, 2017.
- Jacqueline Klimas, “Trump’s North Korea strategy: A lot like Obama’s,” Politico, August 8, 2017.
- Eleanor Albert, “North Korea’s Military Capabilities,” Council on Foreign Relations, September 5, 2017.
- Mike Mullen and Sam Nunn, Chairs and Adam Mount, Project Director, “A Sharper Choice on North Korea: Engaging China for a Stable Northeast Asia,” Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force Report No. 74, September, 2016.
- Eleanor Albert, “The China-North Korea Relationship,” Council on Foreign Relations, September 27, 2017.
- Eleanor Albert, “What to Know About the Sanctions on North Korea,” Council on Foreign Relations, September 26, 2017.
- Nicholas Eberstadt, “Some Recommendations to the Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on North Korea,” American Enterprise Institute, September 16, 2016.
- David Lai and Alyssa Blair, “How to Learn to Live with a Nuclear North Korea,” Foreign Policy, August 7, 2017.
- Daniel Wertz, “Inter-Korean Relations,” NCNK, January, 2017.

***Other National Perspectives: Understand the region from selected nations in the region.***

Readings:

- Titli Basu, “Kim Jong-un’s Crazy Summer: A Litmus Test for Japan,” The Diplomat, September 2, 2017.
- Rachel Blomquist and Daniel Wertz, “An Overview of North Korea-Japan Relations,” NCNK, June 2015.
- Ji-young Song, “How Australia could help South Korea deal with Pyongyang,” NK News.org, November 9, 2017.
- Henry Belot, “North Korea’s nuclear weapons program poses serious threat to Australia, Julie Bishop warns.” ABC on line, April 17, 2017.
- Eleanor Albert, “The China-North Korea Relationship,” Council on Foreign Relations, September 27, 2017.
- Anny Boc, “China’s North Korea Debate: Redrawing the Red Line,” The Diplomat, November 22, 2017.

- Weifeng Zhong, “China is Trying to Bribe North Korea into Good Behavior. Here is what that means for America.” American Enterprise Institute, November 9, 2017.
- Jeffrey A. Bader, “Diplomacy toward North Korea: Some Good News,” Brookings Institute, September 18, 2017.
- Thomas Donnelly, “A brutal, but reasonable, response to North Korea.” American Enterprise Institute, November 15, 2017.