

Course prospectus (Spring 2023)

EALC 2771 / 6771: ANTH 1771/6771 Korea Through Ethnography

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Class Time: TR 01:45 PM-03:15 PM

Course Description: Over the last few decades, a substantial volume of the ethnographic studies of South Korea has produced. Providing critical insight into South Korea's quite particular and transforming history and cultures of modernization, industrialization, and globalization, these ethnographic works help us understand many of the historical, political, and economic issues that have both defined and complicated modern Korean society and nationhood. In this course, we will explore the contemporary social and cultural life in South Korea through ethnographies. Major themes include modernization, capitalism, class, gender, family, religion, globalization, and popular culture.

The class will be held as part lecture and part seminar format. Course requirements include reading responses, one group presentation, a take-home midterm examination, and a final paper or a creative project.