SEC 6391
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Title: COVID in South Korea and Transnational Security

Course Description: This course will explore socio-cultural differences/similarities between the West and the East on dealing with COVID-19, specifically taking South Korea and the U.S. as a case study. Through a wide variety of aspects that were affected due to COVID (Ex: Military, Political, Policies, Economy, Education, Travel, etc), this course will connect these aspects and their efforts/actions to their own socio-cultural reasonings/background. Taking these to account, this course will use current and updating assessments on how both cultures can learn from each other on dealing with COVID while providing a middle ground on how both cultures can best deal with COVID and future pandemics.

Background: South Korea continues to play a major role in American foreign policy and Northeast Asian decision making. But because South Korea was one of the first nation-states exposed to COVID, this has made it a key factor in how governments work together, agencies respond (and how), and societies react in both Asia and the USA during a time of crisis.

Lesson Objectives for Directed Studies Course:

- Investigate the cultural differences between the ROK/USA regarding pandemic relief operations.
- Research the role of how military, political, economic, educational, and international travel factors affected COVID reaction operations in South Korea.
- Investigate current assessments in South Korea regarding the effectiveness and possible issues in COVID operations in South Korea.
- Compare and contrast South Korea's COVID policies to those of the United States.
- Evaluate the security impacts as a result of COVID in South Korea and the United States.
- Assess lessons learned and future actions that can be taken to address COVID or other pandemics in the USA and South Korea.

Assessment: You will write one 25 page essay in order to satisfy the lesson objectives.

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