2019 Program: Thinking Out of the Black Box: Exploring New Insights Into North Korea

I.   COURSE DESCRIPTION

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A. Abstract of the Course

This undergraduate course aims to hone students' critical thinking skills by exploring new insights into North Korea through the lens of recent interviews with defectors and by assessing the contemporary media coverage of North Korean defectors. It focuses on three aspects including: the deepening ties between the Worker's Party of Korea and the Communist Party of China; the increasing commercialization in the elite regime circle (the 1%) through state trading company activities and among the masses (the 99%) through black markets, and; how financial sanctions actually bolster North Korean procurement networks.

B. Schedule

Program Dates	June 25, 2019 (Tuesday) – August 17, 2019 (Saturday)
Class Schedule	Monday to Thursday (Tentative) • 10:00 – 12:30: Korean Language Class (for Harvard Students Only) • 14:00 – 16:00: Thinking Out of the Black Box: Exploring New Insights into North Korea
Excursions	Every Fridays, in and out of Seoul (places are to be announced later) Tentative places: Jeju Island, Yangpyeong, DMZ, Panmunjom, Chong-gye Stream and Nam Dae Mun, Seoul Women's Plaza, Gyeongbokgung, Changdeok Palace & Jongmyo Shring, Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation etc.

C. Course Credit

- The course will be offered as an Ewha GSIS Summer Course: **"Special Topics on Korean Culture"** (국제대학원 국제학과/학수번호 11118)
- 3 summer credits will be received after completion of the course

ACCESSIBLE AND DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS AND LINKS:
- Ewha Harvard Summer School Application Form

II. APPLICATION & ADMISSION

A. Eligibility

1. Ewha GSIS Students
   - Students in their senior year (expected to graduate before the incoming regular semester cannot apply for this program
2. Other GSIS Schools in Korea that have credit exchange programs for summer school with Ewha GSIS
   - Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea National University of Education, Korea University, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Seoul National University, Sogang University, Sookmyung University, Sungkyunkwan University, University of Seoul, and Yonsei University

A total of <u>12 students</u> will be admitted to the course.

B. Timeline for Application

Application Process	Timeline & Detail
STEP 1. Submission of Application Forms and Documents (ONLINE)	**DEADLINE: March 27, 2019 (Wednesday, 5:00 PM)** • Application Form (see below for download link) • Scanned copy of your Academic Transcript (in English)
STEP 2. Document Screening and Interview	**TENTATIVE DATE: April 4 (Thursday) – April 5, 2019 (Friday)** • Students will be contacted individually for interviews upon document evaluation • Interviews will be conducted in English. Students will be evaluated based on applicant's interest in the program, and ability to take this course in English
STEP 3. Final Acceptance Notification	**TENTATIVE DATE: April 26, 2019 (Friday)** • Individual notification via e-mail and telephone

III. HIGHLIGHTS