Since the conclusion of World War II, the legacy of militarism and colonialism in areas of Asia has left many unresolved ... legacy has also contributed to the discourse of contemporary legal issues in the region, including territorial disputes, ... nationalism was central to the assimilation of Korean immigrants as American ethnics, even as they were denied U.S. citizenship. ... homeland necessitated their participation in civic and political activities in the United States, engaging in ... an ethnic consciousness and paradoxically established them as an American ethnic group. Ultimately, Kim argues, homeland ... traces how Koreans in the United States articulated visions of national sovereignty, drawing particularly on American ... relied on U.S. state power to mobilize international support for their cause. Their efforts to establish an independent ... the growing field of Korean Studies, and will be of great interest to students and scholars interested in Korean studies, Korean and Asian culture and society, and Asian studies more generally.

Labour Welfare The chapters in this volume provide a critical perspective on Korean society, and draw upon ... With contributions from leading Korean scholars and academics from around the world, this is a welcome addition to ... The growing importance of the Korean economy in the global arena and the spread of the so-called 'Korean wave' in Asia ... contemporary developments in this vital region. Broad introductory regional and comparative chapters are followed by ... the study maps various notions of sovereignty in relation to the people, the nation, the state, and the federation, distinguishing ... among conventional notions of what we think of as geographies of military conflict. Monica Kim demonstrates how the Korean War evolved from a fight over territory to one over human integrity and the individual human subject, forging the template for the U.S. wars of intervention that would predominate during the latter half of the twentieth century and beyond. Kim looks at how, during the armistice negotiations, the United States and their allies proposed a new kind of interrogation room: one in which POWs could exercise their free will and choose which country they would go to after the ceasefire. The global controversy that erupted when interrogation rooms had become a flashpoint for the struggles between the ambitions of empire and the demands for decolonization, as the aim of interrogation was to produce subjects who attested to a nation's right to govern. The complex web of interrogators and prisoners;Japanese-American interrogators, Indian military personnel, Korean POWs and interrogators, and American POWs/that Kim uncovers contradicts the simple story in US popular memory of 'brainwashing' during the Korean War. Bringing together a vast range of sources that track two generations of people moving between three continents, The Interrogation Rooms of the Korean War delves into an essential yet overlooked aspect of modern warfare in the twentieth century. This text explores the efforts of Korean immigrants to fight for the independence of their homeland by participating in civic and political activities in the United States that established them as an American ethnic group.

Michael E. Robinson provides readers with the historical essentials upon which to unravel the complex politics and contemporary crises that exist in the East Asian region.

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Dieter Grimm's accessible introduction to the concept of sovereignty ties the evolution of the idea to historical events, from the religious conflicts of sixteenth-century Europe to today's trends in globalization and transnational institutions. Grimm wonders whether recent political changes have undermined notions of national sovereignty, comparing manifestations of the concept in different parts of the world. Gained for classroom use, the study maps various notions of sovereignty in relation to the people, the nation, the state, and the federation, distinguishing between internal and external types of sovereignty. Grimm's book will appeal to political theorists and cultural-studies scholars and to readers interested in the role of charisma, power, originality, and individuality in political rule.

This book is a collection of essays written by Korean political theorists addressing the study of contemporary Korean political thought on the premise that such study should be carried out with a focus on East-Centric approach. The negative effects brought about by the domination of Western-centricism are pervasive in academic disciplines as well as in everyday life of South Korea. This book outlines three strategic approaches to combating Western-centricism: (1) theorizing modern Korean political thought from a Korean perspective, (2) the Koreanization of Western political thought, and (3) modernizing traditional Eastern Asian political thought. These essays examine and explore the validity of the three strategies with questions of copying with Western-centricism in Korean political theory. These contributing authors share a concern about Western-centricism, but approach it from different directions and at different layers.

The growing importance of the Korean economy in the global arena and the spread of the so-called 'Korean wave' in Asia mean there is an increasing desire to understand contemporary Korean Society. To this end, this book provides a critical and progressive analysis of the diverse issues that impact on and shape contemporary Korean society at both local and national levels. The contributors address issues and movements which include: The state and regime Human rights Gender Civil society and social movements Culture Religion Domestic and migrant labour Welfare The chapters in this volume provide a critical perspective on Korean society, and draw upon interdisciplinary research from across the social sciences. With contributions from leading Korean scholars and academics from around the world, this is a welcome addition to the growing field of Korean Studies, and will be of great interest to students and scholars interested in Korean studies, Korean and Asian culture and society, and Asian studies more generally.

Honorably Mentioned, Book Award in History of the Association for Asian American Studies. In this book, Richard S. Kim examines the central role played by immigrants in the independence movement that sought to liberate Korea from Japanese colonization. Regarding Japanese rule as illegitimate, Koreans in and outside of the Korean peninsula viewed themselves as a stateless people. Their independence activities had to be carried out from abroad, creating conditions for the emergence of a diasporic nationalism. Using English and Korean language sources, Kim traces how Koreans in the United States articulated visions of national sovereignty, drawing particularly on American political rhetoric and symbolism, and increasingly relied on U.S. state power to mobilize international support for their cause. Their efforts to establish an independent homeland in Korea contributed to their mobilization in the United States, and their activism in the United States had led to the development of an ethnic consciousness and paradoxically established them as an American ethnic group. Ultimately, Kim argues, homeland nationalism was central to the assimilation of Korean immigrants as American ethnic, even as they were denied U.S. citizenship.

Since the conclusion of World War II, the legacy of militarism and colonialism in Asia has left many unresolved conflicts, dividing the environment, the division of human rights, the environment, state responsibility, and international trade among others. This volume addresses salient international legal issues that flowed from the legacy of the region's historical experience with colonialism. The book specifically addresses topics including...
territorial boundary disputes, the law of the sea and maritime delimitation, international law and colonialism, responsibility to protect and international dispute resolution. This volume provides perspectives on these issues from prominent Asian legal scholars who analyze and discuss various ways in which international law and the international legal process can aid the resolution of these issues relevant to the region—

Korea Between Empires chronicles the development of a Korean national consciousness. It focuses on two critical periods in Korean history and asks how key concepts and symbols were created and integrated into political programs to create an original Korean understanding of national identity, the nation-state, and nationalism. Laying out the often ignored questions of representation, narrative, and rhetoric in the construction of public sentiment, Andre Schmid traces the genealogies of key terms, such as "Korean," newspapers during the social and political upheavals of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Newspapers were the primary location for the re-imagining of the nation, enabling readers to move away from the conceptual framework inherited from a Confucian and dynastic past toward a nationalist vision that was deeply rooted in global ideologies of capitalist modernity. As producers and disseminators of knowledge about the nation, newspapers mediated perceptions of Korea's precarious place amid Chinese and Japanese colonial ambitions and were vitally important to the rise of a nationalistic movement in Korea.

This book offers a broad history of Korea, from the earliest times to the present, with a particular focus on key twentieth-century events that have helped to shape today's political climate. Particular attention is given to the 1993-94 dispute over North Korea's controversial nuclear development program, the 1994-97 famine in North Korea, and the subsequent development of the Republic of Korea in the south and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north. An attempt is made to highlight the distinctive features of the two traditionally authoritarian regimes. Detailed information is included, both to support a succinct history and to encourage a political interpretation that transcends five decades of Western propaganda.

Asia & Southeast Asia offers a concise overview of development in each of the countries of the region.

In contrast to previous studies of the South Korea/United States alliance, Uk Heo and Terence Rohrig analyze the bigger picture, including the history, economics, security, alliance structure, politics, and the future of the alliance. Taking alliance theory as a starting point, the authors argue that the alliance provides an ideal case study to examine how the political development and economic growth of junior partners impact alliance partners. As South Korea's capabilities and ambitions have grown, the alliance has evolved from an asymmetric regional security relationship to an economic partnership with global interests, while China's rise and North Korea's nuclear development mean that South Korea remains of strategic importance for American interests in East Asia. This book will be read both as a major contribution to Korean studies and as a study of alliance politics and theory.

One Korea or two? The persistence of North and South Korea since 1945 has been a source of one war and fears of new wars. Although they share centuries of common culture, society and politics, the two nations differ on fundamentals today: capitalist democracy in the south and totalitarian communism in the north. Dynamics of the Korean State provides a unique overview of how humans treasure their individual lives and how these dynamics intertwine with Korean history and state evolution. The book examines the development of the Korean state from ancient times and sees its roots in the Stone Age struggle for survival. The totalizing theme has been to Prolong Life :: Postpone Death. Hence, the origins of every state can be found in man's Will-to-live, and this is demonstrated in the Will-action framework offered by the author. Human life is the measure of state development. This primary dynamic generates a secondary dynamic that gives a life and pace to the political process, and give it a fluidity over time. The six Wilks' actions are as follows: Will-to-Live/production; Will-to-Freedom/innovation; Will-to-Power/organization; Will-to-Comply/empowerment; Will-to-Transcend/political-visions & religion; and Will-to-Reduct/fusion, usurpation, rebellion, revolution. These in combination influence and partially determine state configuration and fluidity, creating order, disorder, war, prosperity, and poverty along the way. This book reveals the undercurrents of Korean society, politics and history from a fresh perspective. Neither pure history nor descriptive politics, it is a significant contribution to a philosophical anthropology paradigm.

How does a nation become a great power? A global order was emerging in the nineteenth century, in one of which all nations were included. This book explores the multiple legal grounds of Meiji Japan's assertion of sovereign statehood within that order: natural law, treaty law, international administrative law, and the laws of war. Contrary to arguments that Japan was victimized by 'unequal' treaties, or that Japan was required to meet a 'standard of civilization' before it could participate in international society, Howland argues that the Westernizing Japanese state was a player from the start. In the midst of contradictions between law and imperialism, Japan expressed state will and legal acumen as an equal of the Western powers: international incidents in Japanese waters, disputes with foreign powers on Japanese territory, and the prosecution of interstate war. As a member of international administrative unions, Japan worked with fellow members to manage technical systems such as the telegraph and the post. As a member of organizations such as the International Law Association and as a leader at the Hague Peace Conferences, Japan helped to expand international law. By 1907, Japan was the first non-western state to join the ranks of the great powers.

This book provides a theoretical and empirical analysis of a key concept in East Asia security debates, sovereign democracy, and how it reproduces hierarchy in the regional order. Park argues that contemporary strategies in East Asia are based on shared contextual knowledge - that of international hierarchy - reconstructed in the late-nineteenth century. The mechanism that reproduces this lens of hierarchy is domestic legitimacy politics in which embattled political leaders contest the meaning of sovereign autonomy. Park argues that the idea of status is embedded in the process of sovereignty creation and that the collective will of a nation-state can reproduce sovereign autonomy and endures through distinct and alternative security frames that continue to inform contemporary strategic debates in East Asia. This book makes a significant contribution to debates in international relations theory and security studies about autonomy and status, as well as to the now extensive literature on the nature of East Asian regional order.

The order of international relations in Asia is predominantly state-centric. It is one based primarily on absolute national sovereignty, exclusive national identity and patriotic national citizenship. This sovereignty-based or state-centered order, however, has been challenged and progressively undermined by a people-centric order that is governed by ideals of global citizenship and principles emerging from global civil society. This people-centric order, the emergence of a new form of politics in which citizens are empowered by various non-governmental organizations that serve to define and influence world politics is envisaged. Clearly, such an order clashes with the prevailing Asian national sovereignty-based model. This book provides a systematic descriptive, explanatory and normative analysis of the clash of normative orders in Asia, and develops an analytic and normative foundation to address the challenge posed by the various complications this may have for global justice. The book aims to study two paradigms of political order: a national-statist sovereignty-based order and a people-centric order, analyze the conflict between two diverse political paradigms within an Asian setting, and assess the various challenges a people-centric global order poses. It also aims to address the paucity of Asian normative thinking through a synthesis of intellectual sources and normative theories. It analyzes, tests, revises and develops Western normative theories of the people-centric order. It is a must read for students and researchers who are interested in the theoretical debates: especially Asian voices on normative issues in Asia.

Roy appeals to the historical truth to competing nationalist myths of the Pacific War, which continue to inflame the international politics of Northeast Asia and the United States.

Africa in the Post-Cold War International System is an informed, critical and comprehensive analysis of the impact of the end of the Cold War on Africa and the attempts by African states to adjust to the emerging international order.

What is sovereignty? Often taken for granted or seen as the ideology of European states vying for supremacy and conquest, sovereignty is underexamined both in the history of its practices and in its aesthetic and intellectual underpinnings. Using global intellectual history as a bridge between approaches, period, and areas, The Sovereignty of Sovereignty deploys a comparative and theoretically rich conception of sovereignty to reconsider the different schemes on which it has been based or renewed, the public stages on which it is erected or destroyed, and the images and ideas on which it rests. The essays in The Sovereignty of Sovereignty reveal that sovereignty has always been supported, complemented, and enforced by a complex aesthetic and intellectual scaffolding. This collection takes a multidisciplinary approach to investigating the concept on a global scale, ranging from an account of a Manchu emperor building a mosque to a discussion of the continuing power of Lenin’s corpse, from an analysis of the death of kings in classical Greek tragedy to an exploration of the imagery of ‘the people’ in the Age of Revolutions. Across seventeen chapters that closely study specific historical regimes and conflicts, the book’s contributors examine intersections of authority, power, theoretical, science and medicine, jurisdiction, rulehship, human rights, scholarship, religious and popular ideas, and international legal thought that support or undermine different definitions of sovereign power and its representations.

Surveying histories of Korea written during the twentieth century, Henry H. Em examines how the project of national sovereignty shaped the work of Korean historians and their representations of the country's past.

After providing an accessible history of the nation, the author turns his focus to what North Korea is, what its people cope with living in such an oppressive and poor place, arguing that North Korea is not irrational, but rather a nation that has survived against all odds.

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Koreans in the U.S. Lew concludes that, despite the manifold shortcomings in Rhee's authoritarian leadership, he was undoubtedly best prepared to assume the presidency of South Korea after the onset of the Cold War in the Korean Peninsula. Essential reading for anyone with an interest in modern Korean history, this work will serve as a lasting portrait of one of the pivotal figures in the evolution of Korea as it journeyed from colonial suppression to freedom and security.

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China’s Encounters on the South and Southwest. Reforging the Fiery Frontier Over Two Millennia describes the southern periphery of China and the many local and state agents acting first to shift and then to shape this territory over two thousand years, mainly by land but now by sea.

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As tensions between China and Japan increase, including over the disputed islands in the East China Sea, Japan has embraced Prime Minister Abe’s new security posture. This involves, internally, adapting Japan’s constitutional position on defence and, externally, building stronger international relationships in the Asia-Pacific region and more widely. This book presents a comprehensive analysis of these developments. It shows how trust and co-operation with the United States, the only partner with which Japan has a formal alliance, is being re-buit, discusses how other relationships, both on security and on wider issues, are being formed, in the region and with European countries, and the relationship with India and Australia being of particular importance, and concludes by assessing the likely impact on the region of Japan’s changing posture and new relationships.

This important book analyzes nuclear weapon and energy policies in Asia, a region at risk for high-stakes military competition, conflict, and terrorism. The contributors explore the trajectory of debates over nuclear energy, security, and non-proliferation in key countries: China, India, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, and other states in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Arguing against conventional wisdom, the contributors make a convincing case that domestic variables are far more powerful than external factors in shaping nuclear decision-making. The book explores what drives debates and how decisions are framed, the interplay between domestic dynamics and geopolitical calculations in the discourse, where the center of gravity of debates lies in each country, and what this means for regional cooperation or competition and U.S. nuclear energy and nonproliferation policy.

A broad history of Korea, with a particular focus on key twentieth-century events. Particular attention is given to the dispute over North Korea’s controversial nuclear development programme. This issue is profiled in the context of the post-Soviet world, and against such crucial modern events as the Japanese colonization of the Korean peninsula, the US partition, the resulting Korean War, and the subsequent development of North and South. The detailed information both supports a succinct history and encourages an interpretation that transcends Western propaganda.

In recent years, discussion of the colonial period in Korea has centered mostly on the degree of exploitation or development that took place domestically, while international aspects have been relatively neglected. Colonial discourse, such as characterization of Korea as a ‘hermit nation’ was promulgated around the world by Japan and haunts us today. The colonization of Korea also transformed Japan and has had long-term consequences for post-World War II Northeast Asia as a whole. Through sections that explore Japan’s images of Korea, colonial Koreans’ perceptions of foreign societies and foreign relations, and international perceptions of colonial Korea, the essays in this volume show the broad influence of Japanese colonialism not simply on the Korean peninsula, but on how the world understood Japan and how Japan understood itself. When initially incorporated into the Japanese empire, Korea seemed lost to Japan’s designs, yet Korean resistance to colonial rule, along with later international fear of Japanese expansion, led the world to rethink the importance of Korea as a future sovereign nation.

Political disagreement is a fact of life. Such conflict can prompt people to stand for public office and seek to realise political change. Others take their fight to the courts. Micronations and the Search for Sovereignty is the first comprehensive examination of the phenomenon of people purporting to secede and create their own country. It analyses why micronations are not states for the purposes of international law, studies the factors that motivate individuals to separate and found their own nation, examines the legal justifications that they offer and explores the responses of recognised sovereign states. In doing so, this book develops a rich body of material through which to reflect on conventional understandings of statehood, sovereignty and legitimate authority. Authored in a lively and accessible style, Micronations and the Search for Sovereignty will be valuable reading for scholars and general audiences.

Sovereignty Experiments tells the story of how authorities in Korea, Russia, China, and Japan/theorize diplomatic negotiations, border regulations, legal categorization of subjects and aliens, and cultural policies/compete to control Korean migrants as they suddenly moved abroad by the thousands in the late-nineteenth century. Alyssa M. Park argues that Korean migrants were essential to the process of establishing sovereignty across four states because they tested the limits of state power over territory and people in a borderland where authority had been long asserted but not necessarily enforced. Traveling from place to place, Koreans compelled state actors to take notice of their movement and to experiment with various policies to govern it. Ultimately, states’ efforts culminated in drastic measures, including the complete removal of Koreans on the Soviet side. As Park demonstrates, what resulted was the stark border regime that still stands between North Korea, Russia, and China today. Skillfully employing a rich base of archival sources from across the region, Sovereignty Experiments sets forth a new approach to the transnational history of Northeast Asia. By focusing on mobility and governance, Park illuminates why this critical intersection of Asia was contested, divided, and later reimagined as parts of distinct nations and empires. The result is a fresh interpretation of migration, identity, and state making at the crossroads of East Asia and Russia.

In The Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute, Paul Huth, Sunwoong Kim, and Terence Roehrig have assembled top scholars from Japan, South Korea, and the United States to provide a balanced and comprehensive look from multiple perspectives of this long-running island dispute.

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