

DEBATE: Korean Reunification

Class will be divided into “teams”, each representing a country or region in East Asia – and each with a specific position with regard to the reunification of North and South Korea. Your job is to come up with a proposal for reunification of the Korean Peninsula – from YOUR COUNTRY’S perspective.

Each “team” needs to address (based on readings, Blackboard, films, lecture guest speakers, etc. which can be divided among team members, with time in-class to prepare as a group) the following topics in relation to their country. Make sure to keep in mind the corresponding opposition and alliances from the other countries.

If you Email me your notes/outlines, I will post them on Blackboard to help you prepare for the final exam.

Consider the following for your region:

- History
 - What led to the current division?
 - Where did your country lie in the previous conflicts and resolutions
- Present situation
 - What is the current stance of the various governments?
 - What are the various countries’ current economic positions?
- Political Issues
 - Inside Korea
 - How will the countries’ leadership handle reunification?
 - What are the various sides’ concepts of reunification?
 - How will the population view/handle reunification?
 - Regional and International concerns
 - What are the concerns of each country in the region (be sure you consider your opposition’s views)?
 - Japan – former occupier, supporter/competitor of South Korea
 - China – supporter of regional stability, relationship with NK
 - Russia – shares border with NK
 - United States – regional stability issues, relationship in the DMZ
- Military Issues
 - How will various parties demobilize military forces (including US)?
 - What will be the process of joining the two Koreas?
- Economic issues
 - North’s system vs. South’s system – what are the problems?
 - How would it be possible to join the two systems?
 - What will be the cost of reunification?