Global Cities – Proposed course for Global Seminars, 2016, Seoul
HIITO 180
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Why do parts of Seoul feel eerily similar to Tokyo, London, or New York? What makes some cities grow and prosper more readily than others? In this course, we will scrutinize the role of exchanges and networks in urban growth in the twentieth century. This past century is centrally defined by the urbanization of the world, with the number and size of cities expanding to accommodate this explosive growth. This course will explore some of the causes and consequences of networked cities, including financial networks, global urban cultures, urban safety, consumption and fashion, tourism, “green” development, and migrant labor.

Readings will include:
Saskia Sassen, Global Networks, Linked Cities (Routledge, 2002).

SCHEDULE

**JUNE 27**
Course intro: Why study global cities? What are they?
+ Historical circuits of knowledge, capital, and power in imperial cities

**JUNE 28**
Clean and orderly cities

**JUNE 29**
Asserting authority in urban form
Read for class:

**JUNE 30**
Seoul City tour

**JULY 4**
Spatial divides
Read for class:

**JULY 5**
Walking tour

**JULY 6**
Cities in war

**JULY 7**
Walking tour and museum trip

**JULY 11**
Understanding urban decline

**JULY 12**
Development, redevelopment, and clearance

**JULY 13**
Historic preservation

**JULY 14**
DMZ tour

**JULY 18**
Watch film in class, “Sankyeidong Olympics”

**JULY 19**
Trip to Olympic Park

**JULY 20**
Selling tradition: tourism and the modern city

**JULY 21**
Trip to Minsokchon

**JULY 25**
Global services and interconnectedness

**JULY 26**
Trip to Songdo City

**JULY 27**
Trip to K-Pop
JULY 28
Greatest challenges on the horizon