Language and Culture in Everyday Life: Koreans and Korean-Americans

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HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10:15-11:30 (CST) | 11:15-12:30 (EST) | INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN STRAUSS, PHD / SGS9@PSU.

In this course, we will study the interrelationships between culture, language, and worldview-with a specific focus on Korea and Koreans (living in Korea and abroad).

Through research, theory, videos, printed matter, and music, we will investigate:

- --How language shapes, creates, and is created by behaviors, expectations, orientations, perceptions, and practices
- --How language shapes ways of viewing time, space, identities, nation, belonging, exclusion, opinion, even sensory perception-focusing on such issues as:
 - Family structure, kinship, children, the elderly
 - Food taste, presentation; noodle/rice culture
 - Politeness (e.g., face, directness, honorifics)
 - Identity (e.g., national identity, gender identity)
 - Advertising electronics, food and beverages, fashion
 - Media and Entertainment Korean Wave, K Drama, K-Pop

No prior knowledge of Korean is required.

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