

NEH Buddhist East Asia
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Korean Buddhism: An Historical Overview
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
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Assigned Readings:

The Sūtra on the Visualization of the Buddha of Infinite Life Delivered by the Buddha. In *The Three Pure Land Sutras*, trans. Hisao Inagaki, 63–87. Berkeley, Calif.: Numata Center for Buddhist Translation and Research, 2003. dBET PDF version 2010.

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Short Bibliography:

Buswell, Robert E., Jr. *Numinous Awareness Is Never Dark: The Korean Buddhist Master Chinul’s Excerpts on Zen Practice*. Korean Classics Library: Philosophy and Religion Series. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press, 2016.

Jorgensen, John, trans. *A Handbook of Korean Zen Practice: A Mirror on the Sŏn School of Buddhism* (Sŏn’ga kwigam). Korean Classics Library: Philosophy and Religion Series. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press, 2015.

Kim, Hwansoo Ilmee. *Empire of the Dharma: Korean and Japanese Buddhism, 1877–1912*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard East Asia Center, 2012.

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----- *Domesticating the Dharma: Buddhist Cults and the Hwaŏm Synthesis in Silla Korea*. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press, 2008.

----- “Koryŏ Buddhist Paintings and the Cult of Amitābha: Visions of a Hwaŏm-inspired Pure Land.” *Journal of Korean Religions* 6, no. 1 (April 2015): 93–130.

----- “Practical Buddhist Thaumaturgy: The *Great Dhāraṇī on Immaculately Pure Light* in Medieval Sinitic Buddhism.” *Journal of Korean Religions* (Seoul) 2, no. 1 (March 2011): 33–73.

Vermeersch, Sem. *The Power of the Buddhas: The Politics of Buddhism During the Koryŏ Dynasty (918–1392)*. Harvard East Asian Monographs no. 303. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2008.

Handouts:

“The Tale of Master Wang’s Spirit Returning to the World” (*Wang Nang panhon chŏn*).

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Korean Dynasties Chronology

Koreas Map handout

Early Kingdoms on Korean Peninsula Map handout
Korea Thirty Head Temples handout