KOR2510 - North Korea: Ideology, Society and Politics Fall semester 2025 Postponed exam

This exam consists of three parts. You must respond to all three parts.

Each part counts for one third of the final grade.

The examination text is given in English. You may submit your response in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English.

What you write will be stored automatically every 15 seconds. You may, at any time, switch back and forth between exam modules in order to check what you have done in each; however, the modules are numbered and you must do each module as a separate unit. After starting the exam, you will see your remaining time in the upper left corner.

No examination support materials are permitted.

Break a leg!

Question 1

Describe the relationship between North Korea and United States of America, from the foundation of North Korean state (1948) and until recently. Describe America's image in North Korean media and culture. What influence has this relationship been exerting on North Korean politics, economy and culture?

Question 2

Describe the Great North Korean Famine ("Arduous march") of 1996-1999. What were the underlying reasons for this catastrophic event? What was the scale of losses? What were the consequences of the Great Famine?

Question 3

People's Republic of China (PRC) is North Korea's ally and, since the early 1990s, is also North Korea's largest trade partner. What are China's objectives in its relationship to North Korea? How do these objectives correlate with the aims and interests of North Korean leadership? Are there any differences in interests between the two allies?