

EVALUATION OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN KOREA CLASS

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It was by far a very interesting class. The biggest benefit that I at least got from the legal systems class was the need to take a deeper look at existing things and facts. This was clearly exemplified in the analysis of Max Weber's definition of rights. By doing this Lawer Moosang Kim made us think intensively and come up with a comprehensive solution to a problem.

The other benefit was the need to do a lot of research by individual students before they come with a complete analysis. The brainstorming session that we had, to come out with a credible analysis helped us do a lot of negotiations. It also helped us work as a team. It was no longer each student writing his paper. It was a joint effort for which each one had to put in his or her bit. These sessions in the end, I hope did result in presentations which come somewhere near the high standards set by the professor.

Many of our ideas did not fit into the pattern of things. But Professor Moosang Kim's constructive criticism of the way we handled it helped us emerge better in the long run. This resulted in more cohesive brainstorming sessions to come close to the professor's standards.

On the whole, it has been a rewarding experience to learn under a person who can simplify, the most complex issues. What I personally will remember for all times to come is how you used the example of getting a cat into a box to explain the growth of the Korean economy. Initially, I was puzzled at the question. But by the time you came up with the answer, I was able to put it simply quite analyzed. In fact, we tried though not very successfully to link the Weberian model with the way chess is played in the west and the east. I guess if we had some more time, we could in the process try to learn more in depth about the manner in which to simplify complex issues.

Another positive aspect was the fact that there was no tension whatsoever in the class. This helped the students come up with better examples of analytical thinking. Though the class was not the typical one, I personally feel that what I have learned in this class will help me both in my life as well as in my working career. On the whole it was a great experience to learn under you. I do hope that maybe in the future, I can get an opportunity to learn further from you. It was a very rewarding experience for me.