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Die Entwicklung der modernen Architektur in Korea und später in Südkorea ist eng mit den Umwälzungen verbunden, denen das Land seit dem späten 19. Jahrhundert ausgesetzt war. Die Autoren untersuchen die wichtigsten Perioden von der späten Joseon-Dynastie bis zur demokratischen Gegenwart und zeigen, wie die Architektur mittels technologischer und stilistischer Sprünge seit langem einen wesentlichen Beitrag zur Identitätsstiftung der koreanischen Nation leistet. Die architektonischen Analysen konzentrieren sich auf Gebäude, an denen die Herausbildung eines spezifisch koreanischen Modernismus besonders gut zu beobachten ist: Sie reichen von der Festung Hwaseong bis zu Bauten des 21. Jahrhunderts wie der Paju Book City, dem Ssamziegil Shopping Center, dem Wolkenkrater Boutique Monaco und dem Bauzium Sculpture Museum.

The development of modern architecture in Korea and, more recently, South Korea, is closely tied to the country's dramatic transformations since the late 19th century. The authors interrogate major periods from the Late Joseon Dynasty to the vibrant democratic present, showing how architecture, by making technological and stylistic leaps, has played a important role in the construction of the nation's identity. The architectural analyses, ranging from Hwaseong Fortress to 21st-century constructions like Paju Book City, Ssamziegil Shopping Center, the Boutique Monaco skyscraper, and the Bauzium Sculpture Museum, focus on buildings in which the formation of a specifically Korean modernism is particularly observable. The appendix includes biographical descriptions of major architectural figures.