



Korean Studies  
Freie Universität Berlin

LECTURE SERIES WS 2010/2011

# Human Rights in Contemporary Korea

*Organized by Prof. Dr. Hyo-Je Cho, DAAD-STAR Professor*

**2 November 2010 (Tuesday) 18:00 h**

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**Ahn, Kyong-Whan:**

“The ‘Economy-first’ policy and the human rights of Korea”

**16 November 2010 (Tuesday) 18:00 h**

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**Han, Geumsun:**

“Fall into disfavor: An artist’s journey into the world of the down-and-out”

**7 December 2010 (Tuesday) 18:00 h**

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**Chun, Soonok:**

“From dream to reality in South Korea: The social entrepreneur in fashion industry”

**4 January 2011 (Tuesday) 18:00 h**

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**Suh, Kyung Sik:**

“Who are ‘Zainichi’ Koreans?”

## **Moderation & Discussion**

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Commission in Korea*

**Han, Geumsun**

*Art Director of the National Human Rights  
Commission of Korea and human rights activist*

**Chun, Soonok**

*Labor expert and workers' movement activist;  
sister of the legendary labor leader Chun Tae-il*

**Suh, Kyung Sik**

*Professor of Tokyo Keizai University Faculty of  
Contemporary Law and an acclaimed writer and essayist  
on issues related to human rights of Korean residents in  
Japan ("Zainichi"), and holocaust history*



## **"Human Rights in Contemporary Korea"**

The Republic of Korea (South Korea) is undergoing major socio-political changes which encompass massive implications for various aspects of life in the country including, above all, human rights of its people. The current juncture seems to be particularly significant, for a number of factors are coalesced into generating an unpredictable but exciting contour for the future. These factors include, for example, a harsh economic downturn, people's increased sense of entitlements, the unfinished project of extended human rights policies inherited from the previous reform-oriented governments, and the installation of a conservative government in 2008. These are some of the interesting background against which a survey of the state of affairs in human rights in South Korea will be attempted through this lecture series. Our four guest speakers represent some of the most prominent activists, academics and artists in the contemporary landscape of South Korea's vibrant human rights community. The lecture series will give the audience a rare chance to grasp this important issue area in the public life of modern Korea.

Lectures will be conducted in English or Korean. Talks in Korean will be (consecutively) interpreted to German.

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