# KOREAN STUDIES IN BERLIN



THROUGH THE PANDEMIC ERA

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# Foundation of the Korea-Europe Center

Based on the aspiration to establish an educational foundation, deepen research and build a network among professionals in order to strengthen systematic cooperation and institutional links between Korea and Europe, the Korea-Europe Center (KEC) was created in January 2020. It is the fruit of cooperation between the Institute of Korean Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin and the Korea Development Institute School for Business and Public Administration.

The KEC is designed to provide educational opportunities for young scholars, helping them acquire in-depth knowledge and skills that cover a broad spectrum of Korean Studies and enable a career in academia, business, media, international organizations, and institutions oriented towards intercultural exchange. The project consists of diverse and innovative educational programmes such as an annual summer school in Korea that caters to the deepening of knowledge on specific topics of Korean society, history and culture. Additionally, the KEC organises several special lecture series on paramount topics of Korean Studies. During those special lectures, the institute invites renowned scholars from all over the world to give lectures on their area of expertise. Furthermore, the KEC encourages students to participate in workshops to enhance the academic and political competence of those involved in Korearelated research and politics.

Next to training future scholars, the KEC organises roundtables and forums with renowned experts from diverse backgrounds and publishes the results in working papers and its own in-house interdisciplinary journal Korea Europe Review (KER). The long-term goal is the formation and consolidation of a network of international experts, scholars and future talent to become a hub for knowledge on Korea and East Asia and facilitate cooperation amongst people and institutions.

### Inauguration Conference of the Korea-Europe Center

From 16-20 November 2020, for a whole week the Institute of Korean Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin became the stage for the KEC's inaugural academic event. The theme was 'Division, Unification and Peace - 30 Years German Unification and 70 Years Korean War'. The focus of the event, which was held in the form of special lectures, was the peace process on the Korean peninsula from an interdisciplinary and transregional perspective, taking into account the experiences of German reunification and the role of Europe within this process.

Prof. em. Jürgen Kocka, a renowned German historian, gave his welcoming speech as the keynote speaker at the inaugural event. Ten leading experts, including former Foreign Minister of South Korea Prof. em. Yoon Young-kwan, held lectures with special focus on political and security issues that warrant consideration when talking about the relationship between South Korea, Germany and Europe overall. Although the audience could not directly participate in the special lectures taking place over the course of the week due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the founding event was well received. During the conference, the Institute of Korean Studies streamed the lectures online from their conference hall to ensure that numerous audiences could listen in from all over the world and join the discussion.



# Creation of the Korea Europe Review

The Korea-Europe Center inaugurated its academic journal, Korea Europe Review (KER), as an openaccess, peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal specializing in Korean Studies with the release of its first issue in December 2021. While the primary focus of the journal centers on the Korean peninsula, its perspective aims to transcend traditional boundaries in regional and area studies, aspiring to integrate scholarship on Korea within a multidimensional context of regional as well as global social, cultural, and political discourse.

The launch of KER responds to the growing demand for scholarly expertise in these fields. Beyond longstanding discourses in security and nonproliferation studies, KER aims to reflect the increasing importance of the region in terms of geo-cultural and geo-economic dynamics. This includes developments of old and new forms of political, cultural, social, economic, and epistemic hegemony in East and South-East Asia, both on a theoretical-conceptional level and in terms of concrete phenomena of transregional, international, and indeed global power structures. The charting and critical assessment of these dynamics and their diverse impact on the Korean peninsula, as well as on the larger international context of cultural and economic networks and cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific, form a core area of interest for this journal.



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By firmly situating the study of the Korean peninsula within the analysis of regional, global, and international transformations, KER aims to provide a platform for multifocal perspectives and innovative research designs, creating an opening for broad and global, cross- and interdisciplinary research. As a scholarly journal, KER does not publish articles that explicitly advocate certain public policy recommendations or state policies. The journal encompasses articles on both South and North Korea, seeking to amplify voices from beyond Anglo-American and European academia.

KER is published bi-annually, with three issues released by the end of 2022. The journal includes regular sections featuring original research articles and review essays, along with special issues on select topics such as roundtable and forum reports. Potential guest editors interested in curating a special issue are encouraged to contact the editors early to discuss their ideas and the suitability of their topics. The content of the journal is freely available to download, store, reproduce, and transmit for non-commercial, scholarly, and educational purposes. By choosing to forgo access barriers such as subscription paywalls or submission fees and publishing open-access, KER endeavours to further the dissemination of knowledge and facilitate educational access to high-quality scholarly research.





# Invitation of the Students of Kim II Sung University, North Korea

In January 2020, the Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin warmly welcomed twelve students and two professors from North Korea as special guests in Berlin. These students were enrolled in German language courses at Kim II Sung University, one of the premier educational institutions in North Korea. The primary purpose of their visit was to participate in the FUBiS program, an intensive, academic program offered by Freie Universität Berlin that provides international students with the opportunity to take short-term courses during the summer and winter terms. FUBiS courses cover a wide range of subjects, including language courses, area studies, and various academic disciplines. The program aims to promote intercultural exchange and academic learning in an international setting.

FUBIS provides German classes at intermediate (B1/B2) and advanced (C1) levels. However, some of the North Korean students, who demonstrated exceptionally high language proficiency, found the courses to be too easy. As part of the extracurricular activities organized by FUBIS, students participated in field trips to the Berlin Wall Memorial, the Jewish Museum, and other historic places to reinforce acquired knowledge through practical experiences.

Between classes and in their free time, the North Korean students participated in various activities organized by the Institute of Korean Studies. One notable event was a meeting with students of Korean Studies from the institute, facilitating a meaningful exchange between students studying Korea in Germany and those studying Germany in North Korea. Over three weeks, the Institute of Korean Studies diligently guided the North Korean students through Berlin and the surrounding cities. The itinerary included visits to iconic landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate, the East Side Gallery, Sanssouci Palace, Cecilienhof, and the Yun Isang House. They also had the opportunity to meet the last communist head of government of East Germany Hans Modrow, tour the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, and visit the Bundestag, Additionally, they explored Dresden, a German city previously visited by Kim II Sung.

**FUBIS** The experience intercultural promotes exchange not only through collaborative learning, but also communal living and cooking activities. The fruits of this shared experience were evident at graduation ceremony, where North Korean students and their peers from various countries celebrated together and captured these moments in photographs. This event shows the significance of such international exchanges. In January, Berlin became a platform where North Korean students forged friendships and actively participated in cultural exchanges with their fellow students.





The North Korean students and members of the Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität bid farewell with the hope of reuniting in Pyongyang soon. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has postponed these plans indefinitely. Despite the delay, this encounter remains a cherished memory, with the aspiration for another meeting in the future.



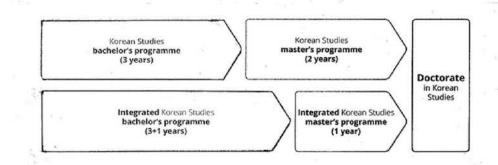
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# **Teaching**

Korean Studies as regional studies stand out for their multi- and interdisciplinary approach. Our bachelor's programme is divided into three stages with three corresponding course levels: introductory courses, advanced courses, and research seminars. First-year bachelor's students acquire elementary knowledge about Korean history, culture, politics and the Korean economy in a series of introductory classes and are familiarised with basic methods and approaches in Korean Studies. In their second year of studies, students learn about Korean civil society and political culture and are trained in academic writing. Finally, they get to engage with a variety of research topics in research seminars that are directly linked to research projects conducted at the institute. The Korean language training plays a highly important role and accompanies the students' knowledge acquisition throughout all stages of their studies.

#### **Degree Programmes**

Bachelor students majoring in Korean Studies can between а three-year programme or a four-year Integrated Korean Studies programme. In the Integrated Korean Studies programme, students will study in South Korea for one year. The selection process for the Integrated Korean Studies bachelor's programme takes place in the third semester. Students who have completed their exchange year in Korea are eligible to apply for the Integrated Korean Studies master's programme. There are two options for the doctoral programme: the individual doctorate ("Promotion") that is traditional to German academia and a specialised PhD degree at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS).



#### **Our Students**

The number of students in the Korean Studies programme at Freie Universität Berlin has experienced a rapid increase over the last fifteen years. As of October 2022, 305 students were enrolled in the Bachelor's programme, and 31 students in the Master's programme. Direct exposure to Korean culture through summer schools and mandatory semesters abroad in Korea allows students to enrich their knowledge of the country beyond textbooks. This exposure prepares our graduates to be suitable candidates for positions in public institutions, media, and businesses, where they can act as experts on Korea in various sectors of German society.

Throughout the years, our students have actively engaged in cultural activities. They have written and performed in a number of Korean-language plays as part of 'The Long Night of Science' ('Die Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften') at Freie Universität Berlin. Additionally, they have founded a K-Pop dance group, contributing to the enrichment of German culture beyond mere knowledge transfer.



# Research

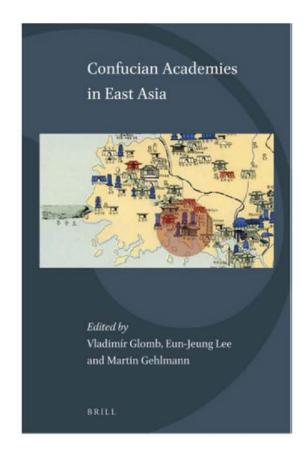
Knowledge Transfer in the Context of Differentiation and Institutionalization in 16th and 17th Century Korea and political discourse

-- Evaluations of Knowledge in Confucian Academies

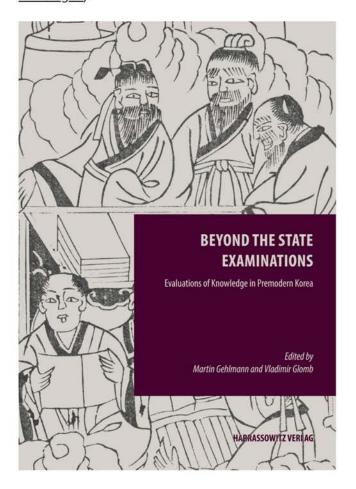
This project is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

In early 2020, the research project of the Institute of Korean Studies at the Collaborative Research Center980 (CRC 980) "Episteme in Motion" published its edited volume "Confucian Academies in East Asia" as part of the Science and Religion in East Asia series with Brill publishing. The volume brings together fifteen studies that offer insights into the history and legacy of Confucian academies. Based on the eponymous conference held in 2017, this research project has produced an invaluable first attempt to comprehend Confucian academies as complex transnational, intellectual, and cultural phenomena that played an essential role in various areas of East Asian education, philosophy, religious practice, local economy, print industry, and even archery.

With the successful extension of the CRC 980 for a third phase in July 2020, research on Confucian academiesalso entered a new chapter. A new focus on the evaluation of knowledge in educational settings has emerged and will shape the research of the project for the next four years.



In 2021, the Institute of Korean Studies at the Collaborative Research Center 980 'Episteme in Motion' developed its research on the process of knowledge evaluation in Confucian academies and other educational institutions in pre-modern East Asia. Cooperating with other projects in the CRC, the members of the project contributed to the newly launched blog on the history of knowledge (Ein bisschen Text hinzufügen).



Furthermore, the project organized and held its first workshop of this phase with the title 'Beyond the State Examinations: Evaluations of Knowledge in Premodern Korea' in October 2021. The hybrid conference brought together research on a range of evaluation practices in Korea, from conventional examinations in local schools to experimentation with shipbuilding techniques, and the role knowledge of famous Chinese novels played in cultural production.

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# Student activities

Rekindling community ties after the pandemic years: The creation of student activities clubs IKS Crew (IKONIKS), Hallyu AG and Singing AG

During the pandemic years, the lockdown measures isolated students from their communities. To aid the transition back to university life, the Institute offered to help establish extracurricular activities tied to students' personal interests. As a result, three student-led activity clubs were founded with staff guidance: the dance performance group, IKS Crew - ICONIKS, the student research group, Hallyu AG, and the song study group, Singing AG.

#### IKS Crew - ICONIKS

(Supervisor: Gwendolyn Domning)

In the summer of 2022, the Department of History and Cultural Studies at Freie Universität Berlin hosted a summer party, which Korean Studies organized. To make the event more enjoyable, the idea was suggested to the students of Korean Studies to perform a cover dance of Korean pop songs since many of them had shown interest and skills in the past. A dance cover group was formed, and they trained for a month to perform during the party. Lisa Sophie Reiß led the first generation of the group called "IKS Crew" and helped schedule training. She



also taught the dance and other dance talents in the group. The performance was well-received and documented on the Korean Studies YouTube Channel. After the performance, the team wanted to continue their activities since the dance project helped build friendships across different groups and years of students. In 2023, Valentina Radmann led the second generation of the group and organized a K-pop dance cover competition at the Freie University Berlin, which over 100 K-pop dancers attended. With the new name "ICONIKS," students joined the competition and performed a dance cover of the K-pop group IVE. After two successful dance projects and performances, the ICONIKS started training regularly. The activity group is open to students of Korean Studies of all years and has certainly contributed to strengthening community ties weakened by the pandemic years.

#### Hallyu AG

(Supervisor: Gwendolyn Domning)

The Hallyu AG is a student-led research group interested in the Korean Wave phenomenon. Since its establishment, the club has focused on book discussions, research projects and writing. Students conducted surveys, interviews and field observations to discover more about the Korean Wave, youth culture and Germany's role in that context.

#### Singing AG

(Supervisor: Prof. Eun-jeung Lee)

The Singing AG invites students to explore and practice Korean classic folk songs. Despite being an important aspect of Korean culture, Korean folksongs are often overlooked in Korean Studies. During meetups, students discussed the lyrics of the songs and studied them in their historical context. Singing these songs in a group setting also fostered a sense of community among Korean Studies students, creating another opportunity to meet and connect.





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# Conferences, Workshops, Special Lectures

The Institute of Korean Studies offers a variety of special lectures, workshops, and conferences across various fields of Korean Studies. These initiatives aim to provide students and a broader audience with access to more complex, multi-, inter-, and transdisciplinary knowledge and information related to Korea. Additionally, these activities assist researchers in enhancing their academic capacity and expanding their networks.

Notably, the Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture and the Berlin Forum on Korea serve as platforms for European politicians, think tank experts, and academics to engage in discussions about Korean issues from a global perspective and establish networks. These events have significantly contributed to expanding knowledge about Korean politics, society, history, and culture, reaching not only students and intellectuals, but also the general public.

# Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture

Since 2018, the Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture was established to commemorate the legacy of former South Korean President Kim Dae Jung (1998-2003). Notably, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 and received the International Freedom Award from Freie Universität Berlin in 2007. Kim Dae Jung dedicated his life to promoting democracy in his country and fostering peaceful relations between North and South Korea. Despite his noble efforts, he endured severe political persecution for decades. During the era of the Korean military dictatorship, Kim faced 16 years of imprisonment, house arrest, or exile. Following the end of the dictatorship, he regained his political rights in 1987. Finally in 1997 after a decadelong struggle against dictatorship, he was democratically elected as the President of the Republic of Korea, serving from 1998 to 2003.



#### 3rd Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture: 18 Dec 2020

"Kim Dae Jung's Legacy for the current Situation on the Korean Peninsula" — 3rd Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture

Hartmut Koschyk, Member of German Parliament, CSU, Korea expert)

#### 4th Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture: 11 Oct 2021

"Nukes, Peace and the Future of Korea" – 4th Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture Prof. Dr. Moon Chung-in, chairman of the Sejong Institute, Distinguished Professor at Yonsei University, Special Advisor to former President Moon Jae-in

#### 5th Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture: 15 Jun 2022

"Kim Dae Jung's Legacies and their Relevance today" – 5th Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture Dr. You Jeong-II, Dean of the KDI School of Public Policy and Management

# Human Security Forum

This forum offers students a unique platform to delve into policy-oriented subjects in international affairs, particularly those related to the Korean peninsula. Its flexible format may range from intimate workshops to engaging panel discussions and providing a dynamic space for insightful dialogue. Additionally, it extends its invitation to the public, fostering a broader exchange of ideas and perspectives.

#### 2020

#### 3 Feb 2020

"The Korean Peninsula Peace Process: Opportunities, Challenges, and Prospects"

Prof. Dr. Moon Chung-in, Distinguished Professor at Yonsei University, Special Advisor to former President Moon Jae-in

#### 24 Feb 2020

"North Korea as Seen Through the Eyes of Documentary Filmmaker Sung-hyung Cho"

#### Documentary Screening:

- Verliebt, Verlobt, Verloren (2015)
- Meine Brüder und Schwestern im Norden (2016)
- Zwei Stimmen aus Korea (2016)

#### Post-Screening Talk with:

Cho Sunhee, Chair, Writer and former director of the Korean Film Archive

Cho Sung-hyung, Hochschule der Bildenden Künste Saar

Lee Eun-Jeung, Freie Universität Berlin

Lee Hyangjin, Rikkyo University Ahn Youn Kyo, United Nations Human Rights Office

#### 2 June 2020

"Unintended Consequences of the European Union's Sanctions Regime Against North Korea"

Eric J. Ballbach, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-IKS)



#### 2021

#### 27 Jan 2021

"The Future of Transatlantic Relations and the EU's Role in Asia under the Biden Presidency"

Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe, Co-Chair of the United Nations High Level Panel on Internal Displacement

#### 29 Mar 2021

"10 Years of the EU-Korea Strategic Partnership: What to Expect from the Relationship in the Next Decade?"

Ahn Chong Ghee, former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium, to the European Union and to Luxembourg (2015-2016), Vice Foreign Minister, ROK's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016-2017)

Prof. Dr. Michael Reiterer, Distinguished Professor at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) of the Brussels School of Governance

#### 1 Jun 2021

"What Role for the European Parliamentary Diplomacy on the Korean Peninsula?"

Lukas Mandl, MEP and Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Korean peninsula

#### 10 June 2021

"Die US-Bündnisse mit Japan und Südkorea – Stärken und Bruchlinien in der sicherheitspolitischen Kooperation (SWP Studie)"

Dr. Marco Overhaus, Senior Associate of Research Division The Americas, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

Dr. Alexandra Sakaki, Deputy Head of Research Division Asia, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

#### 9 Jul 2021

#### "Talking (and Listening) to North Korea"

Glyn Ford, founder and director of POLINT, former member of the European Parliament (1984-2009)

#### 29 Sep 2021

"Europe and Asia Fighting COVID-19 Together: Mutual Lessons from the Pandemic"





#### 2022

#### 28 April 2022

Roundtable: "Machtwechsel in Südkorea und die Bedeutung für die deutsch-koreanischen Beziehungen"

Discussants:

Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Frank (Vienna University)

Prof. Dr. Michael Staack (Helmut-Schmidt-Universität Hamburg)

Prof. Dr. Eun-Jeung Lee (Freie Universität Berlin)

Moderator:

Dr. Florian Pölking

#### 10 Mai 2022

#### Roundtable: "Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: The Implications for South Korea and Europe"

Prof. em. August Pradetto (Helmut-Schmidt-Universität Hamburg),

Sergej Sumlenny (former Director Heinrich-Böll-Foundation Kyiv),

Prof. Jae-Seung Lee (Korea University), Prof. Brendan Howe (Ewha Womans University)

#### 23 Jun 2022

#### "The EU and South Korean Strategies for the Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

Lecturer:

David McAllister, MEP and Chair of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee Discussants:

Dr. Antoine Bondaz, Director of the Korea and the Taiwan Programmes at the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique/ FRS in Paris

Prof. Dr. Lim Eunjung, Vice President for International Affairs, Dean and Associate Professor at Kongju National University

Dr. Tereza Novotná, Korea-Europe Center Fellow, IKS, Freie Universität Berlin& Korea Associate at 9DashLine& Europeum Prague

Moderator:

Dr. Florian Pölking

#### 4 Oct 2022

"Recent developments on the Korean Peninsula and the question of unification: the Yoon Sok-yeol Government – Policy towards the DPRK"

Kwon Youngse, Minister of Unification, Rep. of Korea

#### 18 Oct 2022

[Book Presentation in cooperation with Korean Cultural Institute]

"Die Dritte Reflexion - Lehren der deutschen Wiedervereinigung für Korea"

Author: Dr. Yu Woo-ik, former Minister of Unification ROK, Distinguished Professor at Seoul National University

#### 2 Nov 2022

[Book Presentation]

"Ich gehe jetzt in die Bibliothek namens Deutschland – Zeitgenössische Betrachtungen aus der Sicht eines ehemaligen koreanischen Premierministers"

(Kim Kwang-Sik, former Prime Minister of South Korea)

# Berlin Forum on Korea

The Berlin Forum aims to build a network among young, active scholars working in Europe and Korea, creating a platform for researchers and experts in diverse fields to strengthen the relationship between Korea and Europe. The forum is scheduled to be held in person at least once a year, addressing various current issues related to international relations between Europe and Korea. Additionally, we will conduct small group meetings online to promote exchanges and develop ideas on various topics related to Korea among European political scholars.

#### Berlin Forum on Korea 2020 (17 Nov 2020)

"Securing a Safer Tomorrow - Challenges for the EU and North East Asia"

Discussion with: Prof. em. Dr. YOON Young-kwan (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, ROK), Prof. Dr. Michael Staack (Helmut-Schmidt-Universität/Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg), Dr. Norber Baas (former Ambassador to the ROK)

#### Berlin Forum on Korea 2021 (18 Jun 2021)

"4 Jahre 'Berliner Erklärung' von Präsident Moon Jae-in Nachhaltiger Frieden auf der koreanischen Halbinsel – Impulse aus Berlin"

#### Programme

10:00 - 10:05 | Greetings: Dr. Hyun Ock CHO (Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Germany)

10:05 - 10:20 | Greetings: Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler (President of Freie Universität Berlin) In-Young LEE (Minister of Unification)

Niels Annen (Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office of Germany)

10:20 - 10:35 | Briefing on the current status and diplomatic achievements in the peace process on the Korean Peninsula:

Tae Hyun BAIK (Deputy Minister for Unification Policy, Ministry of Unification)

Kap-Soo RIM (Director General, Korean Peninsula Peace Regime Bureau, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs)

10:35 - 10:50 | Screening of short film: "Berliner Erklärungen"

10:50 - 11:55 | Discussion (45min.) + Q&A (20min.):

Prof. Dr. Yu Hwan KO (President, Korea Institute for National Unification)

Prof. Dr. Michael Staack (Helmut-Schmidt-Universität Hamburg)

Moderation: Dr. Eric J. Ballbach (The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP)

11:55 - 12:00 | Closing Remarks: Prof. Dr. Eun-Jeung LEE (Freie Universität Berlin) Closing I Peace wishes from the DMZ village Daeseong-dong (Video, 10min.)

#### Berlin Forum on Korea 2022 (10-11 Nov 2022)

"Korean Peninsula in the Age of Turbulent International Politics"

The outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine War marks the most recent incident in a rapidly changing international environment and shifting political constellations involving the USA, Europe, Russia, China, and the Asia-Pacific. These changes seemingly signal a relapse into the logic of Cold War-era power politics. They carry special significance for the Korean Peninsula and its immediate environment, calling not only for a rethinking and re-orientation in terms of a roadmap to peace on the Korean Peninsula, but also regarding the future role of the EU in the region. The Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin is proud to organize the 2022 Berlin Forum on Korea to discuss these questions.



#### November 10, 2022, 17:00-19:00

**Public Lecture and Discussion** 

"Korean Peninsula in the Age of Turbulent International Politics"

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. YOON Young Kwan

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of South Korea, Professor emeritus of International Relations at Seoul National University

Discussant: Dr. Norbert Baas

Former German ambassador and representative to Georgia, Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, etc.

#### November 11, 2022, 10:00-12:00 (Closed Session)

#### **Round Table Discussion**

With policy advisers, senior specialists and academics from European-based think tanks and research institutes

# Special Lecture Series

Each semester, the Institute of Korean Studies organizes various lecture series on specific complex themes to facilitate a multi-faceted, interdisciplinary approach through presentations by experts from different fields sharing insights in their work.

## Series 1: Korean Studies in Europe (Winter Semester 2019/2020)

1	18. Nov 2019	Hell Joseon and the Webtoon "Sin kwa hamkke" (Along with the gods, 2010-2012)	Prof. Dr. Barbara Wall, University of Copenhagen
2	2. Dec 2019	Neither Reality nor Illusion. The Status of Unusual Visions in Contemporary Korean Buddhism	Prof. Dr. Florence Galmiche, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
3	6. Jan 2020	Internationalist Nationalism in Modern and Contemporary Korea	Prof. Dr. Vladimir Tikhonov, University of Oslo

## Series 2: The Korean War – Facets of a 70 Year long War (Winter Semester 2019/2020)

1	30. Nov 2019	한국전쟁 70주년과 향후 연구 과제들	Prof. Dr. Kim Hak Jae, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University (SNU)
2	1. Dec 2019	한국전쟁 이후: 통합의 관점에서 본 한반도 평화프로세스	Prof. Dr. Kim Hak Jae, SNU
3	7. Dec 2019	DMZ과 전략촌	Prof. Dr. Jung Keun-Sik, Department of Sociology, SNU
4	8. Dec 2019	중국에게 한국전쟁은 무엇인가: 신중국 건국과 동아시아 냉전구조에서 항미원조운동의 역할	Prof. Dr. Baik Jiwoon, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, SNU
5	4. Jan 2020	The Korean War and Stalin's Calculus: Soviet Strategies before, during and after the War	Prof. Dr. Vladimir Tikhonov (Pak Noja), University of Oslo
6	5. Jan 2020	The Limits of Neutrality and Participation: Scandinavia and the Korean War	Prof. Dr. Vladimir Tikhonov, University of Oslo
7	11. Jan 2020	한국전쟁과 한국군 '위안부' 제도 (The Korean War and the Korean Military ´Comfort Women´ System)	Dr. Kim Hyun Gyung, Freie Universität Berlin
8	12. Jan 2020	한미관계와 기지촌"(Korean-American Relations and Military Camp Side Towns)	Dr. Kim Hyun Gyung, Freie Universität Berlin

## Series 3: Towards a New Relationship between Korea and Europe (Summer Semester 2020)

1	26 May 2020	South Korea's Soft Power in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic	Dr. Cho Seo-Young, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-IKS)
2	3 Jun 2020	Unintended Consequences of the European Union's Sanctions Regime Against North Korea"	Dr. Eric J. Ballbach, FU-IKS
3	16 Jun 2020	Public Perception at the Crossroads: COVID-19 and the Media Depiction of EU Countries in South Korea	Dr. Jaemin Shim, Hong Kong Baptist University
4	3 Jun 2020	The Korean Wave Celebrity and the Birth of the K-drama Conglomerate	Dr. Kim Hyun Gyung, FU-IKS

## Series 4: The Memory of Wartime Sexual Violence, Space of Postmemory Generation (Summer Semester 2020)

1	1 Dec 2020	The Chronopolitics of the Representation of the Postmemory Generation on 'Comfort Women'	Dr. Kim Hyun Gyung, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-IKS)
2	2 Dec 2020	The Digitalisation of Memories:New Memory Book on Wartime Sexual Violence	Dafina Halili, Journalist, Kosovo
3	3 Dec 2020	Silenced Memories: Women's Voices on Sexual Violence During the Second World War in Ukraine	Marta Havryshko, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
4	4 Dec 2020	Performance of Care: Memorial Building in the Korean Diaspora	Prof. Dr. Son Elisabeth W., Northwestern University, USA

## Series 5: The Korean Wave: Who are K-Pop Fans in Europe? Fandom, Fan-Activism, and Sub-Culture (Winter Semester 2020/2021)

1	8. Feb 2021	Chinoiseries – Japonisme –Korean Wave. East Asian Winds in Europe	Prof. Dr. Lee Eun-Jeung, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU- IKS)
2	9. Feb 2021	Reflections on the Development of Swedish K-Pop and Hallyu Fandom	Dr. Tobias Hübinette, Karlstad University
3	10. Feb 2021	K-Pop Fandom in Germany: Themes and Transformations	Dr. Michael Fuhr, Universität Hildesheim
4	11. Feb 2021	Fan Entrepreneurship: Fandom, Agency, and Marketing of Hallyu in Israel	Dr. Irina Lyan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
5	12. Feb 2021	The Korean Wave and Korean Studies in Europe: Survey and Discussion	Dr. Cho Seo Young, FU-IKS

## Series 6: Reading Korean popular culture (Summer Semester 2022)

1	3. May 2022	Crash Landing on K-Dramas: Exploring the Text and Context of Netflix Hits Crash Landing on You and Squid Game	Prof. Dr. Lee Hyangjin, Rikkyo University, Japan
2	24. May 2022	Cultural Diversity through the lens of Youtube: Comparing Germany and Korea	Gwendolyn Domning (FU-IKS)
3	28. Jun 2022	Diskurse über koreanische Popkultur in Deutschland	Prof. Dr. Lee Eun-Jeung, (FU-IKS)

#### Series 7: Koreanische Literatur: Lesen, Forschen, Übersetzen



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Series 8: 21st Century Korea: Industrial Society Korea undergoing Deindustrialisation (Summer Semester 2022)

1	3. Oct 2022	Industrial Transformation in South Korea: National Industrial Strategy and Local Development Path Creation	Dr. Yoon Sukjin, Research Fellow, The Incheon Institute (Rep. Korea), Visiting Research Fellow, Univ. of Manchester
2	21. Nov 2022	Greening Industrial Policy amidst Geopolitical Changes: South Korea in Comparative Perspective	Dr. Jewellord Nem Singh, Assistant Professor at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, Rotterdam
3	12. Dec 2022	The Korean Economy in the Age of ´ Turbulent´ Digital Transformation – Beyond the Old Miracle and Normals	Dr. Woo Cheonsik, Senior visiting fellow at the Korea Development Institute
4	30. Jan 2023	Culture, Creativity and Entrepreneurships: Korean Content Industry Cases	Prof. Hong Ilhan, Adjunct Professor at Hanyang University & UMAG COO/ Co-founder

#### Series 9: Collecting and Preserving Korean Art in Europe (Winter Semester 2022/2023)

1	22. Nov 2022	Koreanische Exportmalerei aus der späten Joseon-Dynastie: Gisan Genrebilder als Kulturvermittler in europäischen Sammlungen	Katharina Süberkrüb, PhD candidate, Universität Hamburg
2	6. Dec 2022	Encounter the Korean Buddhist collections from the Musée Guimet: their history and masterpieces	Bryan Sauvadet, PhD candidate, Université Paris Cité
3	8. Dec 2022	Collecting and Exhibiting Korean Art in Hungary: Focusing on Goguryo mural replicas from North Korea and a Beauty portrait from Joseon era	Beatrix Mecsi, Eötvös Loránd University
4	15. Dec 2022	Looking for the Grail: Collectors and their Collections of North Korean Art in Europe	Dr. Koen de Ceuster, Leiden University

## North Korean Studies

Series 1: Understanding North Korea from the Inside and in Historical Perspective (Winter Semester 2020/2021)

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1	19. Oct 2020	Research on North Korea with North Korea	Dr. Eric J. Ballbach, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-IKS)	
2	20. Oct 2020	The Importance of Historical Understanding for North Korean Studies and an Explanation of Main Historical Keywords	Dr. Kang Hojye, FU-IKS	
3	21. Oct 2020	Migration of Scientists and Engineers and the Industrialization of North Korea	Dr. Kim Tae-Ho, Chunbuk National University	
4	22. Oct 2020	Understanding North Korea Historically: Changes in North Korean Society Seen through Vinalon	Dr. Cho Eunsung, Seoul National University	
5	23. Oct 2020	History of the North Korean Power System (Suryeongje)	Dr. Jung Youngchul, Sogang University	
6	26. Oct 2020	Understanding the Historical Meaning of the 1990s in North Korea	Dr. Kim Jinhwan, National Institute for Unification Education	
7	27. Oct 2020	Music in North Korea from a Historical Perspective	Dr. Cheon Hyunsik, National Gugak Center	
8	28. Oct 2020	Art, Artists and the Aesthetic Construction of the Past in North Korea	Dr. Koen De Ceuster, Leiden University	
9	29. Oct 2020	History of North Korean Cinema	Prof. Dr. Lee Hyangjin, Rikkyo University	
10	30. Oct 2020	Cultural Heritage in North Korea	Prof. Dr. Vladimír Glomb, FU-IKS	

Series 2: North Korean Development Policies and Their Implementation in Historical Perspective – The Significance of the Eighth Party Congress (Summer Semester 2021)

1	26. April 2021	How to Study 'North Korea' in Berlin and Why	Prof. Dr. Lee Eun-Jeung, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-IKS)	
2	27. April 2021	The North Korean Defense Industry and its Impact on the Civilian Economy	Dr. Kang Hojye, FU-IKS	
3	28. April 2021	The Introduction of the 'Socialist Corporate Responsible Management System' and its Impact on 'Economic Reproduction' in North Korea	Dr. Kim Kihun, Foundation of Inter-Korea Cooperation	
4	29. April 2021	Achievements and Limitations of North Korean Policies on Science and Technology	Dr. Byun Hakmoon, Movement for One Korea Research Center for Peace and Unification	
5	30. April 2021	The Policy of 'Increased Food Production' and the Realities of Food Production in the Kim Jong Un Era	Dr. Kim Ilhan, Dongkuk University DMZ Peace Center	

#### Series 3: Looking at North Korea from Different Angles (Winter Semester 2021/2022)

1	24. Nov 2021	An international NGO conducting cooperative organic agriculture projects in North Korea	Andre Leu, IFOAM Ambassador, Australia	
2	15. Dec 2021	The Health Care System and the COVID-19 Quarantine System in North Korea	Dr. Ju Hyun Um, Medical Aids for Children, South Korea	
3	19. Jan 2022	Changes in North Korea Comedy: From Theaters to the Digital World	Dr. Kim Immanuel, George Washington University	
4	26. Jan 2022	Art, Economy and ideology in North Korean Design	Dr. Choi Hee Sun, Chung-Ang University	
5	9. Feb 2022	Understanding the Meaning of Self-Supporting Economic Policy through History of Science and Technology	Dr. Kang Hoyje, FU-IKS	

#### Series 4: How to Understand North Korea (Summer Semester 2022)

1	17. May 2022	How North Korea meets the World: Structure and Trends of International Trade	Lee Joseph, Korea International Trade Association
2	7. Jun 2022	North Korean defectors' accounts as a source of information: issues and controversies	Dr. Jung Hyuk, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Korea
3	5. Jul 2020	A Day in the Life: Visiting North Korea	Chung Jaeyeon, "Talk How" English school

#### Series 5: Exploring Everyday Life in North Korea (Winter Semester 2022/2023)

1	28. Nov 2022	Middle School and High School Life in North Korea	Park Yeong-I, documentary film maker and director
2	12. Dec 2022	Recent Trends Related to Consumer Goods in North Korea	Pak Jaehun, Korea Media Co., Ltd
3	9. Jan 2023	An Examination of the Structure of the Self- Supporting Economy – With a Special Focus on Regional Distribution and Integration	Dr. Lyu Hak Su, Associate Professor, Univ. of Kitakyushu
4	20. Jan 2023	Changes in the North Korean Television and what they can tell us about Life in North Korea	Dr. Kim Hyun-Kyung, Producer and Anchor for North Korea-focused TV programme "Observatory for Reunification", MBC TV, South Korea

### Special Lectures on Further Themes

#### 13 Jan 2020

문화언어학적 관점에서의 한국어 교육: 한국어 속의 한 국 문화

"Korean Language Education from a Cultural Linguistics Point of View: Korean Culture in the Korean Language"

Prof. Dr. Yoon Ho Hyun, Kyunghee University

#### 30 Jan 2020

[Book Presentation]

"Der Nordkorea-Konflikt"

Prof. Dr. Michael Staack (ed.), Helmut-Schmidt-Universität

#### 31 Jan 2020

"Der Umgang mit Hasskriminalität in Deutschland und Japan – Workshop: Hate Crime – Herausforderungen im internationalen Kontext"

Prof. Dr. Kim Sangyun, Ryukoku University (Japan); Prof. Dr. Shinji Nakagawa, Kwansei Gakuin University (Japan);

Onur U. Özata, Attorney for Criminal Law

#### 3 Feb 2020

사회의 물성(物性)과 인간개발의 문제

"The Physical Properties of Society and the Issue of Human Development"

Dr. Lee Sangyoub, Freie Universität Berlin

#### 19 Oct 2021

"Korea landed on Philippine Shores: Korean Cultural Impact and Hybridization Phenomenon" (Dr. Bae Kyung Min, University of the Philippines-Diliman)

#### 10 Jan 2022

"The Korean Ministry of Justice's Start-up Support Policy"

(Park Beom Kye, Minister of Justice ROK, Member of the 21st National Assembly)

#### 11 Jan 2022

"Regional gaps and inequalities among the young generation(s) in South Korea"

(Prof. Dr. Lee Sophia, Chung-Ang University)

#### 25 Feb 2022

"Vermittler zwischen den Kulturen" -Abschiedssymposium"

(Prof. Dr. Park Hee Seok, Freie Universität Berlin)

#### 29 Mar 2022

"Yoon's Upcoming Presidency in South Korea: Domestic & International Implications"

Guest speaker: Kim Jeongmin, journalist; Dr. Liu Sarah, University of Edinburgh; Dr. Tereza Novotná, Freie Universität Berlin; Yang Chien-Hao, journalist

#### 16 May 2022

"The challenges facing South Korea's new administration"

(Kim Heejung, Former Minister for Gender Equality and Family, Rep. of Korea)

#### 5 Jul 2022

"War and Women. The long and sad history"

Prof. Dr. Lee Na Young, Chung-Ang University, Korea

#### 15 Jul 2022

"A Conversation with the Author Baik Sou Linne: Sich'a – Time Difference"

(Baik Sou Linne, novelist)

#### 1 Sep 2022

2022 Korea Global Forum for Peace

The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Inter-Korean Cooperation and Security Systems on the Korean Peninsula (Session 8-3)

The geopolitical restructuring triggered by the Ukraine War sent global shockwaves, unsettling not only inter-Korean cooperation but also the overall security of the Korean Peninsula. Ukraine's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) was initially considered a successful denuclearization program, but nowadays is deemed an unreasonable alternative, as it ultimately failed to guarantee the country's security. When Russia became the target of economic sanctions, the effectiveness of economic sanctions on North Korea decreased. While trade restrictions did not lead to North Korea's denuclearization, they did isolate its economy and restrict its actions. However, with an expanding list of targets for economic sanctions, these restrictions are weakened. The diminishing influence of the Helsinki process, coupled with Finland's NATO membership, further eroded the structure of the Six-Party Talks, originally designed to secure the Korean Peninsula. Traditional security systems are unravelling and it is time to acknowledge and prepare for this new reality. The forum, organized by the IKS in collaboration with the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, was intended as a starting point to open the discussion about future approaches to ongoing threats.

#### Panel Members and Topics:

(1) "Impact all the way to the Korean Peninsula"

Prof. Dr. August Pradetto (Prof. em., Helmut-Schmidt-Universität)

#### (2) "Impact of the Invasion of Ukraine for Korean Geopolynomic Positioning"

Prof. Dr. Brendan Howe (Professor, Ewha Womans University)

#### (3) "The Alternative way for Denuclearization of North Korea"

Dr. Kang Hojye (Senior Researcher, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)
Discussant: Dr. Tereza Novotná (Korea-Europe Center Fellow, Freie Universität Berlin)
& Prof. Dr. Kim Byoung Joo (Visiting Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management)
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Lee Eun Jeung (Freie Universität Berlin)



Watch the Youtube Stream in English: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=QxEwt2DzMUg 한국어: https://www.youtube.com/watch?

# Film Screenings at the Institute of Korean Studies

#### 19 Jan 2020

"R-point" – Film Screening Kong Su-chang, film director

#### 24 Feb 2020

"North Korea as Seen Through the Eyes of Documentary Filmmaker Sung-hyung Cho"

#### Documentary Screening:

- Verliebt, Verlobt, Verloren (2015)
- Meine Brüder und Schwestern im Norden (2016)
- Zwei Stimmen aus Korea (2016)

#### 25 Feb 2020

#### "Shusenjo – The Main Battleground of the Comfort Women Issue"

Joint Film Screening with the University of Tokyo
 Prof. Dr. Hayashi Kaori and Prof. Dr. Yaguchi Yujin,
 University of Tokyo

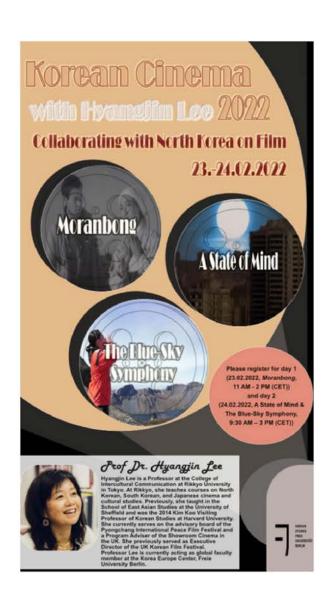
#### 23-24 Feb 2022

"Korean Cinema with Hyangjin Lee 2022 - Collaborating with North Korea on Film"

(Prof. Dr. Lee Hyangjin, Rikkyo University, global faculty professor at Freie Universität Berlin)

Film Screening and post-screening talk with directors Daniel Gordon and Young-I Park

- Moranbong, Chronique Coréenne (Claude-Jean Bonnardot 1958, 85min. France, French & Korean)
- A State of Mind (Daniel Gordon 2004, 93min. UK, English)
- The Blue-Sky Symphony (Young-I Park 2016, 95min. Japan, Japanese & Korean)





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## Korea Competence Week

Since 2020, the KEC organizes the Korea Competence Week annually. This program was designed to enrich the academic and political competence of individuals engaged in Korea-related research and politics. It consists of workshops specifically tailored to the requirements and research proficiency level of graduate students and PhD candidates in Europe. The workshop series is divided into four parts:

- 1. Throughout the Methodology Workshop, students engage with issues related to the methodology of social sciences and humanities, with a particular emphasis on themes related to Korea
- 2. The Publication Writing Workshop is designed to train students aspiring to pursue an academic career. It aims to enhance their ability to craft academic papers with a clear structure, focusing on key components. Participants will also gain insights into the publication processes and learn the steps involved in submitting a paper to a journal.
- 3. The Policy Paper Writing Workshop teaches basic techniques and strategies of writing policy papers. Participants have the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and first-hand insights from people, who are directly engaged in policy paper writing.
- 4. The Strategic Dialogue Workshop is crafted for the development of soft skills and training tailored to navigate strategic dialogues. This workshop provides participants with the opportunity to prepare for and simulate strategic dialogues, guided by experienced practitioners in the field.

#### Programme 2020

#### 17 Sept.

Methodology Workshop with Dr. Cho Seo-Young (FU-IKS)

#### 13 Oct

Strategic Dialogue Workshop with Tereza Novotná (FU-IKS), Dr. Eva Pejsova (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Glyn Ford (Polint's Executive Director, former Member of the European Parliament), Dr. Norbert Baas (Former ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea, ASEAN and East Timor) **20 Oct.** 

Publication Writing Workshop with Dr. Christoph Michael (FU-IKS)

#### 27 Oct.

Policy Paper Writing Workshop with Dr. Alexandra Sakaki (The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP)

#### Programme 2021

#### 10 Sept.

Methodology Workshop with Dr. Cho Seo-Young (FU-IKS)

#### 8 July

Strategic Dialogue Workshop with Dr. Tereza Novotná (FU-IKS),

Dr. Eva Pejsova (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Glyn Ford (Polint's Executive Director, former Member of the European Parliament), Dr. Eric J. Ballbach (FU-IKS)

#### 12 Nov

Publication Writing Workshop with Dr. Christoph Michael (FU-IKS)

#### 3 Dec

Policy Paper Writing Workshop with Dr. Eric J. Ballbach (FU-IKS)

#### Programme 2022

#### 5 Sept.

Methodology Workshop with Dr. Cho Seo-Young (FU-IKS)

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Publication Writing Workshop with Dr. Christoph Michael (FU-IKS) and Dr. Andrea Fleschenberg (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)

#### 7-8 Sept.

Policy Paper Writing Workshop with Dr. Kim Yonho (George Washington Univ., USA) and Dr. Florian Pölking (Freie University Berlin)

#### 8-9 Sept.

Strategic Dialogue Workshop with Dr. Kim Yonho and Dr. Norbert Baas (Former ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea, ASEAN and East Timor)

## European Graduate Students Symposium

To foster connections within the emerging generation of Korean Studies scholars in Europe, the Korea Europe Center (KEC) has extended invitations to graduate students specializing in Korea-related topics from various European universities. These students, guided by their respective professors, present their research findings and actively engage in symposium discussions. This initiative aims to promote collaboration and dialogue among young scholars in the field of Korean Studies across the European academic landscape.

#### **KEC International Graduate Student Conference 2022**

On July 8, 2022, the Institute of Korean Studies welcomed fourteen graduate students from seven universities in six countries (Berlin, Bochum, Leiden, Prague, Paris, Seoul, and Venice), majoring in Korean Studies, to present their individual research over a span of two days. Students listened to the presentations of their fellow participants and engaged in discussions, adding input from their research perspective and thus providing stimuli to provoke thinking and reflection.

#### Presentations:

Hyun-Joo Heo (Seoul)

"Organizations and Activities of Propaganda – Agitation by Korean Communist Party in South Korea, 1945-1948"

Soo-Yeon Kang (Seoul)

"Transnational Anti-Colonial Left-Feminism: the case of the North Korean Democratic Women's League 1946-1949"

Katja Ziegler (Seoul)

"Cultural Exchange in the Communist Bloc – Experiences from East German Exchange Students in North Korea"

Su-Hyeon Hong (Seoul)

"Historiography of International Medical Assistance to Korea during the Korean War"

Sung-min Yoon (Seoul)

"The Implications of Peace Corps Participation in Public Health Program in Korea, 1960s-1970s" Jun-sang Lee (Berlin)

"Korean Diaspora in Germany. Educational Migration"

Silvie Anna Hasalíková (Prague)

"Faces of Korean postmodern literature"

Lidia Cossu (Venice)

"The Study of Anti-Communist Oratorical Contest in the 1950s of South Korea"

Rahel Plassen (Leiden)

"Implementing the tribute system in triangular North-East Asian relations: 10th century Koryŏ's investiture politics"

Anja Schmidt (Bochum)

"Buddhismus und Konfuzianismus in den chapcho von Kim Sisup"

Mareike Urbanek (Bochum)

"The dynamics of political communication in the Choson Dynasty"

Océane Lachaud (Paris)

"The institutionalization of smallpox vaccination in Korea from 1876-1905"

Irene Maier (Berlin)

"Post-World War Two Korea in the life and work of German legal scholar and political scientist Ernst Fraenkel"

Marketa Gruenerova (Prague)

"Korean Ghost Stories in the Internet Era"



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# Summer School Korea-Europe Young Leaders Forum

The summer school is an academic program consisting of preparatory lectures and a consecutive field trip supported by the KDI School, the Institute of Unification Education, and the Research Institute of Buddhist Cultural Heritage. The objective of the summer school is to provide students with expert-led, on-site training in Korean history, culture, politics, and North-South Korean relations. Since 2022, it has been conducted in cooperation with History D – Asia Peace and History Institute (Dr. Lee Sincheol), Seoul.

The program offers a great opportunity to expand knowledge in diverse fields of Korean Studies. The summer school brings together students enrolled in BA and MA programs in Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin/Germany, Ruhr-Universität Bochum/Germany, INALCO Paris/France, Charles University Prague/Czech Republic, Ca' Foscari University of Venice/Italy, and the University of Copenhagen/Denmark.

## Summer School **2020**

#### The Korean War 70 Years on: War as Everyday Life, Everyday Life as War

08-26 Aug 2020

The Summer School 2020 focused on the Korean War (1950-1953) from the perspective of everyday life and cultural history. The students attended the preparatory course of eight lectures from August 12 to 20 and afterwards visited the Korea History Museum, Nodeul Naru Park at Han River, the War Memorial of Korea, Lee Tae-Jun Memorial House, Haebang-chon, the US Military Base in Yongsan plus various monuments and other historical sites of the Korean War in Incheon and Ganghwa Island. Due to the pandemic, only the students of Freie Universität Berlin, who succeeded in getting the permission for fieldwork from the University and the German government, could participate.







The preparatory lectures, which were also open to the general public, were as follows:

11 Aug 2020 Korean War – History Prof. Dr. Park Myung-lim, Yonsei University

#### 12 Aug 2020

Another Cold-War and the Korean War Prof. Dr. Kwon Heonik, University of Cambridge

#### 13 Aug 2020

Legacies of the Korean War in South Korea Prof. Dr. Han Kyung-Koo, Seoul National University

#### 14 Aug 2020

Legacies of the Korean War in North Korea Prof. Dr. Han Monica, Seoul National University

#### 17 Aug 2020

The Korean War in Rural Villages Prof. Dr. Park Chan-Seung, Hanyang University

#### 18 Aug 2020

Cinematic Representation on the Korean War and its Policies Prof. Dr. Park Hyun-Sun

#### 19 Aug 2020

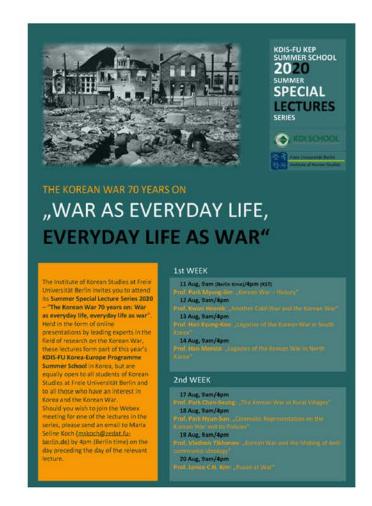
Korean War and the Making of Anti-communist ideology

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Tikhonov, University of Oslo

#### 20 Aug 2020

Pusan at War

Prof. Dr. Janice C.H. Kim, York University



## Summer School **2021**

The Contentious Koreans: Civil Society, Social Movements, and Human Rights Struggles in South Korea

2-26 August 2021

The Summer School 2021 focused on the history of social movements in South Korea. During the initial two weeks of quarantine, required due to Covid-19 restrictions upon arrival in South Korea, participants engaged intensively in online lectures, seminars, and study group activities. Following quarantine, they visited historical sites associated with resistance movements in Seoul and the surrounding areas to learn about civil society, social movements and human rights struggles in South Korea.







The lectures, which were available both online and to the general public, were as follows:

#### 2 Aug 2021

History and Recent Trends of South Korean Social Movements

Prof. Dr. Shin Jin-Wook, Chung-Ang University

#### 3 Aug 2021

Human Rights Discourse and Movement After Democratic Transition in South Korea Dr. Lee Joo-Young, Seoul National University

#### 4 Aug 2021

Rising the State Violence Related Issues in the Pro-Democracy Movements (1960-1987) Prof. Dr. Kim Dong-Choon, Sungkonghoe University

#### 5 Aug 2021

The Human Rights and Democratization Movement of the Korean Churches Rev. Shin Seung-min,

Dept. for Reunification and International Relations, National Council of Churches in Korea

#### 6 Aug 2021

The Social Movements of Non-Citizens in South Korea

Dr. Kim Chulhyo, Jeonbuk National University



#### 9 Aug 2021

The Environmental Movement in Korea: Issues and Actors of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Jeong Seyeon Harita, Environmental Education for All Research Institute, Germany

#### 10 Aug 2021

Feminism Revival in Korea, Its Historical Conditions and Features Dr. Kim Hyun Gyung

#### 11 Aug 2021

South Korea's New Right – The Politics of Historical Revisionism Prof. Dr. Vladimir Tikhonov (Pak Noja), University of Oslo

#### 12 Aug 2021

Rejected Beings – LGBT Servicemembers in the Korean Military Cho Kyusuk, Center for Military Human Rights Korea

#### 13 Aug 2021

Fighting for Opportunities and Fair Working Conditions: The Difficult Situation of Young Koreans Prof. Dr. Kim Young-Mi, Yonsei University

## Summer School **2022**

#### Encountering Korean History in Kongju and near area

16-24 August 2022

The main theme of the 2022 program was Korean history with a focus on the city of Kongju and its surrounding area. Kongju served as the capital city of Paekche (Baekje) from 475 to 538 AD, and even afterward, it continued to play a central role in the region until Taejŏn (Daejeon) emerged as a new regional centre. Historically, Kongju has undergone diverse phases, serving not only as a local centre of politics, but also in terms of culture and education. Kongju boasts various historical and cultural sites, with some of them designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites. The students first participated in the preparatory course (see below) from July 11 to 14 and then embarked on the field trip to Korea from August 16 to 24. The field trip consisted of three parts:



Visits of historical sites in Kongju and near area Topics: heritage of the ancient Kingdom of Paekche, peasant uprising and modernization, colonialism, Korean War and contemporary political controversies, pottery and other Korean traditional handicraft experience, hanok experience

August 20-21: Temple Stay in Kap-sa

#### August 22-24:

Visit to DMZ and workshop on national division and unification





The lectures, which were available both online and to the general public, were as follows:

#### 11 Jul 2022

Introduction to: History of Korea, Context of historical sites in Kongju and History of the Kingdom Paekche Prof. Dr. Paik Sungjong, Sogang University

#### 12 Jul 2022

Golden Crowns and Buddha's Relics: Arts of the Paekche Kingdom

Dr. Maya Stiller, University of Kansas

#### 13 Jul 2022

Tonghak Peasant "Revolution"

Dr. Kim Nuri, University of Cambridge

#### 14 Jul 2022

Colonialism in Korea

Dr. Kim Nuri, University of Cambridge

#### 17 Jul 2022

Korean War, war crimes and the politics of memory

Prof. Dr. Kim Dong-Choon, Sungkonghoe University





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## Gwendolyn Domning

The global pandemic significantly affected various aspects of my life as a doctoral student. First, I was denied access to my workspace due to lockdown policies. The university campus remained closed for over a year, and all students had to work from home. It was the first time I realized the importance of the small coffee breaks and chats with fellow students to my learning and thought process—things I had taken for granted until that point. At the Institute of Korean Studies, both the graduate colloquium and the special lectures held there were events that helped me regain a semblance of normalcy.

Second, I experienced a loss of confidence in my project as I found myself isolated from my professional environment. Initially, I had intended to apply for conferences and broaden my scholarly network, a typical expectation for doctoral students in their final phase. Unfortunately, all graduate conferences were postponed due to the pandemic. Throughout this period, I had no opportunities to meet anyone or prepare for a seamless transition from study to work. Once again, Korean Studies proved to be an exception. I had the chance to prepare a presentation for a lecture series on the Korean Wave and collaborated with one of the visiting scholars on a project.

The third and last point I want to raise here is that students and doctoral candidates were often perceived as not being significantly impacted by the pandemic since their primary tasks were seen as simply "reading, studying, and writing." As already reflected in my other points, this is not true. To think that the only thing a student needs is food and books to think and produce knowledge is akin to saying that universities should be built like prisons – each student locked in a room together with their books, a truly dystopian and contemptuous idea of knowledge formation. I was disappointed to see that politics side-lined youths that did not produce economic value yet. During the summer between lockdowns, I was happy to see that the institute's tradition of our first semester students wearing Hanboks, traditional Korean attire, during their first week of university could be reinstated. The new students looked happy and excited to be on the campus and meet their peers. Human connections and community are part of life, and they will always be.

## Michèle Borcherding

I was a 22-year-old law student when the coronavirus reached Germany and progressively affected public and everyday life. I was in the final stages of my university studies and was experiencing the consequences of this newly emerging virus, which was gradually bringing the world to a standstill, mainly by the change in the opening hours of universities' libraries: they were closed.

Billions of infections, vaccinations, a university degree and various social distancing puzzles later, I am now 25 years old and in my 3rd academic semester of East Asian Studies, specializing in Korean Studies, and employed as a student assistant at the Institute of Korean Studies. Whilst my first degree was completed under strict constraints, distancing regulations and mandatory masks, my second degree began in mid-late summer of 2021 in a cautious attempt to resume face-to-face classes. With mandatory masks on our faces and cheerful spirits we gathered at the institute's Hanbok-Festival during our orientation week and were delighted by the boisterous mood. This brief upswing quickly gave way to online classes again, and we got to meet our fellow students not on campus but through a screen. The lecturers were already in tune with and prepared for online classes, which explains why the organization, teaching and examination of the lectures worked remarkably well, without much frustration and with a great deal of flexibility and mutual understanding on all sides. With the resumption of in-person classes in the summer semester 2022, the momentum of the late summer 2021 was replicated. Libraries opened, rooms were equipped with QR codes to record attendance in case of infection, and the wearing of FFP2 masks and following the safety and hygiene rules governed the return to campus. The special lectures offered by the Institute, which could only be implemented in online formats in the winter semester, were gradually provided in hybrid teaching and networking was made possible again. A gradual return from home office and hybrid working was also made possible at the IKS. Various programmes offered to students such as participation in the summer school or the organization of student clubs were also maintained by the institute during the pandemic. It should be noted that the university and the Institute of Korean Studies always reacted dynamically with considerable amount of flexibility, creativity and a solution-oriented mentality to the challenges posed by the pandemic, and that the pandemic, despite all its hardships, was handled in a ultimately successful manner.

## Colin Erdmann

Shortly before the end of the lecture period during winter semester 2020, Corona reached Germany and a few weeks later the first Corona lockdown was decided. Despite it being the lecture-free period, the impact on university life was already noticeable, e.g. through the cancellation of exams. During the remaining lecture-free time, the big elephant in the room was of course the big question of what the following summer semester would look like. Since no one had ever experienced a situation like this before, everyone was quite curious to see how not only classes, but the entire university routine would change. The overall change from offline to online teaching was a big adjustment and of course unfamiliar at first. You could see how much work had gone into making the changeover as smooth as possible and how hard everyone involved was trying to deal with the challenging situation in the best possible way. Thus, all courses were continued in a new online format. Despite this, one also quickly noticed what was still distinctive about everyday university life and was now missing – the get-together with fellow students.

In late summer 2020, I flew to South Korea for a year abroad as part of my studies. While many study abroad trips to other countries were cancelled due to the ongoing Corona crisis, we were fortunately able to make our trip to South Korea. Of course, the pandemic had the entire country firmly in its grip there as well. All courses were online and many student activities that would normally have taken place offline had to fall flat. Although an offline experience on campus with other students would probably have been more intense and meaningful, the courses were very well structured and very interesting, so the year in South Korea was definitely worth it from an academic perspective alone. Here, too, everything was done to make the best of the situation.

Back in Germany, the impact of the pandemic on everyday life at the university had not yet completely subsided. Attempts were made to reunite on campus in the safest way possible, swift action was taken in the event of proven infections and, if necessary, courses were switched back to offline for a certain period of time. In the meantime, one could notice how university life was gradually re-establishing itself and how what was taken away so abruptly at the beginning of the pandemic was slowly returning back to normal.



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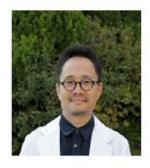
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