Seoul Colloquium in Korean Studies

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The November 2023 session of the “Seoul Colloquium in Korean Studies” will be held as an in-person event on Thursday November 23 in the Grand Conference Room (Room number 310), of the Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University, beginning at 6:00 pm

All who wish to participate must register in advance by sending an email to [efeoseoul@hotmail.com](mailto:efeoseoul@hotmail.com)

**Thursday, November 23, 2023 starting at 6 pm.**

Controlling Narratives: 1919 Seoul Press Pamphlets and the March First Movement

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In 1919, the Seoul Press, an organ of the Government-General of Korea, published a series of English-language pamphlets about the March First Movement that emphasized Japanese administrative efficiency, discredited Korean independence activism, distanced the government from reported violence, and appealed to Westerners’ imperialist sensibilities so as to better align them with the colonial state. I argue that these pamphlets mark a critical turning point in how the Government-General both monitored and produced English-language writing about Korea.

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We hope that as many as possible of you can join us for this event.

[Take Exit 1 from Korea University subway station, turn right onto the footpath leading up onto the campus. Walk straight up the road past LG Posco Hall, the Business School and Main Library (all on the right hand side). The Asiatic Research Institute is the building next after the Library (Building 39 on the Campus Map <http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=itd_4_1> )

After 6 pm the front door of the Institute may be locked. If the door is locked, phone to the EFEO Seoul Center (02-921-4526) so that we can let you into the building.]

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