

30 YEARS KOREAN STUDIES AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY

„Korea: One Peninsula, Multiple Dimensions“ (Connectivity, Challenges, Perspectives)

Sofia University (Sofia, Bulgaria), 12–14 October 2025



Call for Proposals

The Department of Korean Studies at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, the oldest and leading national academic, research, and cultural institution in Bulgaria, was established in 1995. It is one of the largest Korean Studies departments in Eastern Europe.

In 2025, the Department of Korean Studies at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" will celebrate its 30th anniversary. To mark this occasion, the department is organizing an international academic conference, which will include three roundtable discussions. The aim is to bring together scholars and researchers for in-depth discussions on current topics in Korean Studies and to foster interdisciplinary connections across the social sciences and humanities.

The conference proceedings are planned to be published by Sofia University Publishing House; however, paper submission after the presentation is optional.

About the Venue

The international conference will take place at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski," the oldest and most prestigious higher education institution in Bulgaria, renowned for its academic excellence and vibrant intellectual community. Located in the heart of Sofia—a city with a history spanning millennia—the venue offers a unique setting where ancient heritage meets modern innovation.

As one of Europe's oldest capitals, Sofia showcases a rich and diverse cultural tapestry shaped by Thracian, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman influences. The city is home to remarkable landmarks such as the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Roman ruins of Serdica, and the Boyana Church, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Beyond the capital, Bulgaria stands at the crossroads of civilizations, offering an extraordinary blend of cultural heritage and breathtaking natural landscapes—from the majestic Rila Monastery to the picturesque Black Sea coast and the enigmatic Thracian tombs. This historical and geographical richness makes Bulgaria a fascinating destination where East meets West.

We look forward to welcoming you to this inspiring setting!

The Organizing Committee

Conference Information

Theme: "Korea: One Peninsula, Multiple Dimensions" (Connectivity, Challenges, Perspectives)

Date: October 12~14 2025 (Sunday/Monday/Tuesday)

Schedule: Opening ceremony - October 12

Presentation panels - October 13

Closing ceremony - October 14*

*After the closing ceremony a field trip to a nearby heritage site in Sofia is planned, TBA

Location: Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Host: Korean Studies Department, Sofia University

Organizer: Korean Studies Department, Sofia University

Supported by: SUMMIT & Sofia University

Language: English

Format: In person OR online (via ZOOM)

Contact: koreanstudies.sofia@gmail.com

Important dates:

1) Application submission: April 15th - May 15th

2) Notification of acceptance: May 30th

3) Resume* and paper** submission: August 30th

*The resume should be no more than 250 words

**For those who wish to submit their paper for publishing

We accept proposals on the following topics:

Current issues in Korean linguistics, Korean literature, Korean history, Korean religions and philosophy, Korean culture and arts, contemporary Korean politics, economy and economic systems, society, and international relations, culture, arts and society of North Korea, comparative studies in Korea and Asia / Korea and the world

*Individual papers should be no more than 15 minutes long

Support:

- All meals during the conference are covered for all guests
- Accommodation costs for limited number of guests - unfortunately, due to budget constraints we cannot offer accommodation for all our guests.
- We can additionally help with finding accommodation. We will present a list of hotels where you can make a reservation at a discounted price.

학술대회 정보

주제: "Korea: One Peninsula, Multiple Dimensions" (Connectivity, Challenges, Perspectives)

기간: 2025년 10월 12일(일) ~ 14일(화)

일정: 개회식 - 2025년 10월 12일(일)

분과별 발표 - 2025년 10월 13일(월)

폐회식 - 2025년 10월 14일(화) *

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후원: SUMMIT 프로그램 및 소피아대학교

언어: 영어

참여 방식: 대면 또는 비대면 (via ZOOM)

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주요 일정 안내

1) 참가신청서 제출 기간: 2025년 4월 15일(화)~5월 15일(목)

2) 발표 확정 고지: 2025년 5월 30일(금)

3) 초록* 및 논문** 제출: 2025년 8월 30일(토)

*초록은 250 단어 이내

**논문 출판을 원할 경우

학술대회 주제 범위:

한국어학, 한국 문화 한국사, 한국의 종교와 철학, 한국의 문화 및 예술, 한국의 현대 정치, 경제, 경제 제도, 사회, 국제 관계, 북한의 문화, 예술 및 사회, 비교 연구 - 한국과 아시아, 한국과 세계

*발표 시간 - 15분 이내

지원 내용:

- 학술대회 기간 동안 모든 참가자에게 식사를 제공합니다.
- 예산상의 제한으로 인해 일부 참가자에게만 숙박이 제공되며 모든 참가자에게 숙박을 제공해 드릴 수 없는 점 사전에 양해를 구합니다.
- 숙박과 관련하여 추후 할인된 가격의 호텔 목록을 제공해 드릴 예정입니다.

Sofia University, The Organizing Committee

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