



Call for Papers

19th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention (KSGSC)

1-3 September 2025 | University of Central Lancashire, Preston (UCLan)

Deadline: 15 May 2025

The KSGSC committee is pleased to announce the 19th convention for graduate students. The conference aims to give postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers in all Korea-related fields an opportunity to present their research, share academic interests, and strengthen ties with other junior scholars.

Now in its 19th edition, this conference will follow the KSGSC's history marked by successful previous conventions at Ruhr University, Bochum (2004), SOAS, London (2005), the Oriental Institute, Prague (2006), Edinburgh University (2007), Leiden University (2008), Moscow State University (2009), Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (2010), Maison de l'Asie, Paris (2011), University of Warsaw (2012), University of Helsinki (2013), Saint Petersburg State University (2014), the University of Malaga (2015), the University of Copenhagen (2016), University of Tübingen (2017), Sapienza University, Rome (2018), Université Paris Cité (2022), Comenius University, Bratislava (2023), and University of Naples "L'Orientale" (2024).

The convention is organised by the KSGSC committee and hosted by the International Institute of Korean Studies (IKSU) at the University of Central Lancashire.

Venue and Dates:

- **Location:** University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK and Online.
- **Conference date:** 1-3 September 2025.

Eligibility and Support:

MA students, PhD students/candidates, and postdoctoral researchers who have received their PhD in the last two years. The conference is open to applicants from outside Europe, but preference will be given to students studying at European universities during the selection process.

Please note that this year's conference will be a hybrid event. For those who want to participate in the conference in person, applicants are strongly encouraged to seek funding from their respective institutions for on-site attendance at the University of Central Lancashire. Please be advised that the KSGSC 2025 does not provide financial support for travel, accommodation, or meals. Participants are responsible for organising their own travel, accommodation, and meals. Those participants with secured financial support are requested to inform us about their onsite participation using the Google form below.

Presentations and Papers:

All successful applicants will be expected to give a **30-minute** time slot (20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes Q&A) and will have to submit their full paper (5-7 pages) by 1 August 2025.

Application and Submission of Abstracts:

Applicants should fill in the [Google Form](https://forms.gle/CdRaU5wP2rzg6fAL8) (<https://forms.gle/CdRaU5wP2rzg6fAL8>) with the following information:

1. Your full name as you would like it to appear in the abstract booklet
2. Affiliation
3. Contact info (e-mail, telephone and KakaoTalk ID)
4. Major area of study (region and discipline)
5. Title of your paper
6. Abstract of your paper (600 words max.)
7. Onsite/online participation
8. Funding/financial support

We accept applications and presentations both in English and Korean. However, we ask all applicants who will present in Korean to submit a translation of their abstract in English. We do not expect Korean full paper submissions to be in English, although we welcome English translations.

Application Period:

The deadline for applications is **15 May 2025**.

We will contact all applicants by **the end of May** of the month regarding the acceptance of their application.

Cancelling Your Participation:

We would like to receive applications only from those who can attend (on-site or online) the convention. Please, bear in mind that applicants who confirm and then later cancel their participation potentially deprive others of the chance of attending and lead to a waste of KSGSC resources.

*Please, note that any participants who cancel after 16 June 2025, may be restricted from attending future KSGSCs.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- On-site attendance: Arrival 31 August 2025.
- Convention dates: 1-3 September 2025.
- Application deadline: 15 May 2025.
- Notification letter: Mid-June 2025.
- Last date to cancel your participation: End of June 2025.
- Submit your full paper: 1 August 2025.

Organizer contact details:

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For more information, check our website <https://ksgscineurope.wordpress.com/>