

2025 Koreanist Summer Connections

Connect & Explore

Connect&Explore offers opportunities for scholars to participate in reading groups, focused topical seminars, and short-term intensive workshops. Emerging scholars and graduate students are especially encouraged to participate.

Program 1

Hanmun Encounters: Korean Classical Prose for New Readers 한국한문산문 강독

Professor Song Hyok-key of the Department of Sinographic Literature at Korea University will lead a special seminar based on “An Anthology of Korean Classical Prose” (KONG & PARK, 2025). Designed especially for hanmun beginners, the seminar offers a rare opportunity to read selected Korean classical prose texts in their original hanmun form, accompanied by English and modern Korean translations. Participants will explore foundational themes in Korean literature and thought while building skills in literary Sinitic through close reading. The seminar welcomes students and early-career researchers interested in deepening their understanding of Korea’s rich classical tradition.

For Hanmun Beginners

Facilitator: Professor Song Hyok-key 송혁기

Schedule: July 7, 9, 14, and 16 (Mon & Wed), 10:00 AM

Language: Korean

- The Seminar will run with at least three participants.
- Participants will receive a complimentary copy of “An Anthology of Korean Classical Prose”
- This session is sponsored by Korea University Outreach Center for Korean Linguistic, Literary, and Cultural Studies



Program 2

Translation Workshop on Classical Chinese Sources: Records of Early Sino-Korean Encounters

한문사료 번역워크숍:
중세 동아시아의 경계

This seminar is a translation workshop centered on medieval historical sources detailing relations between Silla and early Tang dynasty. Through close reading and group discussion, participants will deepen their understanding of textual interpretation, English translation methods, and historical context. The seminar aims to develop both classical Chinese reading skills and historical sensibility, while shedding light on the dynamics of early East Asian interactions through documentary sources.

Facilitator: Dr. Maria Kobzeva

Schedule: July 9, 16, 23, and 30 (Wed), 10:00 AM

Language: English / Korean

- The Seminar will run with at least three participants.

Program 3

Neo-Confucianism Reading Group 신유학연구서독회

Open-door session

This monthly reading group brings together early-career researchers in Korean studies working across philosophy, literature, and history to discuss scholarship on Neo-Confucianism. The August 1 session will be held as a special one-time open-door meeting, welcoming all interested participants. The selected reading is “역학과 주자학: 역학은 어떻게 주자학을 만들었는가?” (주광호, 예문서원, 2020). Those who have read the book are encouraged to join the discussion, but observers are also warmly invited to attend without preparation.

Facilitator: Dr. Songhee Lee 이송희

Schedule: August 1, 04:00 PM

Language: Korean

Program 4

2025 Summer Digital Tools and Methods for Classical Studies

2025 하계 디지털한문학 역량 강화 워크숍

Each summer and winter, the Digital Hanmun Studies Center at the Institute for Sinographic Literatures and Philology (ISLP), Korea University, offers its Digital Tools and Methods for Classical Studies workshop for scholars and students in the field. This workshop aims to deepen participants' understanding of the Digital Humanities and strengthen practical competencies in the field. The workshop will include expert lectures and introduce ongoing digitization projects at the Center, focusing on data processing across different fields and levels of structural complexity. In particular, it will present cases of data modeling using Korean classical poetry and civil service examination texts, offering participants the opportunity to explore digital transformation processes and practical applications of Hanmun materials through hands-on sessions. We warmly welcome the participation of all those interested.

Host: Institute for Sinographic Literatures and Philology (ISLP), Korea University

Facilitator: Lee Gil-hwan 이길환

Schedule: July 15–16, 2PM

Language: Korean

Registration



Please note that all programs will be held in person at Korea University, and registered participants will receive further details 1–2 weeks prior to the start of each seminar.

