



Scottish Centre for Korean Studies International Conference on

Democracy in South Korea: understanding durability, stability and challenges

18-19 June 2025

University of Edinburgh

Conference Programme:

Wednesday 18 th June (1. 06 Project Room, 50 GS)	
09:30 - 10:00	Registration and opening remarks: Prof. Nak-neon Kim, <i>President, Academy of Korean Studies</i> Dr. Youngmi Kim, <i>Director, Scottish Centre for Korean Studies</i>
10:00 - 11:15	Panel 1: Joint Panel with Yun Posun Symposium on Current Major Issues of South Korea's Politics and Society Chair: Dr. Ji-Eun Ahn, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Speakers: Prof. Chan Wook Park, <i>Seoul National University</i> Prof. Joon Han, <i>Yonsei University</i> Discussants: Prof. Hyug-Baeg Im, <i>Korea University</i> Prof. Hyun-Chin Lim, <i>Seoul National University</i>
11:15-11:30	Tea break
11:30 - 12:45	Panel 2: Art-led Urban Regeneration in Gamcheon and Leith Chair: Dr. Euisol Jeong, <i>Baekseok University</i> Speakers: Mr. Kyunghoon Lee, <i>Saha Province, Busan Metropolitan City Council</i> Ms. Kuesong Yim, <i>Saha Province, Busan Metropolitan City Council</i> Dr. Youngmi Kim, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Mr. Richard Price, <i>Former Chair of Cockburn Association in Edinburgh</i> Discussants: Dr. Sangduck Kim, <i>Hanshin University</i>
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 15:00	Panel 3: Roundtable on Presidential impeachment Chair: Dr. Youngmi Kim, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Speakers: Prof. Hyun-Chin Lim, <i>Seoul National University</i> Prof. Hyug-Baeg Im, <i>Korea University</i>

	<p>Prof. Yoonkyung Lee, <i>University of Toronto</i> Dr. Myungji Yang, <i>University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</i> Discussants: Dr. Jong-Chol An, <i>Ca' Foscari University of Venice</i> Dr. Miongsei Kang, <i>Seoul National University</i> Dr. Suk-Ki Kong, <i>Seoul National University</i> Dr. Jong-Cheol Kim, <i>Seoul National University</i></p>
15:00 - 15:15	Tea break
15:15 - 17:00	<p>Panel 4: Democracy in Crisis?: between vulnerability and resilience</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Myungji Yang, <i>University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</i> Speakers: Prof. Kyung Hoon Leem, <i>Seoul National University</i> Dr. Hannes Mosler, <i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i> Dr. Sangduck Kim, <i>Hanshin University</i> Dr. Soon-Ok Shin, <i>European University Institute</i> Discussants: Dr. Ji Young Choi, <i>Ohio Wesleyan University</i> Dr. Matteo Fumagalli, <i>University of St Andrews</i></p>
17:00 - 19:00	<p>Panel 5: Battles on Democracy: regime, ideology and gender</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Hee Kyoung Chang, <i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i> Speakers: Prof. Kwang-Il Yoon, <i>Sookmyung Women's University</i> Dr. Ji Young Choi, <i>Ohio Wesleyan University</i> Dr. Eunbin Chung, <i>University of Utah</i> Dr. Han-Wool Jeong, <i>Korean People Research Institute</i> Dr. Euisol Jeong, <i>Baekseok University</i> Discussant: Prof. Yoonkyung Lee, <i>University of Toronto</i>, Prof. Kyung Hoon Leem, <i>Seoul National University</i></p>
19:00	Dinner - Evening meal served onsite

Thursday 19th June (G.01 Davidson Lecture Theatre, The Lister Learning and Teaching Centre)	
9:30 - 11:00	<p>Panel 6: Korean Wave: media, language and philosophy</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Sangduck Kim, <i>Hanshin University</i> Speakers: Ms. Tonghui Li, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Dr. Hana Jee, <i>York St. John University</i> Prof. So-Jeong Park, <i>Sungkyunkwan University</i> Discussant: Dr. Hee Kyoung Chang, <i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i> Prof. Joon Han, <i>Yonsei University</i></p>
11:00 - 11:15	Tea break

11:15 - 13:15	Panel 7: Martial Law Crisis: dynamics of geopolitics and resistance
	Chair: Dr. Sera Yeong Seo Park, <i>University of St Andrews</i> Speakers: Dr. Jong-Chol An, <i>Ca' Foscari University of Venice</i> Dr. Jamie Doucette, <i>University of Manchester</i> Dr. Hee Kyoung Chang, <i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i> Prof. Chae Won Lim, <i>Kyung Hee University</i> Dr. Sookeung Jung & Prof. Eun-Jeung Lee, <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i> Discussant: Prof. Kwang-Il Yoon, <i>Sookmyung Women's University</i> Dr. Eunbin Chung, <i>University of Utah</i>
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:15	Panel 8: Korean Wave: bridging the past, present and future
	Chair: Dr. Yue Yang, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Speakers: Dr. Guy Puzey, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> Ms. Dongwon Lee, <i>Artist</i> Prof. Chae Won Lim, <i>Kyung Hee University</i> Discussants: Dr. Jong-Chol An, <i>Ca' Foscari University of Venice</i> Prof. Eun-Jeung Lee, <i>Freie Universität Berlin</i>
15:15 - 15:30	Closing remarks and publication project plan Dr. Ji-Eun Ahn, <i>University of Edinburgh</i> (closing remarks) Dr. Youngmi Kim, <i>Director, Scottish Centre for Korean Studies</i> (publication plan)