

19th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention in Europe (KSGSC)

Dates: 1-3 September 2025

Venue:

Adelphi Building Lecture Theatre 1 (ABLT 1)

University of Lancashire, Preston, UK

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The 19th edition of the Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention in Europe (KSGSC) will be hosted by the International Institute of Korean Studies at the University of Lancashire (IKSU) from 1 to 3 of September. 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. This convention has the support of IKSU, the Association for Korean Studies in Europe (AKSE), and the British Association of Korean Studies (BAKS).

Programme

1 September 2025 (Monday)

9.00 - 9.45 | Greetings

9.45 - 10.00 | Coffee Break

10.00 - 12.15 | *Panel 1: Heritage and Nation-Making in Korean Visual Material & Culture*

Moderator: Jessica Rossi (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

Anna Stein (University of Leicester)

Performing the Nation: Nationalist Narratives and Intangible Heritage in South Korean Museums.

David Hall (University of Lancashire)

Philatelic Representations of North Korea's Relations with China and Russia in the Early 1950s.

Jessica Rossi (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

Nongak and Nongyuewu from South Korea to China: Dis-connecting through Intangible Cultural Heritage.

12.15 - 14.00 | Lunch break

14.00 - 17.00 | *Panel 2: Religion, Ideology, and the Shifting Korean State*

Moderator: Queralt Boadella-Prunell (AMIS, University of Lancashire)

Il Gyu Lee (Center for East Asian Studies - CEAS, Univ. of Turku)

From Reunification to Separation: North Korea's Ideological Shift under Kim Jong-un.

Lauren Eloise Robertson (University of Lancashire)

Whose Fault is it Anyway?: North Korean Media's Narrative on Climate Change.

Queralt Boadella-Prunell (Institute for Area and Migration Studies - AMIS, Univ. of Lancashire)

Control at the Crossroads: The Role of Household Registration Systems in Shaping Domestic Mobility in China and North Korea.

Wonhee Yoon (Sungyunkwan University)

The Papyong Yun Clan's Experience of and Response to Disasters in 17th-Century Joseon.

Derek Kramer (Sheffield University)

Waiting for the End: Dissenting Temporalities and Atomic Bomb Narratives.

17.00 - 17.15 | Coffee break

17.15 - 17.45 | Networking time: Break rooms

2 September 2025 (Tuesday)

9.00 - 11.45 | *Panel 3: Gender, Power, and Resistance in Korean History and Literature*

Moderator: Lidia Cossu (Ca'Foscari University)

Aoibhínn Callaghan (University College Cork)

The Development of Female Education in Korea (1900–1910).

Goldi Ravindra Gajbhiye (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Subterranean Sisterhood: Gender, Labor, and Covert Resistance in Kang Kyong-ae's *The Underground Village*.

Lucy Waugh (SOAS, University of London)

Refusing Regency: Shifting Responses of Queen Dowagers to Regency Requests in Nineteenth-Century Chosŏn.

Lidia Cossu (Ca'Foscari University)

Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League (APACL) and Asian Youth Oratorical Contest in South Korea in 1950s.

11.45 - 12.00 | Coffee break

12.00 - 13.00 | Networking: Break rooms

13.00 - 15.00 | Lunch break

15.00 - 17.45 | *Panel 4: Culture, Consumption, and Fandom in Transnational Korea*

Moderator: Marianne Jung (Comenius Uni. Bratislava)

Laura Hubbard (University of Sunderland)

Social Identity and Participatory Cultures: A Comparative Study of K-pop Fans in the UK.

Debrani Dhara (University of Tübingen)

Cross-Cultural Fusion: The Influence of American Jazz on K-pop.

Julia Zygan (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

Tasting Identity: Korean-American Life-Writing and Culinary Hybridity.

Tobias Stefan (Humboldt University Berlin)

Bridging Homelands: Cultural Connectivity and Entrepreneurship among Koryoin between South Korea and Central Asia.

Marianne Jung (Comenius Uni. Bratislava)

No More Othering in New Places of Belonging: the Case of North Korean Defector Entrepreneurs.

3 September 2025 (Wednesday)

9.00 - 11.45 | *Panel 5: Language, Education, and Policy in Korea and Its Diasporas*

Moderator: Younès M'Ghari (EHESS)

Stanislaw Skut (University of Warsaw)

North Korean Theories of Parts of Speech (1949–1976): Evolution, Criteria, and Influence.

Suhyun Lee (Universität Tübingen)

Parental Experiences and Child Education in Frankfurt Koreatown.

Sara Bochicchio (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

Voices from the Grotesque: Language Beyond Limits in Korean Women's Poetry. An Analysis of Abjection in the Works of Mun Chŏnghŭi, Ch'oe Sŭngja, and Kim Hyesoon.

Younès M'Ghari (EHESS)

A Corpus-based Study on Suffixation in Middle Korean.

11.45 - 12.15 | Closing

*The programme is subject to change.