



**Call for Papers**  
**20th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention (KSGSC)**  
**15-17 September 2026 | Humboldt University Berlin, Germany**  
**Application deadline: 15 May 2026**

The KSGSC committee is pleased to announce the 20th convention for graduate students with the generous support by AKS. 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 20th edition, this conference will follow the KSGSC's history marked by successful previous conventions at universities all over Europe.

The convention is organised by the KSGSC committee and hosted by the Institute for Asian- and African Studies at the Humboldt University Berlin.

**Venue and Dates:**

- Location: Humboldt University Berlin, Germany
- Conference date: 15-17 September 2026

**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. With the support of AKS, participants will be reimbursed for accommodation as well as partially for transportation to and from Berlin.

**Presentations and Papers:**

Successful applicants will be expected to allocate a 30-minute time slot (20-minute presentation and 10-minute discussion) and will be required to submit a full paper (5-7 pages) by 15 August 2026.

**Application and Submission of Abstracts:**

Applicants should fill in the [Google Form](https://forms.gle/s1C7e6UbqFDSyKDD7) (<https://forms.gle/s1C7e6UbqFDSyKDD7>) with the following information:

1. Your full name as you would like it to appear in the abstract booklet
2. Affiliation and position/title (MA student, PhD, ...)
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. 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 2026. We will contact all applicants by the end of June regarding the acceptance of their application.

#### Cancelling Your Participation:

We would like to receive applications only from those who can attend 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 31 July 2026, may be restricted from attending future KSGSCs.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Arrival in Berlin: 14 September 2026
- Convention dates: 15-17 September 2026
- Application deadline: 15 May 2026
- Notification letter: End of June 2026
- Last date to cancel your participation: 31 July 2026
- Submit your full paper: 15 August 2026

#### Organizer contact details:

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