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1. New Members

KSRH bid farewell to Dr Ryan Gustafsson, the first AKS Postdoc and welcomes new members: Dr Peter Lee, Dr Adam Zulawnik, Ms Louise (Lulu) Spencer, Ms Jun Kim and Mr Spencer Hines. Peter joined the KSRH as a Korea Foundation Research Fellow in March 2022. He is undertaking a project on “Korea-Australia Middle Power Collaboration” which includes organising policy roundtables and lectures as well as contributing articles and commentary on Korea-Australia relations. Adam works on a project and market research on Korean language student needs. Lulu and Jun collect data on early Korean migrants in Australia. Spencer works on a fascinating PhD project on Hong Sang Su, a Korean film director. Warm welcome to all!

Wonsun commenced a new leadership position in the School of Culture and Communication as the inaugural Deputy Head of School for People and Culture. She was also appointed as the inaugural International Officer for the Australian & New Zealand Communication Association (ANZCA), 2022 onwards and Associate Editor for the Journal of Advertising, a top journal in communication (#1 out of 92 communication journals, with a 2019 impact factor of 6.302). 2023-2025.

Jay has taken up a new University service and leadership role as Research Integrity Advisor for the Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, commencing in July 2022.

2. Proposed Australia Korea Centre for 2023

An EOI for a centre for Korean Studies, the Australia Korea Centre (AKC) was initiated in June 2022 and will be going through various revisions at the Faculty and University levels. The primary purpose is to elevate the current status of a Hub (tier 2) to a Centre (tier 1), which is one of the eligibility criteria for the AKS Core grant scheme. The ultimate aim of the AKC is to be a focal point for high-impact policy-oriented research on Australia's engagement with the Korean peninsula.

3. ARC DP: The Korean Australian Project (2022-2025)

Congratulations! Jay (lead), Wonsun and Daejeong have won a 2022 Australian Research Council Discovery Project (ARC DP) grant in December 2021, titled on Korean migration to Australia. They welcomed two new members, Jun and Lulu as research assistants and launched the project website (<https://www.thekorauspro.com/>) in March 2022. The ARC DP is composed of two parts: one is archival research on early Korean immigrants in the late 19th – early 20th century Australia, and the other is a survey of contemporary Korean Australians. Lulu, Jun and Jay have made significant progress on the former. After completing the first Korean Australian Survey (KAS) in 2021, funded by the Australia Korea Foundation, Wonsun and Daejeong are leading the second KAS to launch in 2023.

4. KF Policy Project on Australia-Korea Relations (2022)

Congratulations, again! Jay (lead) and Jeff have won a Korea Foundation Policy-Oriented grant in December 2021, and appointed Peter as KF Fellow in April 2022, to run a series of roundtables, policy briefs and public lectures by distinguished speakers on Australia-Korea relations. The key focus is on people-to-people exchanges in the bilateral relations. Main themes include migration, energy/environment, food/agriculture, and education/media. The year-long project ends in March 2023, and the KSRH is looking to extend the Australia-Korea policy project, along with its plan for Australia Korea Centre at the Arts faculty level.

5. Grant Application Plans for 2023

KSRH's projects have received multiple fundings from the AKS Seed (2020-2023), KF (2022), DFAT AKF (2021-2023) and ARC DP (2022-2025). The current AKS Seed programme will end in May 2023 and a plan to apply for a Core Grant in March-May in 2023 is in place. An AKS Lab grant application was revised and resubmitted by Hyungmin (lead), Wonsun and Jay in May 2022. this year, and is under review as of 9 July 2022.

A call for KF policy-oriented programme was announced. Jay is collaborating with Dr Lam Peng Er, Director of the Korea Centre of the National University of Singapore for a potential Routledge series for Contemporary Korean Studies.

Internally at UoM, the KSRH members are working closely with the AI Research Cluster on Gender, Environment and Migration, the Hallmark Initiative on anti-racism, the Melbourne Centre for Cities, the Melbourne Energy Institute, the Peacebuilding Initiative and the Centre for Contemplative Studies.

6. International Partnerships with SNU, KU, Yonsei (SKY)

UoM Chancellery RIC has been leading the head agreement on the Joint PhD with Korea University Chancellery throughout Semester 1 2022, after which school-level details will be finalised. Once the agreement is finalised, two PhD students from each institution will be selected for a fully-funded joint PhD programme, for the first time in both universities' history. An UoM delegation is proposed to visit Korea in mid 2023, to sign the agreement with KU.

Jay is leading a Korea Strategy, working with Pro Vice Chancellor International, Professor Adrian Little, and a potential MoU with Yonsei University at a faculty-level, working with Associate Dean International, Professor Timothy Lynch. The academic partner at Yonsei is A/P Jeffrey Robertson, KSRH Academic Visitor.

Along with the Joint PhD with KU and a potential new MoU with Yonsei, Jay is proposing a UoM Delegation to Korea in 2023, to visit key universities, governments, think tanks and research institutes. Amongst them includes the new Australia Centre at the Seoul National University.

7. AKS Graduate Workshop



Jasmine has successfully organised the second Grad Workshop on methods in North Korean Studies on 3 June 2022. Ten participants presented their papers while KSRH senior academics and subject experts served as discussants. The workshop was particularly inspiring as many talented PhD students from elite universities (including Yale, Columbia, Cambridge, Minnesota, Leiden, and Berlin) took part and formed an international network of emerging young scholars in North Korean studies with innovative methodologies.

8. AKS Visiting Fellows

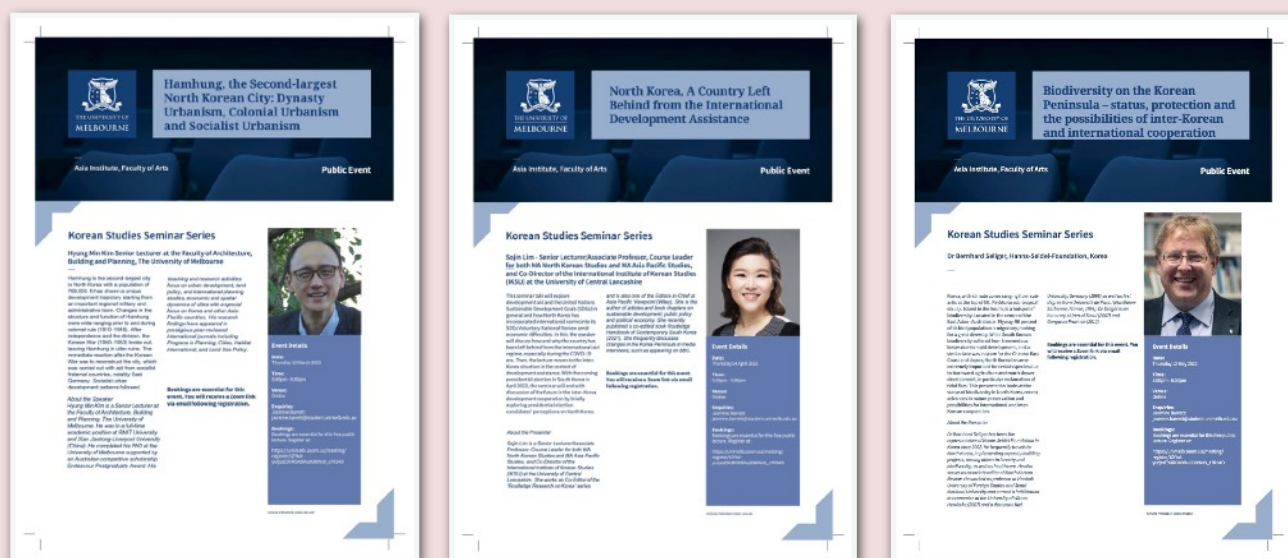
KSRH host A/Professor Sungkyung Kim (University of North Korean Studies, Seoul) and Dr Boyoung Yoon (Dongkuk University, Seoul) as the 2022 AKS Visiting Fellows at the KSRH. They join the Writing Retreat on 21-24 July 2022 and collaborate with the KSRH members on a research project on 'everyday bribery in North Korea'.



9. Korean Studies Seminar Series

Jasmine has organised the following events for the KS Seminar Series in S1 2022:

- Dr Hyungmin Kim (University of Melbourne) Hamhung, the second-largest North Korean city: Dynasty urbanism, colonial urbanism and socialist urbanism, 10 March 2022
- Associate Professor Sojin Lim (Central Lancashire University, UK), North Korea, A Country Left Behind from the International Development Assistance, 14 April 2022
- Dr Bernhard Seliger (Hanns Seidel Foundation) Korean Studies Seminar Series, Biodiversity on the Korean Peninsula – status, protection and the possibilities of inter-Korean and international cooperation, 12 May 2022



Theo will organise the S2 KS Seminar Series as follows, with a theme of Australia-Korea relations:

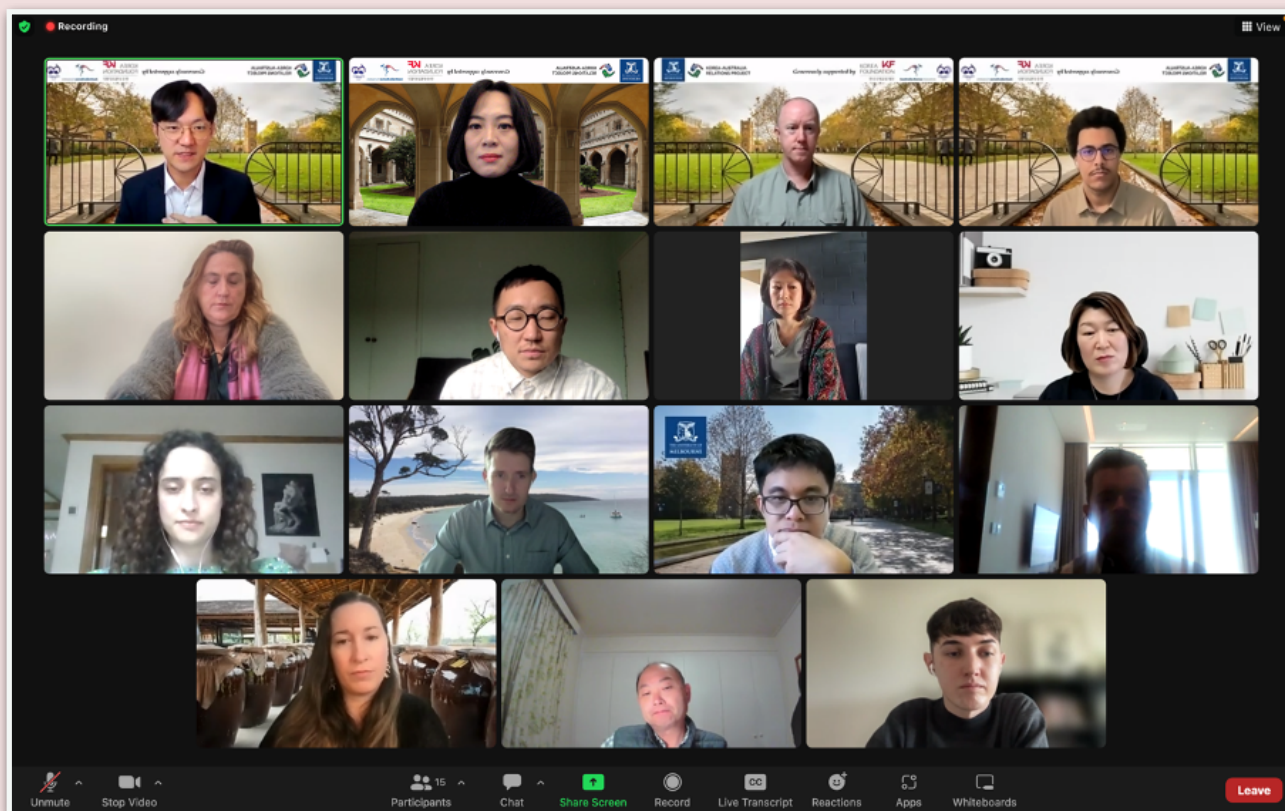
- Dr Sung-Young Kim (Macquarie University) Topic TBA, 10 August 2022
- Dr Chiew-Ping Hoo (National University of Malaysia, UKM) Topic TBA, 8 September 2022
- Dr Elizabeth Thurbon (UNSW) Topic TBA, 13 October 2022

10. KF e-School and NCP Scholarship

Continuing from last year, the KF sponsors the e-School for one of the Korean Studies subjects, KORE2002 Contemporary Korea in Semester 2 2022. Professor Andrew Kim at Korea University will co-teach the subject with Jay.

DFAT New Colombo Plan Scholarship sponsors the winter intensive overseas subject and study trip to Korea, KORE30001 Korean Politics and Society in July 2023.

11. KF Policy Roundtable



Peter has organised the first KF policy roundtable on migration and diasporas in Australia-Korea relations on 27 May 2022. The policy brief will be published in late July – early August. The second policy roundtable will be focusing on energy and environment and it is to be held online on 26 August 2022.

12. Korean Studies Major to Launch in 2024

Due to staff shortage and staffing changes, the establishment of a Korean Studies Major degree is postponed until 2024. Korean 5 and 6 are going ahead for opening in 2023. Along with the curriculum modelling, there will be two new full-time positions in Korean language: one ongoing Level C T&R and another Level A Teaching Specialist.

13. Publications

13.1. Books / Journal Articles / Chapters / Policy Briefs

- **Barrett, J.** (2022, July 7). Fortress North Korea and the battle against COVID-19. *Melbourne Asia Review* No. 11.
- **Glade, J.** (2022). Decolonizing Literature: Bridging Political Divides in US-Occupied Southern Korea, 1945–1948. In H. Cho (Ed.), *The Routledge Companion to Korean Literature*. Routledge.

- **Kim, H. M.** (2022). International real estate investments: issues and research agendas. In P. Tiwari & J. T. Miao (Eds.), *A Research Agenda for Real Estate* (pp. 203-223). UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- **Kim, H. M.**, & Han, G. (forthcoming). Schools as 'sacred enclaves' or 'community hubs'? South Korean experiences. In I. McShane (Ed.), *Schools as Community Hubs*. Springer.
- **Lee, P.** (2022). Rethinking Australia-Korea strategic cooperation: a middle power perspective. In Remy Davison and George Nikolaidis (eds.), *Australia and Korea: Building a Secure and Prosperous Asia*. Monash University Policy Brief.
- **Mendez, T.** (Forthcoming). Growing Green? South Korea's Approach to the COVID-19 Economic Recovery. *Melbourne Asia Review* No. 11.
- Lwin, M.O., Sheldenkar, A., Lu, J., Schulz, P. J., **Shin, W.**, Panchapakesan, C., Gupta, R. K., & Yang, Y. (2022). The evolution of public sentiments during the COVID-19 pandemic: Case comparisons of India, Singapore, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States. *JMIR Infodemiology*, 2(1). doi: <http://doi.org/10.2196/31473>.
- Olsen, J. E., Gahan, P., Adamovic, M., **Choi, D.**, Harley, B., Healy, J., & Theilaker, M. (2022). When the minority rules: Leveraging difference while congruence for cultural minority senior leaders. *Journal of International Management*, 28, 10886,
- **Robertson, J.** (2022). Middle Powers and North Korea revisited. *International Journal of Korean Unification Studies*, 31(1) (forthcoming).
- Ryu, K.-M., & **Kim, H. M.** (2021). Rent-Seeking by Rent Concession: An Analysis of Rent-Free Periods in the Seoul Office Market. *International Real Estate Review*, 24(4), 633-658.
- **Song, J.** (2022). In the making of a New South Korean Nationalism. *S/N Korean Humanities*, 7(2), 14-48.
- **Song, J.** (2022). Civil and uncivil North Korean society in South Korea. In A. Spires & A. Ogawa (Eds.), *Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia*. London: Routledge.
- **Song, J.** (2022). Politics of Gender in South Korea, *Korea Bulletin No.2*, Korea Centre, East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore.
- **Zulawnik, A.** (2022) Translating Controversial Texts in East Asian Contexts: A Methodology for the Translation of 'Controversy'. Routledge

13.2. Op-eds and Commentaries

- **Lee, P.** (2022 June 30). More Than a 'Plus One' Korea's Minilateral Imperative. *Korea On Point*, The Sejong Institute.
- **Lee, P.** & Teo, S. (2022 June 16). Australia and South Korea: Resetting Middle Power Ambitions. *The Diplomat*
- **Lee, P.** (2022 May 26). Deja vu for Australia-Korea relations. *Asialink Insights*.

- **Lee, P.** (2022 March 6). South Korea's bind between North Korea and US China strategy. *East Asia Forum*. Republished as South Korea's new president will face China strategy dilemma. *Australian Financial Review* on 7 March 2022.
- **Robertson, J.** (2022, February 12). Foreign policy in South Korea's presidential election. *AsiaLink Insights*
- **Robertson, J.** (2022, April 27). South Korea's Yoon: Return of the prodigal son? *AsiaLink Insights*
- **Robertson, J.** (2022 May 11). A Window of Opportunity in Australia-Korea Relations? *Australian Outlook*

14. Grant Reporting and Management

- **AKS Seed (June 2020-May 2023):** 2022 Annual Report was submitted to AKS in March 2022. KSRH received the final and 3rd year allotment (AUD82,000).
- **KF Senior Lectureship (Jul 2017-Jun 2022):** 2022 Annual and Final Report was submitted to the KF in February 2022. Arts/AI received the final allotment.
- **KF Policy Grant (2022):** KSRH has received the grant (USD90,000). The final report is due in Feb 2023.
- **DFAT AKF (2021-2023):** KSRH has received the 1st and 2nd allotments (AUD24,000).
- **ARC DP (2022-2025):** KSRH has received the grant (AUD192,761).

15. Invited Lectures

- Adam: a book launch was held for "Translating Controversial Texts in East Asian Contexts: A Methodology for the Translation of 'Controversy'", 25 March 2022; a film screening of "Pulgasari" (1985), 1 April 2022.
- Daejeong: a talk at KUBS: How important are cultures to leadership effects? Unravelling cross-cultural differences in leader-member exchange theory. Research seminar at Korea University Business School. 3 June 2022.
- Jay: guest lecture on North Korea's nuclear programme for Airlangga University in Indonesia in May 2022; a keynote for Future Forum for Korean Australian Young Leaders in Melbourne on 27 August 2022.
- Jasmine: a guest lecture, "Music Diplomacy as Practiced by North and South Korea," at the University of Maryland, 31 March 2022; a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Manly, "Engaging with the DPRK," 12 July 2022
- Peter: a talk: "How to be policy relevant and hopefully make an impact," Australasian Association of Korean Studies Emerging Researchers Group Seminar Series. Virtual event. 6 April 2022.

16. Media Engagement

- Jay: BBC World Service and ABC News to comment on North Korea's latest missile tests and South Korea's 2022 Presidential Election.
- Jay and artist Jaedon Shin will deliver a Conversation with Artist on Jaedon's Double Moon at the [Heidi Museum of Modern Art](#) on 30 July 2022.
- Jay's ARC-funded research on early Korean immigrants in Australia was featured in SBS both in English and Korean. See Song, J. (2022 July 19). [John Corea, \(probably\) the first Korean Australian](#), SBS, and Song, J. (2022 July 19). [호주 정착 최초 한인 추정, 존 코리아를 찾아서](#), SBS
- Peter: "[Australia-South Korea defence ties to strengthen regardless of May election outcome, expert says](#)," SBS Radio Korean Program, 20 April 2022. English article published as Jin Sun Lane and Carl Dixon, "[Australia bought \\$1b in armoured vehicles from this Asian nation. Does it mean closer ties?](#)" SBS Radio Korean, 4 May 2022; "[Yoon lays out plans for Seoul to 'lead' North Korea sanctions implementation](#)," NK News, 14 March 2022; "[South Korea elects a China hawk](#)," The Australian, 10 March 2022; "[South Korea's Yoon tipped to strengthen Australia ties](#)," Australian Financial Review, 10 March 2022.

