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KOREAN STUDIES RESEARCH HUB

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1. New Members

The Korean Studies Research Hub (hereafter Korea Hub) welcomes new members: **Dr Nicola Fraschini** who joins the Asia Institute as a Senior Lecturer in Korean Language; **Dr Richard Sandberg**, Professor in Computational Mechanics in the Department of Mechanical Engineering; and **Dr Dongryeol Ryu**, Professor in the Department of Infrastructure Engineering. Nicola will be the Korean Language Coordinator as well as Korean Studies Minor Coordinator to lead the establishment of a Major in 2024.

Ms Louise (a.k.a. Lulu) Spencer, **Ms Jeongwon Lee** and **Ms Jun Kim** join the Korea Hub as student researchers. Lulu will be working on early Korean immigrants in Australia in the early 20th century as an ARC-funded PhD student on Korean migration to Australia. Jeongwon's PhD project is on Korean migration to Latin America. Jun's honour's thesis will be on Halla Yang, a Korean Christian feminist nationalist who visited Melbourne in the 1930s.

A big congratulations and warm welcome to all!

2. Australia Korea Centre for 2023

An EOI for the proposed Australia Korea Centre (AKC) was approved in principle at the University level last year and detailed budget approvals are now well underway. We hope to establish the Centre this year as a focal point for high-impact policy-oriented research on Australia's engagement with the Korean peninsula. Fingers crossed!

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

A/Professor Jay Song has been featured on SBS to introduce John Corea, one of the first ethnic Korean immigrants who settled in Australia in 1876 and worked as a shearer in Gol Gol, NSW. John Corea's story was published as an [article](#) in the SBS Korea Programme and featured in a special programme as part of the first ethnic Australian series. Jay and her team also discovered some of the first Korean international students and visitors in the early 20th century (during the Japanese colonial period) and these findings are now being developed as PhD and Honours research projects. The team's archival research continues in 2023.



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

Dr Peter Lee and the team have so far run three of four planned roundtables on Australia-Korea relations: 1) migration, 2) energy and environment and 3) food and agriculture. The roundtables have involved more than 40 practitioners who shared their expertise and experiences as holiday makers, migration lawyers, mayors, scientists, farmers, and more.



A public lecture was delivered by Her Excellency Ms Catherine Raper, the Australian Ambassador to South Korea as part of the project's Distinguished Speaker Series on 20 October 2022.



5. International Partnerships and Visitors

In November 2022, A/Professor Jay Song has visited Korea University and Yonsei University to further discuss about continuing collaboration. Unfortunately, the Joint PhD with Korea University (KU) has fallen through due to the unforeseen funding conditions at the Korean side. Global Classroom and the KF e-School in collaboration with KU continues. The proposed MoU with Yonsei is still under review by the University as of January 2023.

In the same month, the Korea Hub also welcomed international delegations from the Academy of Korean Studies and Seoul National University on campus.

6. Korean Studies Seminar Series

The Korea Hub organised the following seminars in Semester 2, 2022, under the theme of Australia-Korea Relations:

- Dr Chiew Ping Hoo (UKM, Malaysia): Middle Powers in the Indo-Pacific: The Bilateral-Multilateral Nexus in Korea-ASEAN-Australia Partnership, 8 September 2022
- Dr Sung Young Kim (Macquarie University, Australia): Hybridized Industrial Ecosystems: The Institutional Basis for Competing Effectively in the New Smart & Green Economy, 10 August 2022



Middle Powers in the Indo Pacific: The Bilateral-Multilateral Nexus in Korea-ASEAN-Australia Partnership

Asia Institute, Faculty of Arts
Public Event

Korean Studies Seminar Series

Dr Chiew Ping Hoo - Senior Lecturer in Strategic Studies and International Relations at the National University of Malaysia (UKM)



As the Indo-Pacific region's most prominent middle powers, Australia and South Korea's aligned posture matter amidst the great power competition between the U.S. and China, emerging superpowers for the Pacific. The U.S., Taiwan, South Korea, and the South China Sea disputes. Though South-East Asian countries are smaller states, through ASEAN as a regional institution, together they assert middle power influence, demanding agency and autonomy in regional diplomacy and integration. This talk will illuminate how ASEAN, Australia, and South Korea work together as middle powers, the interlinking bilateral and multilateral nexus that suggest multi-layered partnerships have enhanced their middle power agency in the regional security architecture.

About the Presenter
Dr Chiew Ping Hoo is Senior Lecturer in Strategic Studies and International Relations at the National University of Malaysia (UKM). She is the author of *The New Southern Policy: Curious or Dangerous ASEAN-APAC Relations* (2018, Malaysia, JICA), and a forthcoming co-edited book volume (with Shih-Chia and Brian Brigg) on Southeast Asia-APAC relations. She has been working on East Asian international relations over 14 years of teaching in UKM, regional policy consultations, and engaged in think tank

networks. How does her PhD on Politics and International Relations from La Trobe University, Australia.

Bookings are essential for this event. You will receive a Zoom link via email following registration.

Event Details

Date: Thursday 8 September 2022
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Venue: Online
Enquiries: bmh000@student.unimelb.edu.au
Bookings: Bookings are essential for this free seminar. Book here: <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/92818181818>



Hybridized Industrial Ecosystems: the Institutional Basis for Competing Effectively in the New Smart & Green Economy

Asia Institute, Faculty of Arts
Public Event

Korean Studies Seminar Series

Dr Sung Young Kim - Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Politics & International Relations at the Macquarie School of Social Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia



Why are some countries more successful in racing ahead in the new global economic battleground over smart and green economy than others? In this talk, I present findings from an ongoing research project examining the Korean, Taiwanese and Singaporean governments' efforts to promote smarter, greener and stronger energy infrastructure – as developmental platforms to drive new technological and export capabilities. I argue that competitive advantage in the new digital economy is highly dependent on the state's ability to craft new public and private linkages in the form of 'hybridized industrial ecosystems'. Therefore, the success of Korean and Australian's efforts to build new green industries such as 'green hydrogen' will be dependent on building the institutional capacity to leverage (not displace) the nation's innovation champions.

About the Presenter
Dr Sung Young Kim is Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Politics & International Relations at the Macquarie School of Social Sciences, Macquarie University. His research is on the role of governments in building green technology industries in East Asia. He is one of the Chief Investigators on an Australian Research Council Discovery Project examining clean energy transitions in Korea and China. He is Regional Editor (Energy) for

Asian Studies Review and on the Executive Committee of the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) and the Korean Studies Association of Australia (KSA). His work has appeared in *Energy Policy* (2022), *Journal of Environment and Development* (2022), *Review of International Political Economy* (2022, 2019), *New Political Economy* (2022, 2020), *Global Policy* (2021), *Politics & Society* (2021), *Review of Environmental Political Economy* (2022), and *The Asia-Pacific Journal* (2021).

Bookings are essential for this event. You will receive a Zoom link via email following registration.

Event Details

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Venue: Online
Enquiries: unimelb@student.unimelb.edu.au
Bookings: Bookings are essential for this free seminar. Book here: <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/92818181818>

7. 2022 Korea Week

A big thank you to Dr Adam Zulawnik, who organised the University of Melbourne's first Korea Week, which coincided with the University's Diversity Week event programme. From Adam:

"Unimelb Korea Week was a very successful week-long celebration of all things 'Korea' open to all tertiary and secondary students as well as staff. It was an exciting mix of old and new traditions as well as innovation, with events such as a traditional drumming performance, Trivia Night, an exclusive collaborative art event with Academy of Korean Studies Artist in Residence Mr Jaedon Shin, K-Beauty seminar, and a co-hosted meet and greet event with the Korea Foundation Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series (HE Ms Catherine Raper, Australian Ambassador to South Korea). Many students from other Schools noted their interest in taking Korean Studies courses in 2023! Korea Week was made possible through kind funding from FoA Diversity and Inclusion, Asia Institute Outreach and Engagement, and Korean Studies Research Hub grants."

8. AKS Artist in Residence

Korean Australian artist Mr Jaedon Shin has joined the Korea Hub as the first Artist in Residence (2022-2023). During the University of Melbourne's 2022 Korea Week, he collaborated with members of the Korea Hub to produce an artwork as part of the Double Moon series.



9. KF e-School and Study Trip to Korea

Since 2021, the KF e-School has been supporting KORE20002 Contemporary Korea. The subject has also won Chancellery Global Classroom funds. Professor Andrew Eungi Kim at Korea University will teach the subject in 2023 in a hybrid format (online and on campus).

The study trip to Korea and KORE30001 Korean Politics and Society will be resumed in 2023. The information session is on 1 February 2023, which will be followed by a selection process to enrol 15 students in the subject who will receive the DFAT New Colombo Plan Scholarships. Each selected student will be entitled to A\$3,000 to cover travel expenses.

10. Publications

10.1. Books / Journal Articles / Chapters / Policy Briefs

- **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.
- **Kim, H. M.**, & Kent, A. (2022). Henry George down under: urban development, land value capture and infrastructure in Australia. In N. Phelps, A. Hurlimann, & J. Bush (Eds.), *Planning in an Uncanny World* (pp. 110-130): Routledge.
- **Lee, P.** 2022. "Energy and Environment". *KARP Policy Brief Series*. <https://www.thekarp.net/energy-and-environment>
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- Lwin, M. O., **Shin, W.**, & Bay, A. (2022). Screen Smart: Growing Up in the Digital Age. Singapore: *World Scientific*. <https://doi.org/10.1142/13103>
- Nolan, S., Day, K., **Shin, W.**, & Wang, W.Y. (2022). Books versus screens: A study of Australian children's media use during the COVID pandemic. *Publishing Research Quarterly*, 38, 749-759. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12109-022-09899-w>
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- **Robertson, J.** (2022). Middle Power Diplomacy and North Korea Revisited, *Journal of Korean Unification Studies*, 31(2), 159-187.

- Sebo, G. (2022). [Book review] Interviews with North Korean Defectors: From Kim Shin-jo to Thae Yong-ho , by Lim Il and **Adam Zulawnik**, *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, 21(2), 341-343. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700615-02102006>
- **Song, J.** 2022. *Peoples on the Move: the Immigration Crisis*. Puducherry: Lumina Datamatics.
- **Song, J.** 2023 (forthcoming). Co-Ethnic Communication, Identity Transformation, and Unification: From North Korea to South Korea, in Galina Miazhevich ed. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, & Communication*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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- **Lee, P.** (2022, August 15). A-K Arsenal of Democracy? South Korea and U.S. Allied Defence Procurement. *War on the Rocks*. <https://warontherocks.com/2022/08/a-k-arsenal-of-democracy-south-korea-and-u-s-allied-defense-procurement/>
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- **Lee, P.** (2022, May 26). Déjà vu for Australia-Korea relations. *Asialink Insights*. <https://asialink.unimelb.edu.au/insights/deja-vu-for-australia-korea-relations>
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- **Song, J.** "What a 19th-Century Shearer Can Teach Us About Korean-Australian Relations," *Foreign Policy*, 28 September 2022.
- **Song, J.** Retracing the steps of John Corea, the 'first' Korean-Australian, SBS, 19 July 2022.
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11. Ongoing Grant Management

- **AKS Lab Grant (June 2022-May 2025):** Funds received in 2022.
- **AKS Seed Grant (June 2020-May 2023):** The final report due in March 2023.
- **KF Policy Grant (2022):** The final report due in May 2023.
- **ARC DP (2022-2025):** Ongoing in 2023.
- **DFAT AKF (2021-2023):** 3rd and final allotment due to be received in early 2023 and final report due in late 2023.

12. Media/Public Engagement

- **Korean Studies at the University of Melbourne** was recognised for its research excellence by the Australia Korea Business Council.
- **A/Professor Jay Song** was recognised as one of 60 people who have contributed to Australia Korea relations by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- **Dr Jon Glade** gave a talk titled "Yakiniku and Kimchi: Expanding the Possibilities for Ethnic Identity in Zainichi Korean Literature and Film" at the Global



