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SoKEN 2022

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Korea in Transition: Political, social and economic challenges in the post-COVID era

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5th MAY 2022

9.30 | 9.40 – WELCOMING REMARKS

Roberta Paltrinieri
Director of DAMSLab
(University of Bologna)

9.40 | 9.50 – OPENING REMARKS

Kang Hyung-Shik
Consul General
(Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Milan)

9.50 | 10.00 – OPENING REMARKS

Antonio Fiori
Director of the Asia Institute
(University of Bologna)

10.00 | 10.45 – KEYNOTE SPEECH:

“Korea between China, North Korea, Japan, and the US: The future of Northeast Asian security”

David C. Kang
Maria Crutcher Professor in International Relations, Business and East Asian Languages and Cultures / Director of the USC Korean Studies Institute
(University of Southern California)

11.00 | 12.45 – PANEL 1. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

1. *Revolution and Restoration in Post-War East Asia: A Gramscian Approach to the “History Problem”*
Kevin GRAY
(University of Sussex)

2. *Subnational Diplomacy with North Korea: Historical Perspectives and Future Prospects*
Matthew ABBOTT
(Chicago Council on Global Affairs)

3. *South Korea’s role-taking amid the U.S-China Rivalry: Assessing*

President Moon Jae-in’s ‘New Southern Policy’ towards ASEAN
Juhee JEONG
(Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg – Heidelberg University)

4. *A Political and Economic Evolution of the Semiconductor International Trade after the Covid-19 Pandemic: The South Korea study case*
Alessandro VESPRINI
(Geopolitica.info) [online presentation](#)

CHAIR: Sojin LIM, University of Central Lancashire
DISCUSSANT: Sangsin LEE, Korean Institute for National Unification

14.15 | 16.00 – PANEL 2. COVID-19: LESSONS (UN)LEARNED

1. *Making Two Different Values Compatible? Freedom of Assembly and COVID Control in Korea*
Jong-Chol AN
(Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)

2. *Covid and the excessive Internet use of young adults in South Korea: a sociological point of view*
Juhyun LEE
(Université Paris-Cité / CERMES3)

3. *Unveiling the Reflections of South Korea’s Method of Struggle Against Covid-19 Pandemic within MIKTA: Cases of Turkey and Australia*
Hatice ÇELİK
(Ankara Social Sciences University)

4. *Pandemic Pop? The limits of soft power in South Korea-Japan relations*
Hyung-Gu LYNN [online presentation](#)
(University of British Columbia)

CHAIR: Marco Milani, University of Bologna
DISCUSSANT: Sojin LIM, University of Central Lancashire

16.15 | 17.45 – PANEL 3. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: ADAPTATION PROCESSES AND STRUGGLES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

1. *Excuse me?! The politics of pardoning presidents in South Korea*
Hannes B. MOSLER
(University of Duisburg-Essen)

2. *2022 Elections and The Rising Sexism: The Future of Feminism in Korea*
Hatice Nursena YÜCEL
(Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University)

3. *2022 Presidential electoral campaigns and gender and generational cleavages in South Korea*
Youngmi KIM [online presentation](#)
(University of Edinburgh)

CHAIR: David KANG, University of Southern California
DISCUSSANT: Antonio FIORI, University of Bologna

17.45 | 18.30 – SoKEN Steering Committee Meeting

(by invitation only)

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9.30 | 11.30 – PANEL 4. SOCIAL CHANGES AND SOCIAL PROCESSES IN SOUTH KOREA

1. *Comparative analysis on the formation of individual and national identity among 1st and 1.5 generation North Korea defectors in South Korea and in UK*
Jeong-Im HYUN
(University of Central Lancashire)

2. *Contesting Languages and Discursive Landscapes: the Inscribed Social Discourses of the Industrial Transformations in Seongsu-Dong, Seoul*
Taesik KIM
(Masaryk University)

3. *Propaganda slogan no longer? The evolution of “Let’s live well for once” in Korean collective identity*
Agnieszka A. SMIATACZ
(Leiden University)

4. *A new image of women in contemporary Korean cinema: from the “housewife” (chubu; chipsaram) to the “working mom” (wök’ingmam)*
Hee Sun MOON
(UniStraSi – University for Foreigners of Siena)

CHAIR: Hannes B. MOSLER, University of Duisburg-Essen
DISCUSSANT: Kevin GRAY, University of Sussex

11.30 | 12.00 – CLOSING REMARKS

18.00 – 2022 KOREA, ARIRANG Dance, songs and music of the Korean tradition

→ DAMSLab/Auditorium
P.tta P.P. Pasolini 5b

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The SoKEN 2022 Annual Conference of the Social Sciences Korean Studies European Network will focus on the recent developments on the Korean Peninsula in relation to economic, political, and social aspects. In particular, panel presentations will deal with the post-pandemic challenges on the Korean peninsula, both from a domestic and international perspective, and the political dynamics after the 2022 presidential election. Topics will include the management of the COVID emergency, the social and economic consequences of the COVID crisis, recent political developments in South Korea, changes and continuity in inter-Korean relations, the regional and global positioning of South and North Korea and their foreign policy strategies.

Organizing Committee: Marco Milani, Mary Lou Emberti Gialloreti, Matteo Casari, Marco Cucco, Antonio Fiori

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