SNUAC aims to serve as a global hub for Asian Studies by integrating regional and thematic research across Asia. By creating and sharing forward-thinking ideas, SNUAC contributes to the mutual harmonious development of Asia.

Since 2009, SNUAC has been playing a leading role in promoting advancement in the study of Asia, while creating the Center’s own identity as a key forum for Asia research that transcends a simple ‘West-non-West’ dichotomy. In doing so, we have been shaping a new framework of Asia research based on the “expansion” and “layering” of Asian Studies and Korean Studies.

SNUAC has been conducting various studies in the field of Asian Studies in collaboration with institutions at home and abroad. The Center’s regional and thematic research programs research numerous topics on Asia, such as the ‘Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia,’ with a view to facilitating the “expansion” and “layering” of Asia research.

To make a qualitative leap in establishing foundational research on Asia, the Center intends to approach research projects from a long-term perspective and open up opportunities to researchers worldwide. The Center will provide an open platform for research collaboration to expand its research network and pave the way for the strengthening of exchanges between researchers and cooperation between institutions. We are convinced that our new approach will become a stepping-stone for the reinforcement of a Korean context in Asia research.

SNUAC seeks to be a ‘comprehensive research center’ integrating regional and thematic research, fostering scholarly exchanges, and supporting talented individuals at the global level. The Center features three regional centers, Korean Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA), and seven thematic research programs all supported by specialized departments - Departments of Academic Research, Department of International Exchange, Department of Human Resources, Office of Planning, Office of Administration, and Information Resource Center. The Center endeavors to shape new frameworks of Asian Studies that go beyond a ‘Western-non-Western’ dichotomy.

Asia research flowing from Korean Studies -
Expanding the flow through collaboration and exchange

SNUAC aims to strengthen cooperation with other Asian data archives, in Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong through KOSSDA, which was incorporated into the Center in 2015. Such efforts will expand the datasets available for comparative research on Asia.

We will continue to put forth our utmost efforts to ensure that the past seven years have not passed in vain. We would like to ask you to join our efforts to become a global leader in Asia research. Thank you.

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Director of the Seoul National University Asia Center
Education

Through various educational programs and a baccalaureate education model, SNU is in a leading role in training the leaders of the future, and in shaping the next generation of global citizens and potential leaders. In the education programs of SNU, 2016, which will continue to build a baccalaureate education model that will allow foreign students to experience Korean society. In addition, through the academic and professional programs, various programs and educational experiences involving unique research and practical skills are provided.

Civil Society Program

Based on the need for domestic and international social development and the Korean government’s establishment of the KOSSDA Education Program (Korean Social Science Data Archive) as the national center for the promotion of social research, the KOSSDA Education Program in Methods of Social Research held 10th annual education programs, the Education Program in Methods of Social Research conferred by KOSSDA, and the intensive education course of the SNUAC Education Program in Methods of Social Research also started.

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