



Seoul National University Asia Center

2009

2009 Feb

Inauguration of SNUAC (Founding Director: Prof. Hyun-Chin Lim)

2011 Mar

Selection as part of the Korea Foundation Global e-School Program

2013 Mar

Commencement of the Asia Basic Research Program

May

Opening ceremony of the SNUAC building

Sep

Appointment of Prof. Myungkoo Kang as SNUAC Director

2015

2015 Jun

Affiliation of the KOSSDA with SNUAC

2017 Aug

Selection of Asia Review to be registered in KCI

Sep

Appointment of Prof. Soojin Park as SNUAC Director

Oct

Commencement of the Center for Asian Urban Society

2010 Sep

Designation as a Key Research Institute by the National Research Foundation of Korea

2012 Sep

Selection as part of the Emerging Economies Research Program (NRFK)

2014 Mar

Int'l conference for directors of Asia research institutes: New Horizons of Asian Studies

2016 Apr

Int'l conference: Inter-Asian Connections V: Seoul

2018 Feb

Commencement of the ARIC

Apr

Organization of the SNU Asia Regional Research Center Council

Jun

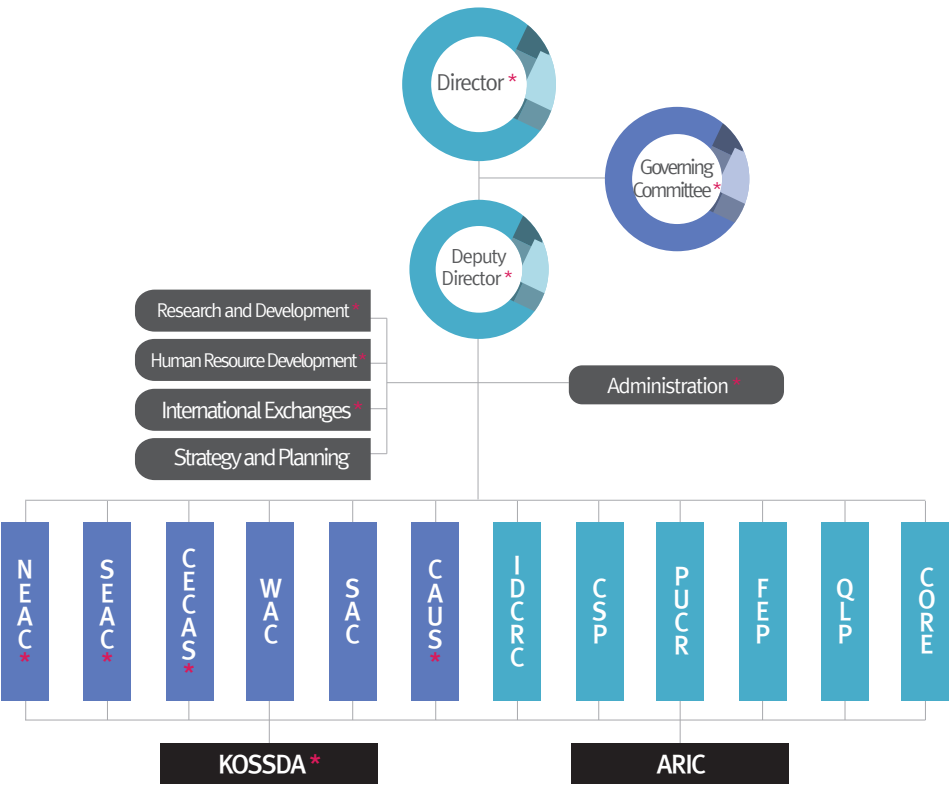
Publication of the first issue of DiverseAsia

Aug

Ranked as third place in the SNU Research Institute Evaluation-Humanities and Social Sciences Fields

2019

Organization Chart



- NEAC (Northeast Asia Center)
- SEAC (Southeast Asia Center)
- CECAS (Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies)
- WAC (West Asia Center)
- SAC (South Asia Center)
- CAUS (Center for Asian Urban Societies)
- IDCRC (International Development Cooperation Research Center)
- CSP (Civil Society and NGOs Program)
- PUCR (Program on US-China Relations)
- FEP (Future Earth Program)
- QLP (Quality of Life Program)
- CORE (Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia)

* official units

Vision

Connecting Asia Initiative

International Research Network

Catena Initiative

Full-time Faculty & Researcher

Enhance
Research Capacity

Partnership &
Cooperation

NEXUS 1
(Establish SNUAC
Identity)

Transdisciplinary
Research
&
Inter-Domain
Network

ARKSs

Asian Regional Knowledge
Sharing System

Collect, Manage,
and
Disseminate
Asia Information

KOSSDA
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**Asia Regional
Information Center**

NEXUS 2
(Accumulate &
Disseminate
Research Product)

CAUS

WAC

SAC

CECAS

SEAC

NEAC

Thematic Program

Ext. Assistance & Networking

Invite Research Topic

Int-ext Research Grant

NEAC

- Research on Trade and Community Activities in NE Asia
- Changes of Geo-economic Dynamics of Asia
- Council Activities for the Asian Regional Research Institutes within SNU

SEAC

- Studies on Islamic Finance in SE Asia
- Mekong Development Cooperation
- Korean Corporations in Southeast Asia
- Research on Consumer Culture and Enterprise Culture

CECAS

- Migration studies in Central Asia
- Studies on the Characteristics of Central Asian Islam
- Transport and logistics research in Eurasia
- Diaspora Studies in Eurasia

WAC

- Study of West Asia as a Region
- Study of Civil Movements in Western Asia
- Trends and Changes in the Islamic Movement in West Asia

SAC

- Sustainable Growth in India
- Economy in India and South Asia
- India in International Relations
- Int'l Development Cooperation in South Asia

CAUS

- Building an Urban Transition Lab
- Exploring Prospects for a Restored City
- Theoretical Work on Urbanization and Industrialization
- Studies on Urban Cases of Military Bases

ARIC

- Constructing database
- Contry profile and data analysis
- Country reports
- Data Analysis

IDCRC

- Basic research on development cooperation in the Asian region
- Social economy research for international development cooperation
- Comparative study of the development cooperation strategies in South Korea, China, and Japan
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and research on the implementation strategies for the Korean Peninsula

CSP

- Building a topography of civil society organizations of Korea and Asia
- Comparison of local governance driven by civil society
- Comparative research on the topic of environments, development cooperation, immigrants and emigrants, and social innovation

PUCR

- East Asia's responses to the rise of China
- Building US-China relations database
- Research on the history of US-China relations change

FEP

- Exploration of Methods to Implement the Global Future Earth Agenda
- Suggestion for Converging Alternatives for Sustainable Future
- Establishment of the Research Network to Promote Collaborative Research on Koreans in South Korea, North Korea, and China (Hunchun Forum)

QLP

- Evaluation of Asia's Poverty and Inequality Improvement
- Comparative Research on the Qualities of Children in Asia

KOSSDA

Collecting and Building Social Science Data, Training Project to Promote Data Use, Data-related Research Projects, International Cooperation Network

Northeast Asia Center

The Northeast Asia Center is a research center responsible for exploring topics related to the Northeast Asian region and expanding networks of experts both inside and outside the university. Mainly focused on migration, trade, and cooperation between countries in the region, the Center is responsible for hosting lectures to share and analyze topical issues that require academic and public attention, as well as accumulating relevant materials. In addition to regional studies, the Center is also contributing to clarifying the relationship between North and South Korea within the Northeast Asian context and creating a forum for discussions on rapidly changing North Korean issues. The Northeast Asia Center also strives to strengthen and enhance research networks by serving as a hub for communication and collaboration among the Asia-related research institutes within Seoul National University.

Main Research Topics

- * Trade in the Northeast Asian region: Trade expansion and diversification, and migration between Northeast Asian countries
- * Communities in Northeast Asia: Strengthening nationalism in Northeast Asian countries and the possibility of establishing a regional community
- * Shifts in Geoeconomic Dynamics in Asia: Participating as a member of the council of Asian research institutions at Seoul National University and supporting its activities
- * International networking: Responsible for the Northeast Asia section in the IIAS <The Newsletter> to discover recent issues related to Northeast Asia and establish networks of expert groups

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Southeast Asia Center

The Southeast Asia Center, established in 2012, is divided into the continental and maritime departments for studies related to the respective geographic halves of this region. The departments conduct systematic research on development cooperation in the Mekong region and on consumer culture and Islamic finance in Malaysia and Indonesia, respectively. The Southeast Asia Center strives to produce expert knowledge about Southeast Asia and disseminate that knowledge extensively. To promote understanding of Southeast Asia, the Center hosts a lecture series named Open Lectures on Southeast Asia, which has gained significant attention and participation.

Main Research Topics

- * Studies on Islamic Finance in Southeast Asia: Interdisciplinary research is conducted on the religious, financial, economic, and political contexts of the topic "Is Islamic finance an alternative mode of finance? Principles and practices in Southeast Asian Islamic finance."
- * Mekong Development Cooperation: Since 2015, joint research has been carried out with support from the Korea Research Foundation under the theme "Development of the Mekong basin and the dilemma and governance of environmental cooperation." The research results were released in 2018. A study is underway on the "Transboundary Nature of the Countries in the Mekong Region."
- * Research on Consumer Culture and Enterprise Culture: The Center has a research partnership with Seoul National University's Center for Social Sciences for a study on "Building and Implementing a Localization Strategy Based on Studies on the Interaction between Overseas Companies and Local Society: Focusing on VIP Countries in Southeast Asia."

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Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies

The Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies is focused on research on the status and identity of the Central Asian and Eurasian region as an organic whole, as well as of each Eurasian country. Recently, the Center researched Islam, which forms the foundation of the lives and consciousness of Central Asians. The Center has also collected interview results, photographs, videos, and documents related to the traditional life-culture of the Goryeo people, analyzed them, and published the results in two volumes. The Center strives to enhance public interest in the Eurasian region through academic conferences, cultural events, lectures, and on-site surveys, and to share its accumulated information and achievements. In addition, it is expanding the scope and depth of research through cooperation with leading research institutes at home and abroad, and promoting the dissemination of research results.

Main Research Topics

- * Migration studies in Central Asia: Review of "the second wave migration" phenomenon in Central Asia from migration systems and policies, labor·education migration, and gender
- * Transport and logistics research in Eurasia: Research on the status of the transportation and logistics infrastructure in Eurasia, future construction plans, and relations with neighboring countries, in view of the "revival of the new Silk Road."
- * Studies on the Characteristics of Central Asian Islam: Studies on the influence of Islam and its religious and cultural norms on the life of Central Asians
- * Diaspora Studies in Eurasia: Research on the Goryeo people and Jews, whose lives are studied through oral history, with the resulting information backed up and archived

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West Asia Center

The West Asia Center is striving to strengthen the research base for West Asian regional studies in Korea by raising interest in this field through academic activities, including colloquia, regional seminars, and lectures. In particular, it seeks to provide a deeper perspective on the West Asian region while also providing timely information on the political, economic, and social issues in each West Asian country. The Center focuses on the rapidly changing situation in West Asia and conducts research on conflicts and international relations in the region. It also seeks to expand the scope of West Asia regional studies through exchanges with young scholars and student groups that study the region.

Main Research Topics

- * Study of West Asia as a Region: Social and cultural studies of Iran, Turkey, and Israel, as well as Arab countries in West Asia, and international political relations in the region
- * Study of Civil Movements in West Asia: Review of civil society movements in Western Asia led by the younger generations and social reformers
- * Trends and Changes in the Islamic Movement in West Asia: Study of Islamic sectarian characteristics and conflicts between sects represented by Sunni and Shia Muslims
- * Study of the Democratic Movement in West Asia: Study of the historical background and outcome of democratic movements, focusing on Iran's Green Movement and the Arab Spring

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South Asia Center

The South Asia Center organizes joint teams of domestic and overseas researchers in related fields such as economic growth, development, international cooperation and development, and international relations in India and South Asia. The Center conducts research through academic activities, including academic paper presentations and lectures. Typically, joint research is conducted on India's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) concerning sustainable growth. The Center also carries out research on the Indian economy and the consumer market and publishes the results in journals and presents them in lectures. It also offers lectures on India in the context of the US-China conflict in international relations. Also, the Center plans to provide, through joint seminars, a foundation for conducting expanded research on South Asian countries other than India.

Main Research Topics

- * Sustainable Growth in India: Analysis of India's industrial policies and legislation concerning India's INDC
- * Economy in India and South Asia: Research on the Indian economy and consumer markets
- * India in International Relations: Lectures by overseas researchers on the Indo-Pacific region and India within the context of the US-China conflict
- * International Development Cooperation in South Asia: Joint seminars on regional and international development cooperation in South Asia

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Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA)

KOSSDA aims to lay the foundation for empirical research in social sciences through the systematic collection, construction, and preservation of social science research data, and promotion of their use. Specifically, KOSSDA collects data for research from surveys, statistics, interviews and oral records, documents, and observation records produced by individuals and institutions. These are then archived into a database and made available online for people to use in their research. Moreover, to promote data use, KOSSDA organizes various kinds of offline academic events such as data fairs, thesis contests, and special lectures on how to use archives. It also operates an education program for social science methodology to enhance users' ability to analyze data. Besides, KOSSDA carries out various data-related research projects, including archiving research, studies on KRM DB archiving, and writing reports on <Korea's social trends>. KOSSDA also participates in a study on 'social well-being' in seven Asian countries organized by Japan's Senshu University. KOSSDA plans to consolidate its internal data sharing cooperation network and develop into an Asian research data hub through the Network of Asian Social Sciences Data Archives (NASSDA).

Main Research Topics

- * Collecting and Archiving Social Science Data: Collecting and archiving quantitative and qualitative data, data curating
- * Promotioning Data Use: Methodology education program, data fairs, thesis contests, and special lectures on how to use archives
- * Data-related Research Projects: Archiving research, studies on building KRM social science databases, social trends in Korea, data integration of the "social well-being" survey in seven Asian countries
- * International Cooperation Network: Network of Asian Social Sciences Data Archives (NASSDA), seven Asian countries' "social well-being" survey cooperative network

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Center for Asian Urban Societies

By presenting a post-developmental urban paradigm, the Center for Asian Urban Societies aims to help Asian cities overcome the limitations of developmental urbanization and establish a human-centered urban community. It also wants to explore and share alternative urban discourses and practices that address transition, inclusiveness, commoning, peace, and sustainability to solve the Asian urban problem. The Center strives not only to achieve timely theoretical research through urban field-centered research but also to disseminate its research results to society through active policy proposals. Further, it establishes research-based urban solidarity through domestic and overseas research and activity networks.

Main Research Topics

- * Building an Urban Transition Lab: Building a practical research platform to restore citizens' rights to the city and linking it to various urban social movements and social capital
- * Exploring Prospects for a Resilient City: Tracking the growth and crisis process of local industrialized cities, diagnosing their limitations, and seeking prospects as resilient cities
- * Theoretical Work on Sustainable Cities: Theoretical work on the relationship between energy and water resources, urbanization and industrialization in East Asia
- * Studies on Border Cities and Military Camp Towns: Examining the effect of the geopolitical order created by the Cold War and the New Cold War on urban societies based on examples border cities and military camp towns in East Asia.

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International Development Cooperation Research Center

The International Development Cooperation Research Center conducts research on international development cooperation and Official Development Assistance (ODA), identifying and establishing projects that may be effectively executed based on the regional expertise of the Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC). To share and disseminate research results, SNUAC compiles data, publishes academic papers, and hosts workshops, seminars, and conferences related to the Asian region by networking with domestic and overseas official development cooperation institutions. In addition, in line with the request of the Secretariat of the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) of SNUAC, the center will help KAIDEC conduct in-depth development cooperation research and execute ODA projects in the Asian region. In particular, the center is contributing to the formation of an ecosystem in the area of international development cooperation and the cultivation of the next generation of researchers, while carrying out the ODA Young Professional (YP) project, which is a youth competency development program supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

Main Research Topics

- * Basic research on development cooperation in the Asian region: Basic research to explore research topics and projects in each development cooperation area
- * Social economy research for international development cooperation: Social economy model research as an alternative to sustainable economic growth in developing countries
- * Comparative study of the development cooperation strategies in South Korea, China, and Japan: Comparison of the development cooperation status and strategies of major Asian donor countries, proposing South Korea's direction of ODA in Asia
- * Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and research on the implementation strategies for the Korean Peninsula

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Asia Regional Information Center

The center aims to establish a regional information platform for Asian countries related to politics, economy, administration, and society for academic research and policy development. The regional information platform consists of four main research activities: 1)a "database" that collects, verifies, and provides various statistical data identifying the current status of Asian countries, 2)a "country profile" that provides an overview of each country, 3)a "country report" provides key administrative, policy, and latest issues of each country, 4) various "bibliographic information" related to Asian studies, and 5) "data analysis results" produced by the established database and research experts. The ARIC center contributes to interdisciplinary research, solving problems in each region through evidence-based research, sharing development experience via professional research networks. By doing so, it enables the SNUAC center to grow into a knowledge network hub of Asian studies.

Main Research Topics

- * Developing an Open API-based data collection program and creating a database for Asian studies
- * Country profile and data analysis: a country profile providing current status and overview of each Asian country based on the collected statistical data and customized data analysis for platform users(table, graph, map, etc)
- * Country reports: a country report providing major administrative, policy, and latest issues by each country's government officials and reflecting the opinions of regional experts and research institutes of each country

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Civil Society Program

The Civil Society Program aims to provide in-depth comparisons and analyses of dynamic changes in key areas and topics of civil society, focusing on Korea and East Asia. In line with these goals, the research team is working to create a topographic map of Korean civil society, build an NGO database for Asia, and form a network of Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and other Asian civil society researchers. To that end, the team is conducting a comprehensive quantitative/qualitative study on Korean and Asian civil society.

Main Research Topics

- * Build-up of fundamental database for civil society: producing basic statistics related to civil society, NGO, and Social Economy as well as analysis and evaluation of network topography
- * Thematic research on civil society: research on the activities of civil society on diverse topics such as environments, labor, energy, public health, women's issues, youth issues, social economy, civil movements, and governance
- * Establishment of network for civil society research: establishing and enhancing the network to promote civil society research collaboration between practitioners and scholars in and outside of Korea

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Program on US-China Relations

The Program on US-China Relations (PUCR) undertakes extensive research on US-China relations and their regional and global implications. Since its establishment in 2013, PUCR has been focusing its research on the rise of China as a great power and the prospect of a power transition between the U.S. and China – particularly regarding the issue of mutual perceptions between rising powers and hegemonic powers. Down the road, PUCR plans to extend its research toward exploring crucial implications of the aforementioned themes for the evolving global order and for the region of East Asia and the Korean Peninsula. PUCR has a range of outlets through which its research findings can be shared with scholarly and policy communities outside the campus: monthly seminars, workshops, policy dialogues, books and policy briefs, as well as its well-managed website.

Main Research Topics

- * East Asia's responses to the rise of China: analysis on the causes and differences of 15 East Asian countries to the rise of China
- * Building US-China relations database: collecting Korean, English, and Chinese academic research data about the U.S. and China relations
- * Research on the history of US-China relations change: comparative research from the perspective of the rise of the great powers and tracking analysis on the change of hard power and influences between the U.S. and China through the lens of power transition

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Future Earth Program

Future Earth is an international research network that aims to respond to various complex challenges facing humankind and present solutions for a sustainable future. The Asia Center hosts the office of Future Earth's Korean committee that is striving to identify research topics to enhance sustainability in the Korean Peninsula and Asia, based on future dialogue and research cooperation between the social and natural sciences, as well as develop policies based on research needs. Our projects are oriented in three main directions: First, raising awareness of Future Earth's agenda in Korea and laying the foundation for studies seeking a convergence between social and natural sciences; second, holding international academic conferences to share results and conduct research for East Asia's Future Earth in coordination with Japan's Future Earth Asia Hub; and third, building a joint research network in the long run that covers South Korea (Seoul National University), North Korea (Kim Il Sung University), and ethnic Koreans in China (Yanbian University) as well as push for research and policy development to enhance sustainability in the Korean Peninsula.

Main Research Topics

- * Conference series <Thinking about the Future of Humanity>: A forum for dialogue between scholars of social and natural sciences that seeks alternative perspectives on themes like Anthropocene epoch, risk society, climate change, and fine dust as well as peace on the Korean Peninsula
- * International Cooperation for the Sustainability of the Korean Peninsula and East Asia: Organization and sharing of results of the international conference for cooperation on the Korean Peninsula in an open system and effective implementation of the global Future Earth agenda in East Asia as a regional unit
- * Hunchun Forum: Securing primary data to examine the spatial patterns and expansion processes of environmental and sustainability issues in the Korean Peninsula, led by researchers in geography and environmental areas from Seoul National University and Yanbian University, and, in the long run, conducting a joint study with Kim Il Sung University on the sustainability of the Korean Peninsula

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Quality of Life Program

The Quality of Life Program aims to research the inequality Asian countries face despite economic development and the relatively low quality of life in comparison with economic levels. Specifically, it aims to conduct joint research with several researchers in Asia on the issue of inequality, publish academic papers and books, and hold international academic conferences once a year. The study on the quality of life in Asia will use international data on the quality of life of children built by Children's World to compare and analyze the similarities and differences in the quality of children's lives in different Asian countries. The Program will hold international symposiums to share the results with East-Asian scholars, promote academic exchanges, and publish the findings in academic journals or books.

Main Research Topics

- * Hosting international conferences on inequality in Asia: Seoul National University hosted an international conference in 2018 with scholars from nine countries. It is planning to hold an international conference in Beijing, China in 2019 to announce the research results.
- * Research on inequality in Asia: Assess improvement efforts for poverty and inequality in Asian countries using the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a framework
- * Research on the quality of life in Asia: Comparison of and research on Asian children's quality of life, based on data from Children's World
- * Hosting international symposium on quality of life of children: Plan to hold an international symposium in 2019 with East-Asian scholars and Save the Children Korea.

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(poverty and inequality, income guarantee in old age)

Dissemination

Korea Social Science Data Archive <KOSSDA>

- * Collecting, archiving, and disseminating Social Science Research DataBuilding a cooperative network for data sharing
- * Methodology education program, data fair, thesis contest, lectures on Kossda data services
- * Participating in and collaborating with the International Consortium for Social Well-being Research (ICSWB)Participating in the Network of Asian Social Science Data Archives (NASSDA)
- * Researches on Data Management, KRM DB Building funded by NRF, Korean Social Trends report, National Key Indicators System development funded by Statistics Korea

2,600+

Quantitative
& qualitative
data sets

2,500+

Data service
per year

100+

Consortium
member

1,000+

Participants in
methodology
course per year

180+

Attendees
per data fair
event

IIAS <The Newsletter> News from North Asia

The Asia Center of Seoul National University is in charge of providing news content related to Northeast Asia to <The Newsletter>, published three times a year by IIAS (the International Institute of Asian Studies), a prominent Asia-related research institute in the Netherlands. Experts in relevant fields are being commissioned to write content on various aspects of the development direction of Northeast Asia, focusing on outstanding issues in South Korea, China, and Japan.

Asia Review

- * It is the academic journal of the SNUAC published biannually. This journal seeks to integrate Asian regional and thematic studies through interdisciplinary studies in humanities and social sciences, and reports findings of Asia-related studies.
- * It is open to diverse academic approaches and methodologies, and strives for academic convergence by publishing research in various areas from politics to economy, society, culture, and history under the common topic of “Asian studies.”
- * It promotes the development of specialized knowledge in relevant areas by supporting Asia-related research conducted by outstanding scholars through planned projects of the SNUAC and publishing the results in a special edition after careful selection and review.
- * The first issue of <Asia Review> was published in June 2011, and selected as the registration candidate for the National Research Foundation. It was selected as a registered journal in August 2017, and its registration status has been applied since the second issue of volume six was published on February 28, 2017.

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Asia Regional Review Research Team <DiverseAsia>

The Asia Regional Review research team was established to execute SNUAC's goal of "becoming a global hub of Asian studies that combines regional and thematic research." Through colloquia and webzine publications, the Asia Regional Review research team is responsible for continuously producing and supplying research topics that guarantee SNUAC's research identity. In addition, efforts are being made to strengthen Asian regional research networks on specific topics, comprising researchers and policy analysts, through Asia Regional Review research. It also explores to conduct high quality Asian Regional Research to Investigate current issues in-depth by each region via "Asian Region Focused Seminar"

- * Research on current issues in each Asian region
- * Research on exchange and cooperation in Asia
- * Consideration of conflicts in Asia for sincere Asian cooperation

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Visiting Scholars Fellowship

- * Provides scholars of Asian studies with research space and grant funding
- * Supports outstanding research related to Asia and promotes interactions among researchers affiliated with the Asia Center
- * The program started in March 2018 and holds an open recruitment every six months

Visiting Scholar Program

- * Interaction space for brilliant scholars interested in Asian studies
- * Research interactions through regular seminars for visiting scholars every semester
- * The foundation of the Asia Center's global researchers network
- * Seventy-five researchers visited from 21 countries, including from Asia, Europe, and North and South America (2012-2018)

Research Exchange Network

- * Collaborative network of domestic and overseas Asian research institutes
- * Institutionalized exchanges based on agreements between institutions (Exchange agreements with 1 institutions in 29 countries)
- * Active participation in the international network SSRC(Social Science Research Council) InterAsia Program, ICAS(International Convention of Asia Scholars)

International Collaborative Projects

- * Hosted ICAS awards for outstanding publications in the field of Asian Studies (in the Korean language)
- * International social survey network to construct the research database for the comparative study of 'Social Well-Being (SVWB)' in Asia
- * NASSDA (Network of Asia Social Science Data Archive) for international cooperation of data archiving
- * Korea-Japan research cooperation project, "The comparative study of Cooperative Social Responsibility(CSR) in local community"
- * The East Asian Inclusive Cities Network aims to expand the workshop scope by incorporating more experiences and inputs from members across different East Asian cities to address current urban and housing issues (e.g., housing insecurity, high housing price, urban renewal, and socio-spatial inequality) and to further explore innovative approaches for the next stage

Publications

SNUAC Asian Studies in a Global context

- * A Distorted Mirror of Globalization: Scoping out Korean Alternatives | Hyun-Chin Lim and Suk-ki Kong
- * Risks and the Danger Management of National Economic System | Duk-Keun Ahn
- * The Korean Wave in East Asian Culture | Ilgi Kim et al.
- * Looking at the Rise of East Asia in Shandong | Keunsik Jung ed.
- * Mapping Social Economy in Korea, China, and Japan | Euiyoung Kim and Hiroki Miura
- * China's rise and Central Asia | Beomsik Shin et al
- * Realities of Young People in Northeast Asia | Hongjun Kim et al.
- * Drawing the Landscape of Civil Society in South Korea | Hyun-Chin Lim and Suk-ki Kong
- * Dalian Studies : Rebirth of a Cold War Island, Jimmen | Keunsik Jung ed.
- * Connected Asia : Intellectual Map of Flows and Relations | Jaeyeol Yee ed.
- * Universities in North Korea: History, Reality and Prospects | Keunsik Jung ed.
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SNUAC Open Lecture Series

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SNUAC series in Asian Studies

- * Global Challenges in Asia | Hyun-Chin LIM, Wolf Schaefer, Suk-Man Hwang
- * A Quest for East Asian Sociologies | Seung kuk Kim, Peilin Li, Hyun-Chin Lim
- * The Possibility of Peace in Korean Peninsula | Hyug Baeg Im
- * Mobile Asia: Capitalisms, Value Chains and Mobile Telecommunication in Asia | Joonkoo Lee & Hyun-Chin Lim
- * Capitalism and Capitalisms in Asia: Origin, Commonality and Diversity | Hyun-Chin Lim, Jan Nederveen Pieterse, Suk-Man Hwang
- * Capitalism and Culture in East Asia | Jonghoe Yang & Hyun-Chin Lim

SNUAC Publication Project

- * The Korean Corporations that entered the Malay World | Kwon Oh Seung, Kim Dae In, Yi Sang Hyun

Education

Research Internship Program

- * Research Internship Program to train future Asia experts
- * In relation to Asian studies, a program combining education and research administration is designed and provided for undergraduate and graduate students so that they can develop into outstanding individuals in academia and society
- * Introduction to Asian studies through 14 classes, autonomous seminars, field investigation programs, and research essay writing programs; a participant is assigned to the concerned center or department and participates in research and support activities
- * A certificate of completion is given and outstanding essays are awarded at the completion of the six-month program

KF Global e-School Program

- * An online lecture program for undergraduate and graduate students from foreign universities who are interested in the contemporary society of South Korea
- * Attending international students take e-School classes conducted by the faculty of Seoul National University and receive regular credits from their respective universities
- * Consists of real-time lectures through video conferencing, the faculty visiting program in which SNU lecturers visit foreign universities, and the invitation program where outstanding international students are invited
- * With the support of the Korea Foundation, 78 courses were introduced and conducted for 1,673 students at 14 universities in eight countries in Asia and Europe in 2011-2019

KOSSDA Methodology Education Program

- * Methodology education program developed by benchmarking the “Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research” of ICPSR in the US, while adapting it to the uniqueness of South Korea. The program consists of methodology workshops and mini-courses that can improve the data collection, exploration, and analysis skills of researchers
- * Methodology workshops offer six to nine courses, which last 1-2 weeks, from basic to advanced levels in statistical analysis methods, social research methods, and qualitative research methods, while short methodology courses (in spring and fall) are composed of four 5-hour sessions every Saturday focusing on advanced statistics.
- * The program has been offered every quarter (four times a year) at the main and Yeongeon campuses since 2015 and receives more than 1,000 attendees per year

Doctoral Dissertation Writing Support Program

- * For domestic doctoral students conducting Asia-related research, who are in the final stage of dissertation writing
- * A representative talent training project providing financial support of KRW 1 million per month, with a ceiling of KRW 12 million for 12 months

Thesis and Dissertation Awards

- * A program to train new Asian researchers who conduct Asian studies in the fields of humanities and social sciences
- * Select recently written outstanding master's theses and doctoral dissertations, award prize money, and support their publication

Field Research Support Program

- * Provides graduate students who are studying Asia-related topics with an opportunity to investigate, collect data, and conduct on-site interviews to identify major local issues and trends
- * A program that supports graduate students in master's and doctoral programs in writing Asia-related research papers through field research

Friends of Asia (FoA)

- * A program to support Asian students in conducting research related to Asia
- * Supports in-group seminars, Asian regional information search, issue paper preparation, cultural exploration

Support for SNUAC'S Research Clubs

- * FICS (Foundation of Intercultural Cooperation by Students)
 - Support social and academic exchanges and research seminars held by FICS of SNU and Tokyo University
 - Every year, FICS students spend a week in Seoul and a week in Tokyo in August and February for a session to discuss social problems of the two Countries
- * El-Naafidha
 - Established in 2008, El-Naafidha is an 11-years old social research club focusing on West Asia.
 - Pursue expanding Korea's regional research focusing West Asia through conducting comprehensive regional research covering West Asia and other area

Q&A

1. How can I collaborate with SNUAC as a researcher involved in Asian regional studies?

Currently, the International Exchange Department is promoting mutual interactions among researchers engaged in Asian studies through the visiting scholar program. Also, it provides opportunities to share research achievements through article submissions to Asia Review / Asia Regional Review Webzine <DiverseAsia> and promotes cooperation with not only individual researchers but also Asia-related research institutes through an organization called the Asian Regional Research Council.

- * Visiting scholar fellowship / Visiting scholar program: snuac_exch@snu.ac.kr
- * Asia Review: snuacjournal@snu.ac.kr
- * Asia Regional Review Webzine <DiverseAsia>: acasiareview@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/DiverseAsia
- * Asian Regional Research Council: snuac_core@snu.ac.kr

2. Through which channel can I obtain data related to Asia?

The foundation for data archiving in Asian research began to be strengthened after the Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA) was transferred to SNUAC in 2015. The “Asia Regional Information Center” was launched based on KOSSDA’s data archiving technology in 2018, and we aim to build a portal system that will enable users to search for data about Asian regions.

- * Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA): <http://kossda.snu.ac.kr>
- * Asia Regional Information Center: jwhuh@snu.ac.kr

3. How can graduate students (master's and doctoral program students) participate in the academic events of the SNUAC?

The SNUAC is oriented toward a methodological framework of “Asian studies combining regional and thematic research.” Under this research framework, various seminars, colloquiums, and special lectures are offered. Besides, researchers are aided through programs such as the support program for doctoral dissertation writing, which supports graduate students researching topics related to Asia, master's thesis, and doctoral dissertation awards, as well as the field research support program. In addition, you can learn about academic events and reviews through various publicity channels of the SNUAC.

- * Questions about academic events: Academic research department (snuac_research@snu.ac.kr)
- * Questions about the support program for doctoral dissertation writing, master's thesis, and doctoral dissertation awards, and the field research support program: Human resource development department (snuacedu@snu.ac.kr)
- * Announcements of academic events

SNUAC website: <http://snuac.snu.ac.kr>

SNUAC facebook page: www.facebook.com/snuac

Online newsletter: <http://snuacnews.snu.ac.kr>

SNUAC twitter account: @snuac

(Subscription for <SNUAC WEEKLY> and other news: <http://snuac.snu.ac.kr>)

4. What programs of the Asia Center can undergraduate students participate in?

The Human Resource Development Department of the Asia Center supports research internship programs and social activities to foster future experts in Asian research. Also, the community activities of international students are supported through the Friends of Asia (FoA) exchange program on the Seoul National University campus for international students from across Asia.

- * Questions about the research internship program, social activities, and FoA: snuacedu@snu.ac.kr



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