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**Cover Picture**

The inhabitants of Sulawesi, an island located at the Southern Inland of Indonesia, are known as Toraja. These indigenous people confront death as if it was a festival, as they believe in life after death. The funeral ritual called, *rambu solo* is intriguing since for them, death means, not an end but a prolongation of life. They spend more money on dying than on living. Graves built in the middle of a rock cliff and life-size wooden dolls (*tau tau*) that resemble the deceased seem to welcome the visit of the living.

*Picture: Prof. Yeonsik Jung (Dept. of Int'l Relations, Chang Won Nat’l Univ.)*
Vision

Seoul National University Asia Center (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.
The SNUAC Annual Report is published to highlight and summarize the major research outcomes and academic events in 2014. Since its establishment in 2009, SNUAC has been working towards setting a cornerstone for Asian Studies at Seoul National University. The past six years have been quite a journey to make selective decisions on where to put our focus for the future of our research center.

Since knowledge production must meet the different societal demands and needs of the time, SNUAC is heading towards a new horizon of Asia research. Especially in comparison with the US, the UK, and Japan, SNUAC’s goal is to propose new contents and perspectives on Asia research. Korea has long been a hot topic in US centric Post Cold War studies and European Asia research started with Imperialism. However, Korea’s own knowledge production in the field of Asian Studies has been limited.

For this reason, I have been searching for an answer to the dilemma of how to incorporate Korean Studies into Asia research and Asia research into Korean studies. At SNUAC, we propose an epistemological framework to answer this question. By extending Korean Studies to Asia research and overlapping Asia research with Korean Studies, we attempt to find a new direction for knowledge production. In an effort to extend Korean Studies, individual researchers in the humanities and social sciences need to branch out their study of the Korean people and Korean society to create new research areas in Asian Studies.

Additionally, in terms of overlapping Asia research, researchers who specialize in Asian regional studies must consider the changing dynamics of the world order so that their horizon of research would eventually expand.

During the year, SNUAC put considerable effort into applying this framework of an overlapping and extended approach to its research and network. Through reinforcing international exchanges with leading research institutions and researchers, our network has expanded to a global scale. Major highlights of the achievements include an increase in research projects, sources of funding, and academic events and special programs. Through this outcome, we are providing more opportunities to share knowledge while moving forward toward the welcoming of the Asia era. This is the result of the hard work of each and every member of SNUAC, and, as an end product, this annual report summarizes the projects and achievements that took place in 2014. Building on this report, we now look forward to planning for the next changes and developments that would guide us to becoming a leading research center specializing in Asia research.

March 2015

Director, SNUAC
Based on regional and thematic research, SNUAC aims to become a global, integrated research center that combines academic research, international exchange, and human resource development. In 2014, the Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies was newly designated as a regional center and its Transnational Asia Program was launched as a thematic research program. SNUAC plans to focus on research themes such as Asian capitalism, the Asian family, the Cold War in Asia, and other current issues related to Asia.

### Thematic Clusters

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In 2014, SNUAC achieved substantial growth in research programs, international exchanges, and partnerships. Through diverse programs related to Asian Studies, SNUAC promotes knowledge-based academic exchanges to meet the needs of the new era for Asia. At the same time, we run programs to support next-generation scholars, including an outstanding dissertation award, an internship program, and a graduate student forum.

## SNUAC in 2014

### Expansion of Global Network

#### Asia Research Directors Conference

In terms of international exchange, a major event was the Asia Research Directors Conference. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, SNUAC hosted an international conference titled "New Horizon of Asia Studies," Mar. 20–21, 2014. It was the first time ever to convene 20 major leading Asia research institute directors from around the world. The meeting was intended for cutting-edge Asia research experts to share their experiences and new trends in Asian Studies in order to seek a new pathway for further development of the field. The meeting promoted 20 major institutions in Asian Studies to understand each other, exchanging views and ideas on critical issues the field of Asian Studies is facing at the moment.

#### World-Class Scholars Visit

Globally-acknowledged scholars visited SNUAC throughout 2014 to share their thoughts and ideas on Asia. Prof. Prasenjit Duara (Natl Univ. of Singapore) delivered the keynote speech at the Asia Research Directors Conference in March. His speech was published in SNUAC’s scholarly journal, Asia Review. In addition, he participated in a graduate student forum in January 2015, where he gave a talk about his new book, *The Crisis of Global Modernity*, for next generation scholars, who gathered from all over Korea. In addition, distinguished scholars in many different fields visited SNUAC to give special lectures, including Prof. Lorence Grossberg (American Cultural Studies), Prof. Bruce Cummings (Cold War Studies), Prof. Hunik Kwon (Cambridge Univ. Distinguished Professor), Prof. Shi Zhi-Rin (Chinese Modern Philosophy), and Prof. Mike Featherstone (editor of *Theory, Culture and Society*). SNUAC strengthened its global research network with these vibrant scholarly exchanges.

### International Network in Education and Research

The e-School Program at SNUAC has contributed to the building of a global education network. In the last four years, we have offered thirty-seven courses to thirteen universities in eight countries across Asia and Europe. In 2014, sixteen SNU faculty members offered thirteen courses for credit to both undergraduate and graduate students in world-class universities in Asia and Europe. The universities we worked together with in 2014 included Peking Univ. and Tsinghua Univ. (China), Nat’l Research Univ. Higher School of Economics (Russia), Eberhard Karls Universitaet Tübingen and Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Université Paris Diderot and Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (France), Univ. of Social Sciences and Humanities VNU-Hanoi (Vietnam), and Univ. of Western Australia (Australia). In addition, the Overseas Student Invitation Program invited thirty-five students from four major universities in Russia, China, and Vietnam, and provided them with an opportunity to experience Korean history, culture, and society during their stay. SNUAC will continue this type of socio-cultural exchange program so that a greater number of students can join the global academic exchange.
SNUAC actively engaged in international exchange with global research institutes as well as universities around the world in 2014. To strengthen its global network, SNUAC joined a global research network, InterAsian Connections, and will host the InterAsian Connections V: Seoul Conference in April 2016. In addition, we joined another international Asia research network, ICAS (International Convention of Asia Scholars), and will participate in the ICAS International Council from 2015.

**Year of Institutionalization and Stabilization**

**Research Capacity Building**

SNUAC is putting effort into enhancing its research capacity by exploring a new research agenda that is highly academic and that has scholastic significance. In order to build our world-class research capacity, we have strategically selected the Asian family, Asian capitalism, and transnational Asia as major research themes for the coming years. The research topics we selected have great potential to contribute to the accumulation of knowledge at the global level. With the start of these targeted research projects, we will continue to build a sustainable research community to realize our vision of becoming a global hub of knowledge production.

**Gaining Support for Stable Research**

We were very successful in securing new research funds throughout 2014. SNUAC received institutional and financial support from the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) for six research projects. SNUAC was selected as NRF’s Key Research Institute in 2010 and has been supported since then. In addition, the Research Project for Emerging Economies entered its second stage in 2014. Also, during the second half of 2014, SNUAC was selected for the Foundational Research Project and the Global Research Network Program. The two Social Sciences Korea research groups also successfully entered the second stage of their research projects in 2014.

**Research Outcomes**

In 2014, SNUAC strived to achieve research-based outcomes. For instance, the Southeast Asia Center, the Asia-Global Economic Order Program, and the US-China Relations Program published books on their research outcomes and achievements. Asia Review, SNUAC’s academic journal, continues to grow as a quality journal with the increase of contributors.

In addition, a number of highly qualified papers were published in respected academic journals. SNUAC added four new books to its book series, as well.

Aside from publications, SNUAC shares its research outcomes with the general public through Facebook and online newsletters. SNUAC started its online newsletters to reach out to the greater audience and to scholars who are interested in Asian Studies. Lastly, in an effort to popularize Asian Studies, SNUAC started the Asian Cultural Awareness Project in 2013, and we hosted Indonesian Week in November 2014.

**Nurturing Next-Generation Scholars**

SNUAC reorganized its next-generation scholarship program and newly started the SNUAC Outstanding Dissertation Award in 2014. It selects excellent doctoral dissertations in the field of Asian Studies and awards KRW 10,000,000 as a prize, including support to publish the dissertation as a book.

As part of nurturing next-generation Asian specialists, we offer an internship program that combines education and fieldwork. In 2014, twenty-five young people successfully completed the internship program. We will continue to redesign and create excellent academic programs for next-generation scholars in the coming years.
SNUAC is trying to combine thematic research having strategic significance with regional studies on Asia. With the increasing demand for region specific data from the economy, society, and academia, SNUAC has initiated the Asia Basic Research Program, which promotes research on critical issues facing Korea and nurtures Asia specialists.

The Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies and the Transnational Asia Program were newly started in 2014. SNUAC plans to extend its research agenda into Asian capitalism, the Asian family, and Cold War studies in the coming years.
The Northeast Asia Center (NEAC) introduces “Asia as Method” in order to enable highly contextualized and historicized understanding of Korea and her surrounding neighbors in the globalizing and globalized world. We focus on analyzing multilateral relations with big powers surrounding South Korea, North Korea, and the Korean peninsula, including the US, China, Japan, and Russia. Through such multifaceted analysis, we are conducting research to explore viable ways to maintain peace and security in the region. Views on East Asia need a balance between contesting perspectives: state-centric vs. border-peripheral; continental vs. ocean-centric. Our research covers diverse issues such as the Asian Cold War, Post-Cold War, Northeast Asia (NEA) cooperation, the Asian community, China-Taiwan relations, North-South relations, cultural heritage research, regional governance (the Asian International Organization and Research Cooperation Project), and East Asian minorities and subaltern studies.

Instead, discussing the multilevel complexity of the Cold War in Europe and East Asia. The wide range of topics discussed included the notion and space of the Cold War, issues related to occupation, division, peace, security, borders, cultural events, territory and citizenship.

During the following year, in February 2015, the Korean Cold War Studies Association hosted a conference, titled “Cold War Studies and Korea: Critical Perspectives and New Vision,” at SNUAC. Participants included Bruce Cummings (Univ. of Chicago), Korean historians, and Cultural Cold War researchers. Prof. Cummings confirmed that South Korea is the world-historical center of the Cold War and several papers were presented at sessions of “Changes in Cold War Studies,” “Global Cold War and Korean Division,” “Everyday Lives and Cultural Forms.” Presenters and panelists founded the Korean Cold War Studies Association in order to conduct more systematic Cold War research. NEAC agreed to take a leading role and participating researchers in anthropology, cultural studies, literature, Korean history, Western history, international politics, sociology, and other scholars in political science reached a consensus to collectively discuss the Cold War in the global and East Asian context. Inauguration of the conference is expected to become a turning point in Korean Cold War research since it discusses the multilevel complexity of the Cold War on a global scale for the first time.

In addition, an international conference, titled “Subalterns and Social...
Exclusion: The Japanese Empire and Colonial Taiwan and Korea," was held at SNUAC in November 2014. Many scholars from Korea, Taiwan, and Japan discussed topics in knowledge and institution for exclusion, psychosis and Hansen's disease, subalterm's working conditions and space, creation of urban poverty and minority, deviance and religion, and the family system and social exclusion. There was a discussion on research methods as well. At this conference, regional differences were found in the formation and management of subalterm groups in Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. In particular, regional differences were evident in terms of historical context and degree of institutional isomorphism.

More importantly, through this conference, SNUAC signed an MOU with Academia Sinica (中央研究院)’s Institute of Taiwan History and plans to co-author a book, which will be published in Korea and Taiwan in 2015 (Chinese and Korean language). Currently, NEAC is writing a one-hundred year history of minority research in Sorok Island, while it continues to expand its collaboration with domestic and international institutions to secure research funds.

Network

At the Northeast Asia Center (NEAC), workshops and colloquiums on NEA regional research are promoted for exchanges and networking between scholars. For instance, Chinese liberalist scholar Xu Jilin (许纪霖) from East China Normal Univ. (华东 师范大学) was invited for a colloquium, titled "Trend of Contemporary Chinese Sociopolitical Ideology." This colloquium examined the ideological framework of recent changes in contemporary Chinese politics, analyzing the historical trend of Chinese sociopolitical ideology. In September 2014, Prof. Tsuchiya Yuka ( Faculty of Law & Letters, Ehime Univ.), a leading-cultural Cold War researcher in Japan, was invited to discuss the Northeast Asian horizon of the cultural Cold War in Japan and the possibility for future research collaboration. Additionally, Assistant Prof. Dr. David Shim (Dept. of International Relations, Univ. of Groningen, the Netherlands) was invited for a colloquium, titled "Visual Politics & North Korea: Seeing is Believing." He specializes in international relations theory, visual culture studies, and critical geopolitics. At SNUAC, he shared the current state of Korean Studies in Europe and exchanged thoughts on future collaboration options.

In February 2015, SNUAC held a photo exhibition at NEAC on Hansen's disease ex-patients, where photographer Chul Kwon's highly-acclaimed documentary photos on the Hansen's disease ex-patients were displayed. This exhibition and the following colloquium were meaningful in terms of sharing outcomes of recent research, legislation, and cultural movement on Hansen's disease. It was co-hosted by Korean Association of Human Rights Attorney Concerning Hansen's Disease Ex-patients. The participants promoted civil society networking and compared the current status of Hansen's disease human rights movement in Japan and Taiwan. Through comparative research on human rights movements in Asia, we aim to produce richer and more in-depth views on Asian society.

Publications

Minhwan Kim(2014). Border Island and Memories of Artillery Wars: Cold War and Post Cold War in Kinmen, Taiwan under the Dialectics of Disconnection and Mobility. Society and History, Vol. 104
History Education in the Secondary School in Taiwan: Concerning over China-Japan War in 1944. History Critique(2015)

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Consumer Culture of Maritime Southeast Asia / Development and Environmental Cooperation in the Mekong River Basin

Research

SEAC’s research consists of two strands, the Research Team for Emerging Economies (EERT), focusing on the maritime Southeast Asia region, and the Asia Basic Research Program, focusing on the continental Southeast Asian region (Mekong Team). The EERT is conducting research mainly in Indonesia and Malaysia, which are two nations showing high growth potential. During the past two years, the EERT has been conducting research on Korean enterprises operating in Indonesia and Malaysia that have achieved successful localization. The goal of the first stage of the EERT’s research was to develop successful localization strategies for Korean enterprises, while the second stage concentrated on the consumer culture and logistics of the consumption industry. Based on a qualitative research approach, the EERT tries to study distinct consumption trends, consumer behavior, and consumer culture. The Mekong Team reached the second year of “Water Governance and Sustainable Development Cooperation in the Mekong River Basin,” internally supported by SNUAC. Since November 2013, the Mekong Team has successfully built a joint research project, funded by the National Research Foundation. Detailed information on SEAC’s current research can be found on the following website: (seacenter.snu.ac.kr).

Academic Activities

SEAC’s networking activities consist of research seminars, invited talks, colloquiums, and international conferences. During the second half of 2014, the Research Team for Emerging Economies (EERT) hosted a research seminar at SNUAC once every two weeks, with the new research theme, titled “Studies of Consumer Culture and Consumer Strategy in Malaysia and Indonesia.” This seminar mainly discussed qualitative research methods for consumer research, focusing on marketing ethnography methods. SEAC plans to continue hosting seminars related to the Indonesian and Malaysian consumer market.

As part of the EERT research on Indonesia and Malaysia, SEAC hosted an academic event called “Asian Cultural Awareness Project (ACAP): Indonesia.” During this event, a symposium on Indonesia, titled “Discovering Indonesian Culture,” was held and five experts discussed socio-cultural features of Indonesia.

The EERT hosted “Presentation of Case Study of Korean Enterprises in Indonesia & Malaysia” on Apr. 4, 2014, which was sponsored by the ASEAN-Korea Centre. SEAC invited the general public and entrepreneurs. An Indonesia regional seminar was held May. 22 ~ 23, 2014. This seminar invited eight experts in Indonesian Studies. Thirty individuals from Korean corporations, SMEs, and the film industry- attended the seminar. Additionally, SEAC periodically publishes issue papers and policy reports on localization strategies.
for the success of overseas Korean enterprises. The list of issue papers is as follows:
- Status of Personnel Management in Malaysian Company (Vol. 9)
- Status of Higher Education in Malaysia (Vol. 6)
- ASEAN Connectivity Project and Marine Logistics Linkage (Vol. 7)
- Indonesian Forest Resources and Forest Cooperation between Korea-Indonesia (Vol. 8)

In the case of the policy report, the Vol. 2 report is titled, "Status and Outlook of ASEAN Community: Three Pillars Approach on Political Security, Economy, and Socio-cultural Community 2015." These publications are distributed to major government agencies and domestic and international corporations and they are available to the public on the SEAC website.

The Mekong Team hosted domestic and international conferences. Jointly with the Korean Association for Environmental Sociology, SEAC organized a conference with the theme "Energy Democracy and Sustainable Development in the Mekong River Basin," held on Apr. 18, 2014. A total of eleven papers were presented; three were research on the Mekong River Basin. Fifty domestic and international environmental policy experts and environmental researchers participated.

The largest academic event in 2014 was the international conference titled "Rethinking the Sustainability of the Mekong: A Critical Understanding of the Roles of Mega-development and ODA," held Dec. 4–5th. The organizing committee members included SNU SEAC, the Hanshin Univ. Center for Regional Development, the Korea Environment Institute, and the Korean Association of Space and Environment Research. There were thirteen presenters and panelists and a total of seventy domestic and international researchers attended. The significance of this conference was that it utilized the domestic and international network of SEAC, which was gradually built over two years.

**Network**

SEAC is focused on networking with scholars, universities, and research centers related to research topics that the Research Team for Emerging Economies and the Mekong Research Team are currently working on. In an attempt to facilitate project links, SEAC signed an MOU with the institutions listed below.

![Image of people at an event]

**Below is the list of invited talks at SNUAC in 2014, which were intended to build a mutual network with visiting researchers.**

Unity in Diversity: The Hope and the Struggle of Opposite in Pluralistic Societies, Malaysia as a Mirror | Shamsul Ab. (UKM KITAS)(2014. 5. 13)

Benefit Sharing in the Mekong River Basin | Seungho Lee (Korea Univ.) (2014. 5. 8)

Islamic Finance in Malaysia: Politics and Policy Making | Jikon Lai(The Univ. of Melbourne), Daechang Kang(KIEP)(2014. 6. 16)

Social Fluctuation and the Middle Class Consumering Culture in Korea | Eunyoung Nam(SNUAC)(2014. 10. 16)

Legal System and Corporate Legislative Trends in Transition Countries of Southeast Asia | Joonpyo Lee (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies)(2014. 10. 16)

Anthropological Approach on Mekong Border Riverscape | Jaikir Sangharamanee(Chulalongkorn Univ. Thailand)(2015. 1. 14)

**Publications**


**People**

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Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies

Rise of China / Data Archiving on Traditional Living Culture of Central Asian Korean Diaspora (Koryo-saram)

Research

The Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies (CECAS) was launched as a new regional research center at SNUAC in March 2014. The research focus of CECAS is not limited to regional research on Central Asia (CA), but includes extensive research on CA’s inter-regional linkage with surrounding nations in an effort to meet the greater vision of SNUAC: becoming a global hub of comprehensive research by integrating regional and thematic research. The main study area starts with five nations: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan, more extensively, including Mongolia, the Xinjiang Uyghur Region of China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the Northern regions of India.

Due to its geopolitical and geo-economic significance, this region has always functioned as a major transportation hub connecting the East and the West of the continent, and served as a passage to economic and cultural exchanges between Asia and Europe. Hence, this region has been strategically important for politics in Chinese, Nomadic, and Western Asian Empires throughout history. Moreover, in terms of modern history, it was a focus of “the Great Game” between Czarist Russia and the British Empire. Known since the Soviet era for its rich mineral resources, today Central Asia has become an arena where various state actors and transnational capitals interact and compete for energy, drawing rising attention from all over the world, including Korea.

CECAS is conducting detailed analysis and professional research on the CA region in order to meet the increasing domestic and international demand for information and knowledge on it. CECAS aims to establish channels for networking and exchange so that the research capacity will grow more systematically. CECAS’s greater goal is to contribute to SNUAC’s becoming a research hub for Asian Studies. Underlying this goal of focusing on CA regional studies, CECAS’s research topic in 2014 was “The Rise of China and the Response of Central Asia.” We examined the relationship between global superpower China and Central Asian nations which are affected by the Chinese hegemony in the region.

Since the Chinese economic reform, the past decade has been a heyday of growth in Chinese hard power in terms of economics, politics, diplomacy, and the military. These changes and growth have been at the center of global attention, as they have had a tremendous impact on neighboring nations and on Central Asia, specifically. For this reason, during 2014, CECAS continued various researches, colloquiaiums, guest speaker lectures, workshops, and conferences under the previously defined research topic “The Rise of China and the Response of Central Asia.” The purpose was to study and analyze China-Central Asia relations from multiple perspectives, especially with respect to politics, economics, sociology, and history.

CECAS is also paying attention to Central Asia-Korea relations because the CA region is known for being the habitation of numerous Koreans (Koryo-saram), who were forced to leave the Russian Far East in 1937. Due to the presence of Koryo-saram, this region has maintained close historical ties with Korea. CECAS has been examining the historical significance of the Koreans in the Central Asian region by gathering various data on “Traditional Living Culture of Koreans in Central Asia.” This research is one of the foundational research projects organized by the National Research
Foundation of Korea (NRF); as a result, CECAS has received relevant research funding for further study. The primary goal of the project is to expand and improve the research on the Koryo-saram in Korea and to extend it beyond to the greater world. It classifies the fundamental data on the traditional living culture of Koreans who are inhabitants of Central Asia. The next step in the research is to create a database of these inhabitants and finally to create a catalog of the obtained data.

CECAS plans to collect data on the traditional living culture of the Koryo-saram by gathering books, documents, interviews and records from the major habitations in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. These data will be classified and categorized in Korea as an electronic database, which will be sent to NRF Korea. Additionally, CECAS will publish a series of six books (three basic sourcebooks and three academic works) on Central Asian Koreans (Koryo-saram)’ traditional culture.

According to this research plan, the first stage of the project is scheduled to take place between Sep. 1, 2014 and Aug. 31, 2015 and the main focus will be on collecting survey data on the traditional living culture of Koreans in Kazakhstan. The fieldwork was conducted from Jan. 13 to Feb. 11, 2015. A total of nine individuals participated in the fieldwork, as follows: research director, Jeongwon Kang; researchers, Kayoung Ko and Hyungho Jeong; research fellows, Seungjo Yang and Yeongho Nam, and four research assistants. The research and data collection were conducted in the cities of Almaty, Karaganda, and Kyzylorda.

Throughout the fieldwork, the researchers found traces of Koreans in Kazakhstan while visiting rural areas near major cities like Tretiy Int'l and Ushtobe. Data collection continued at new cities like Astana, and former Soviet Union prison camps ALZHIR (Akmola Camp for traitors’ wives), and Karlag (Karaganda Corrective Labor Camp). The CECAS research group plans to complete the data classification and analysis, then finish compiling the information into a database by Aug. 31, 2015.

**Network**

CECAS’s networking efforts include co-hosting a conference with the Korean Society of Eurasian Studies in 2014 in Vladivostok, Russia. It was an international conference and CECAS participated with independent panelist. Furthermore, CECAS signed an MOU in November with the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS), an organization affiliated with Far Eastern Federal Univ. in Vladivostok. The purpose was to facilitate a collaborative partnership with the overseas research institution.

**Academic Activities**

During 2014, CECAS hosted various academic events, including guest speaker lectures, colloquia, conferences, and workshops. Guest experts were invited to give lectures on the following topics: “Three Elements of Central Asian History: Environment, Nation, Religion” (Pyungrae Lee) and “The Crisis around Ukraine” (Gleb A. Ivashentsov). There were three sessions of colloquia on the subject “The Rise of China and the Response of Central Asia.” A domestic conference was jointly held with the Korean Society of Eurasian Studies on Nov. 21, 2014. This conference provided an opportunity for research team members to share their concerns on the current research topic and to present the achievements of their latest academic activities. In October 2014, CECAS formed an independent panel to attend an international conference in Vladivostok, Russia. The title of the conference was “Eurasia Initiative and Korean-Russian Cooperation: In Search of Cross-border Cooperation and Peacebuilding in East Asia.” The list of participants is as follows: Beomshik Shin, Taeyon Kim and Kayoung Ko. Overall, the members of CECAS hosted various workshops to work on internal research capacity-building: 1) Special Lecture: Current Situation of Central Asia (two sessions), 2) Workshop: Meeting for Reading (six sessions), 3) Seminar: Koreans in Kazakhstan (one session).

**Publications**

Kayoung Ko (2014). What to Expect out of the Chinese Migration into Kazakhstan?. Journal of Western History, No. 33


Seungjo Yang (2014). Imperial Russian Expansion into Central Asia and Changes in Russia’s Attitude towards Islam. Asia Review, Vol. 4, No. 1

**People**

**Director:** Beomshik Shin (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU)

**Research Director of Basic Research Program (NRF):** Jeongwon Kang (Dept. of Anthropology, SNU)

**Researcher:** Myungkoo Kang (Dept. of Communication, SNUAC), Kayoung Ko (SNUAC), Hyungho Jeong (Chonbuk Nat’l Intangible Cultural Institute, Chonbuk Nat’l Univ.)

**Research Fellow:** Taeyeon Kim (SNUAC), Youngho Nam (SNUAC), Seungjo Yang (SNUAC)
The Popular Culture Program (PCP) focuses on the life, desire, value, and worldview of contemporary Asians, who perceive “culture is the summation of life.” For the initial three years, PCP selected “Dream and Undream of Korean and Japanese Youth” as the major research theme. In 2014, PCP was selected for the Global Research Network Program by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of Korea. The research was supported under the theme “A Comparative Research on East Asian Creative Generation - Focusing on Korea and China” and it will continue until 2017.

Research

PCP conducts research using various research methods such as big data analysis, quantitative surveys, and qualitative discourse analysis to understand the dream and undream of Asian youth. Continued from the previous year, in 2014, the analysis of big data and survey on the day-to-day SNS (i.e., Facebook) conversation of Asian youth continued. Comparative analysis on living conditions and realities of the youth generation (age 20 to 30) was conducted utilizing data from 1) the Korean and Japanese General Social Survey, 2) the Korea Labor & Income Panel Study, 3) the Education & Employment Panel Study, 4) the Welfare Panel Study, and 5) the Japanese Life Course Panel Survey for Youth. The research goal was to identify trends of interest and generational problems that contemporary youth are facing today.

Network

In an effort to expand the long-term research network and collaboration with domestic and international scholars, PCP started a joint research with Tsinghua University research team. The title of the joint research is “A Comparative Research on East Asian Creative Generation - Focusing on Korea and China,” and the joint research team in China is led by Prof. Jienbin Jin (School of Journalism and Communication, Tsinghua Univ.). Since December 2014, researchers from PCP have visited China for joint workshops, surveys, and analysis of the project that has been continued throughout 2015 as a joint project.

In addition, in January 2015, PCP researchers visited Tokyo to discuss research collaboration with Prof. Tomohiko Asano (Tokyo Gakugei Univ.), Prof. Ichiyobi Habuchi (Hirosaki Univ.), and Izumi Tsuji (Chuo Univ.), from the Japan Youth Study Group. The Japan Youth Study Group (http://jysg.jp/) is a research organization in which researchers from fourteen Japanese universities nationwide, including Sophia Univ., Hirosaki Univ., Tsukuba Univ., and Seitoku Univ., participate in research collaboration. In research collaboration with this organization, PCP agreed to share panel data on Korean and Japanese youth and plans to conduct qualitative analysis for workshops in the future. Moreover, Prof. Asano attended the 2013 East and Asia Chung Nyun Studies Workshop, which was hosted by PCP, as a panelist.

Academic Activities

PCP hosted various researches on “Youth Discourse in Korea, China, and Japan.” The detailed contents of research in 2014 are as follows:

1) Youth Writing Poetry, and the Sociology of the Heart, by Prof. Hongjung Kim
3) A Study of Youth Depression Using Big Data Analysis, by Prof. Joonhwan Lee
4) Youth Neo-conservatism Phenomenon in the Three Countries in Northeast Asia – A Focus on Korean Far-right Internet Communities, by Prof. Kyusup Hahn
5) Imaginaire, Traditions et Postmodernité Dans le Monde Est-asiatique, by Prof. Patrick Tacussel (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Montpellier III Paul Valéry, France)
6) Chinese Youth Generation’s Anxiety and Poverty: A Focus on New Generation of Nongmingong (農民工, migrant workers), by Prof. Munyoung Cho (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology, Yonsei Univ.)
7) Political Usefulness of Generation, Code Conversion of ‘Generationalization = Social Problems’, by Prof. Sangchun Chun (Dept. of Sociology, Sungai Univ.)
8) The Front Line of Wandering Youth: A Passion for ‘Mediocrity’, by Dr. Sunam Joung (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)

Additionally, in the beginning of 2015, PCP will host a workshop series on East Asian creative youth, to provide an opportunity to share an in-depth discussion about the realities of contemporary youth in East Asia, including their dreams, distress, lives, and work.

People

Director: Hongjung Kim (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)
Researcher: Myungkoo Kang (Dept. of Communication, SNU), Joonhwan Lee (Dept. of Communication, SNU), Kyusup Hahn (Dept. of Communication, SNU), Sedikho Kim (Dept. of Sociology, SNU), Yunejong Lee (SNUAC), Hyesun Shin (SNUAC)
The Program on US-China Relations (PUCR) focuses on scholarly and policy-relevant research on the most important bilateral relationship in the world, namely America's relations with China. PUCR seeks to establish extensive academic and policy-related networks, both domestically and overseas. For this goal, PUCR holds monthly seminars, roundtables, domestic and international workshops, and policy dialogues, as well as conducting research on a wide range of topics related to Sino-American relations. The research theme for 2015 is "Decoding Perceptions between Hegemonic and Challenger States: Comparing the 19th and 21st Centuries."

Research

PUCR takes academic research seriously and, from that, seeks to derive policy-relevant implications. In 2013-2014, PUCR's flagship research project focused on "Assessing the Research on US-China Relations" and the findings were published as an edited volume: Jae-Ho Chung (ed.), Mijung gwangye yonguron (On Studies of US-China Relations) (Seoul: Seoul National University Press, 2014). The flagship research topic for 2014-2016 concerns "Decoding Perceptions between Hegemonic and Challenger States: Comparing the 19th and 21st Centuries." In this project, four scholars compare the UK-US power transition of the 19-20th century with the possible power transition between the US and China in the 21st century.

Network

PUCR's networking efforts include the following three areas, in the main. First, holding monthly seminars on various issues pertaining to US-China relations – a total of nine seminars were held in 2014, with speakers from four Korean and four foreign institutions. Second, as in 2013, PUCR held its second policy dialogue on US-China relations with the Policy Alternative Research Institute (PARI) of the Univ. of Tokyo in November. Third, two international workshops and conferences were jointly held: a conference on "Assessing China's Power" with the Asian Institute for Policy Studies (April) and a workshop on "Local Governance in China and the US" with the Asian Network for the Study of Local China (May).

Academic Activities

PUCR's flagship research project for 2014-2016 is "Decoding Perceptions between Hegemonic and Challenger States: Comparing the 19th and 21st Centuries." The detailed contents of this project are as follows:

1) (Mis)Perceptions between Britain and America in the late 19th century: Implications for US-China Relations of the 21st Century, by Prof. Doohwan Ahn (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, SNU)
2) The Transition of Financial Hegemony between Britain and the US: The Case of the 20th Century, by Prof. Jonghee Park (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, SNU)
3) Perceptions between the US and China: Public Views of the 21st Century, by Prof. Jae-Ho Chung (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, SNU)
4) Perceptions of Norms and Values between the US and China: The 21st Century, by Prof. Hunjoon Kim (Dept. of Political Science, Korea Univ.)

The findings will be published as an edited volume by Seoul National University Press Asia Research Series in late 2015.

List of PUCR Monthly Seminars (2014)

Assessing China's Military Power | Andrew Erickson (Naval War College) (2014. 4. 1)
US-China Relations Viewed from Taiwan | Tse-kang Leng (Academia Sinica) (2014. 5. 1)
History of Northeast Asia and the Future of US-China Relations | John Delury (GSIS, Yonsei Univ.) (2014. 6. 3)
China's Strategic Rivalry with the U.S. in Southeast Asia | Li Mingjiang (Nanyang Technological Univ.) (2014. 9. 15)
US-China Relations under Myung-bak Lee | Taehyo Kim (Sungkyunkwan Univ.) (2014. 11. 3)
The Clash of Norms between the US and China in the 21st century | Hunjoon Kim (Korea Univ.) (2014. 12. 2)

Program on US-China Relations

Significance of Decoding Perceptions between Hegemonic and Challenger States

Publications


People

Director: Jae-Ho Chung (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU)

Research Fellows: Doohwan Ahn (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU), Hunjoon Kim (Korea Univ.), Jonghee Park (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU)
The Democracy and Economic Development Program (DEDP) conducts research on democracy and development in Asia, recognizing diversity within the Asia region and focusing on Korean implications. DEDP’s goal is to conduct theoretical and practical research on sustainable democracy and economic development in Asia and, at the same time, to provide opportunities for related education and international academic exchange.

**Research**

DEDP’s three-year research program focuses on the hybridity of cooperatives and social economy in East Asia. During the second year of the research, in 2014, DEDP conducted a comparative analysis on social economy in Korea, China, and Japan. The purpose of the research was to map social economy organizations of the three Northeast Asian countries based on an in-depth analysis of relevant social economy institutions of the three countries.

DEDP plans to expand and develop the current research in the third year, focusing on the “process or movement” aspect of social economy-related institutions and investigating "norms and functional characteristics" embedded in individual cases including leadership or social entrepreneurship, which goes beyond the previous two years focus on the "organizational and institutional aspects" and "environmental and macroscopic aspects."

**Network**

Highlights of DEDP’s domestic and international networking activities are as follows:

1) DEDP hosted a guest lecture in 2013, inviting Dr. Peter Utting from the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), one of the largest UN research institutions, known for specializing in social economy research

2) Researchers from DEDP presented their research outcomes at the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Montreal, in 2014

3) Through the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), DEDP plans to create a database on successful cases of global cooperative alliances and share the information on the DEDP webpage

Details on the domestic networking efforts are as follows:

1) Information and seminar exchanges on domestic case studies with iCoop Co-operative Institute (iCOOP)

2) Collaboration with the Seoul Social Economy Center during the DEDP open seminar and Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) presentation session in August 2014

Furthermore, in terms of academic research activities, there were five types of academic events: academic lectures, colloquiums, domestic and international workshops, special seminars, and regular seminars. As for academic lecture, Prof. Sekyun Kim gave a lecture, titled “Alternative College as a Cooperative Movement.” In addition, a colloquium series was organized with Prof. Hunjoon Kim from Korea Univ. and Dr. Suk-Ki Kong from SNUAC. In April 2014, a workshop was held at Wonju under the title “Social Economy in East Asia.” In January 2015, at Busan, Prof. Miura Hiroki gave a presentation and discussed mapping of the social economy in Korea, China, and Japan. Lastly, regular seminars were held once or twice every month.

Moreover, as part of the National Research Foundation (NRF) of Korea’s general joint research project (Year 2: 2014, 9. 1-2015. 8. 31, funding confirmed), the DEDP will continue conducting in-depth study on cooperatives and social economy. The interdisciplinary research outcomes on the political economy of cooperatives will be presented at the 40th Anniversary Conference of SNU College of Social Sciences and the Korean Political Science Association’s World Congress on Korean Politics and Society. It will be published by the SNU Press as *Political Economy of Cooperatives: Interdisciplinary Studies on the Hybridity of Cooperatives* (working title), during the first half of 2016, at the latest.

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**Publications**


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**People**

**Director:** Euiyoung Kim (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU)

**Researcher:** Tohkyeong Ahn (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU)

Shinkap Han (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)

Heonik Kwon (Dept. of Anthropology, SNU)

Hiroki Miura (Institute of Political Studies, SNU)
The Civil Society and NGOs Program (CSP) researches how each civil society in Asia adapts and evolves according to the process of globalization. The focus of the study is to conduct comparative research on the various movements, regions, and strategies of civil societies. Currently, CSP conducts primary research on the following topics:

1) Mapping Korean civil society and database building,
2) Comparison of civil society movements in Korea, China, and Japan,
3) Research on the Asian civil societies’ efforts for international cooperation and alternative globalization. Furthermore, CSP’s long term goal is to provide proposals for education and policies.

Research

CSP’s 2014 research project focused on four major areas of research as follows:

1) Director, Hyun-Chin Lim and researcher, Suk-Ki Kong were in charge of the overall planning of the “Mapping Korean Civil Society Today” project and research on alternative globalization for civil societies
2) Researcher, Taekyoon Kim was responsible for the research project with the Civic Movement Communication Center, funded by the Prime Minister’s Office. Through this, CSP was able to create a network of domestic civil society researchers by developing “Korean NGOs Database” together. At the same time, Dr. Kong participated as a joint researcher in the SSK-NGO Research Group of Hanil Univ., and established a regional research network in Korea, starting from the end of 2014.

Network

For the last two years, CSP established its own research network and participated in various research projects. In relation to this, CSP made “Mapping Korean Civil Society” into a continual project, constructing a research consortium to do the research project with the Civic Movement Communication Center, funded by the Prime Minister’s Office. Through this, CSP was able to create a network of domestic civil society researchers by developing “Korean NGOs Database” together. At the same time, Dr. Kong participated as a joint researcher in the SSK-NGO Research Group of Hanil Univ., and established a regional research network in Korea, starting from the end of 2014.

Relatively speaking, there were fewer comparative research outcomes on the study of Korean, Chinese, and Japanese civil society movements, but the overall research collaboration among researchers was very active in 2014. Prof. Dai Nomiya, a research partner from Sophia Univ., Japan, presented in a joint session at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology in July 2014. However, it was difficult to hold a research exchange with Kinman Chan, a research partner from the Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, since he was the leader of democratization in Hong Kong. As an alternative, by visiting Hong Kong in January 2015 and interviewing the students, activists, and professors (including Prof. Chan) who had participated in the umbrella movement in Hong Kong, the research exchange could be held. The 3rd International Comparative Workshop on Civil Society Movements in Korea, China, and Japan will be held in Seoul in November 2015.

Academic Activities

In order to concentrate on Asia civil society research, CSP recruited more domestic researchers. The details of the academic activities are as follows:

1) Workshop on “Korea’s Labor Problems: the Limits and Reform Direction of Structural Solution,” by Myungjoon Park (Korea Labor Institute)
2) Workshop on “Trends and Challenges of Korean Development NGOs’ Development Partnership,” presented by Hyuksang Sohn (KyungHee Univ.) and Dr. Sunggyu Kim (Korean Int’l Cooperation Agency - SNUAC) from the Institute for Euro-African Studies, Hanyang Univ.). From 2015, Dr. Myungjoon Park and Sunggyu Kim will also participate as joint-researchers
3) Workshop on “The Evaluation of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) and Civil Society Participation in Development and Cooperation” with Joju Univ. in joint partnership with the SSK Research Project group. This project was one of the core research projects on civil society and societal economy that was held in November
4) Workshop on “Restructuring of the Village Community (Maeul)’”, by Sunggyun Kim (Sungkyul Univ)
5) Workshop on “The Changes of Korean Anti-Nuclear Movements and Challenges of Post-Nuclear Movements after Fukushima,” by Hyejeong Kim (Member of the Nuclear Safety and Security Commission)

Civil Society and NGOs Program

Navigating the Dynamics of Korean Civil Society through Mapping Korean Civil Society

Publications


People

Director: Hyun-Chin Lim (Dept. of Sociology, SNU Emeritus professor)

Researcher: Suk-Ki Kong (SNUAC), Taekyoon Kim (Graduate School of Int’l Studies SNU), Youngshin Jung (KyungHee Univ.), Myungjoon Park (Korea Labor Institute), Sunggyu Kim (Institute for Euro-African Studies. SNU), Ilpyo Hong (Korea Institute for the Future)
Asia-Global Economic Order Program

New Global Economic Order and International Crisis

Publications


Dukgeun Ahn · Jeongoon James Park(2014). A Study on Internal Trade between South/North Korea in the WTO System and Gaseung Industrial Complex. Review of International and Area Studies, Vol. 23, No. 4

People

Director: Jeeyeon Park (Dept. of Economics, SNU)
Researcher: Dukgeun Ahn (Graduate School of International Studies, SNU), Sokbae Lee (Dept. of Economics, SNU), Jihong Lee (Dept. of Economics, SNU)
Research Fellow: Minjung Kim (SNUAC)

The Asia-Global Economic Order (AGEO) program focuses on issues of international crises and risks resulting from the emergence of developing nations and the re-ordering of the world trading system. The AGEO program pursues interdisciplinary academic research in the field of international trade policy and the world trading system by combining independently existing relevant economic and legal studies. AGEO’s vision is to promote the program as a top regional think-tank in Asia, providing a pioneering interdisciplinary academic and research foundation for the study of international trade and suggesting an Asia-centric model to co-op with the changing global economic order.

Research

Based on the past two years’ research on the global trading system, AGEO will continue to carry out theoretical and empirical research, particularly focusing on Asia related trade issues, regional economic integration, and relevant theoretical models. For this purpose, the program was able to enhance its analytic capacity by appointing Prof. Sokbae Lee, internationally recognized scholar in econometrics. In September 2014, the program was able to successfully obtain second round entitlement for medium-sized support of the SSK Research Support Program by the Korea National Research Foundation. Also, Dr. Minjung Kim joined the program as a research fellow and is expected to strengthen the program’s research capacity and activity.

Network

The AGEO research fellows are trying to enhance the international research network by pursuing joint research, coauthoring, or/and giving academic advice. In 2014, each member participated in various seminars and conferences at home and abroad, presenting their papers or participating as discussants. Also, Prof. Jihong Lee stayed at Princeton Univ., serving as a long-term visiting fellow in the Dept. of Economics.

One astonishing achievement in terms of international networking was last May’s Dartmouth/SNU Workshop on International Trade Policy and Institutions, co-hosted with Dartmouth College. It was a very rare world class international conference, in which many renowned scholars participated and introduced their top-notch papers. In June, the program held another international seminar on international trade economics and theory under the title “SSK International Workshop on Asia and World Trade,” which invited several leading scholars from Korea, Japan, Australia, and other Asian countries. These international conferences not only provided opportunities for academic exchange with excellent scholars, but also contributed to introducing SNUAC and the AGEO program to global and regional academia.

Academic Activities

AGEO’s research methodology is to utilize general economic and legal theories and analytic approaches. Recently, the program has published four research papers in well-known domestic and international academic journals, three of which are SSCI journals. It also published a book titled Crisis and Risk Management of the World Trading System, largely written and edited by Prof. Dukgeun Ahn, Prof. Jeeyeon Park, and Prof. Jihong Lee as SNUAC Academic Book Series VI. The publication work was carried out not only by the program professors, but also by researchers and research assistants of the program, who all contributed to drafting the book and participated in the program’s research. Particularly, junior scholars and students had valuable learning opportunities throughout the process. Likewise, the program members will participate in another SNUAC special project, titled “Changing Global Economic Order for Asia’s Innovation and Creation,” which is planned to be published no later than the end of 2016.

In addition, the program has put effort into linking outcomes of academic research with policy demand. For instance, in October 2014, it issued a policy advisory report to the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Energy, analyzing distinctive features of the Chinese government’s subsidies and drawing implications for countervailing strategies under the multilateral regime. Such a government advisory project was helpful for intensifying the recognition that research outputs and other performance of the program, in specific, as well as of SNUAC, in general, have very important practical implications. AGEO will continue to expand these kinds of activities and case studies with a view to ultimately building up a generally applicable model for an Asia regional and global trading system.
The Asia Census Program (ACP) is trying to build a basic data archive as well as develop a comparative index and social survey on Asian countries. The basic data archive is to accumulate metadata on various quantitative and qualitative data materials across Asian countries and to provide open access to interested researchers through a data sharing network, which is going to be built in cooperation with other data archives in Asia. ACP is also developing various indices to help comparative studies as well as conducting meaningful social surveys on Asian countries.

Research

ACP has worked to build a basic data archive as well as develop an Asian social survey design. ACP is trying to collect multi-dimensional data at the individual, city, and country levels to build a large scale data archive on Asia. ACP is also developing a social survey program whose main target countries are China, Japan, and Korea in Northeast Asia, at the moment.

In 2014, ACP worked to formulate a blueprint for the Asian data archive by mapping metadata records found in different domains and sources and generating a set of tables and lists for reference. Data collection efforts were made particularly in gathering relational data that shows the flows and movements of many different factors among Asian countries. Based upon newly collected datasets, ACP has conducted a series of small-scale researches on important current issues including migration, social quality, creativity, the environment, and international networks in Asia.

ACP is planning to build and run an international social science data archive that specializes in collecting and providing Asia related data to the public. For this, ACP will join forces with the Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSDDA) and initiate the Asian Data Archive Consortium (ADAC) to link major social science data archives in Asian countries from 2015. Through the archive build-up process, ACP will gradually expand its education and research function. ACP has a vision that ADAC as a data sharing hub will facilitate advanced-level comparative studies among Asian countries by making it easy to share country and region specific data with Asian Studies scholars located in other parts of the world.

Network

As a first step to building an international data sharing network, ACP hosted the International Conference on Asian Social Survey and Data Sharing Mar. 7-8, 2014 at SNUAC. ACP invited social survey and data archive specialists representing major social science institutions in Asian countries to the conference and for two days more than ten participants from the Univ. of Tokyo (Japan), the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (China), Academia Sinica (Taiwan), King Prajadhipok’s Institute (Thailand), City Univ. of Hong Kong (Hong Kong), KOSSDA (Korea) shared the current status of Asian social survey and explored how to build a data sharing network. All participants agreed on the need for and importance of a data sharing network in Asia and the meeting established a foothold to discuss more about an Asian social science data sharing network in the coming years.

Academic Activities

In 2014, ACP also engaged in innovative and comparative research and organized international workshops, colloquiaums and seminars. On Jun. 17, ACP organized a joint international workshop titled “Exploring the Role of Informal Institutions for Economic Coordination in East Asia” together with Duisburg-Essen Univ. (Germany), and discussed the similarities and differences between Chinese (Guanyu) and Korean informal networks (Yongo). ACP organized another international workshop on social capital and social well-being with Senshu Univ. (Japan) on September 5 and agreed to the idea of expanding research collaboration in a social well-being survey program. In addition, ACP organized a series of colloquiums and seminars throughout the year, and mini-research outcomes on current issues in Asia were featured in the Chosun Daily as a series of special reports. A collection of mini-research outcomes will be published as a book in 2015.

Asia Census Program

Comparative Index and Social Survey on Asian Countries

Publications


People

Director: Jaeyeol Yee (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)
Researcher: Hyun-Chin Lim (SNU Emeritus professor), Cheongtag Kim (Dept. of Psychology SNU), Wonho Park (Dept. of Political Science and Int Relations SNU), Jongcheol Kim (SNUAC), Eunyoung Nam (SNUAC)
The Transnational Asia Program (TAP) is a new research team established in 2014, which aims to research the East Asian region, including Far East Russia, China’s three Northeastern provinces, the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago from the perspective of “movements and flows.” The research goal is to conduct comparative research on the cooperative exchange of various transnational units as well as the constituent units, and to analyze the complex situations and the major problems of various socio-demographic groups residing in East Asia.

Research

In TAP, individual researchers pursue their own research topics, but at the same time, they engage in cohesive research through theoretical discussion on “dialectics of movements, borders and transformation of East Asian migration.” Highlights of research topics include:

1) “Movements of East Asian Organizational Culture and the Role of Corporations: Case of Iris Ohyama”
2) “Dalian: Urban Space of Transnational Flow and Integration”
3) “Struggle of the Korean Middle-class for their Status Quo: Focusing on Parents of Dalian International School Students”
4) “Movements of the Chosunjok (Ethnic Koreans in China) and the Trans-local Urbanization of Yanbian Street-Garibong”
5) “The Construction of Transportation Infrastructure in Borders of North Korea, China and Russia and the Change of Transnational Movements and Flows”
7) “Movements and Flows of Korean Diaspora in North Korea-China-Russia borders”
8) “Changing Dynamics of Korea and Japan’s Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in China’s Three Northeastern Provinces”

Network

TAP invited other research teams and researchers to learn from their previous research and to seek future opportunities for collaboration. In particular, on Dec. 22, 2014, TAP held a joint workshop with the Institute of International Maritime Affairs Korea Maritime and Ocean University, Chonnam Nat’l Univ. BK21 Plus Project Team on Training Creative Talents for Global Diaspora, Kyung Hee Univ. Institute of Global Affairs and Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies Global Cultural Contents Research Center. Collectively, they discussed specific plans for future research. On May. 19, 2014, there was a joint workshop with related national researchers from the Incheon Development Institute, the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements and the Chungnam Development Institute.

Also, TAP established a network comprising a number of domestic and foreign researchers such as Prof. Heorjoo Jung (Yonsei Graduate School of Public Administration), Prof. Jungwoon Son (Dept. of Urban Economic Development, Univ. College, London), Prof. Jungyooun Lee (Division of Int’l Commerce, Pukyong Nat’l Univ.), Prof. Mike Douglass (Dept. of Sociology, Nat’l Univ. of Singapore), and Prof. Peng Chen (Dept. of Sociology, Jilin Univ.). This network put considerable effort into establishing a joint research base. Moreover, through the on-site field studies, TAP promoted in-depth research through hosting joint seminars or talks with researchers from onsite universities and research centers.

Academic Activities

In 2014, its first year of research, the TAP has focused on basic literature review and on-site investigation, and from 2015, it will start producing research outcomes. In order to have the research team gain a firm theoretical foothold, the program has held two seminars, first on The Routledge Handbook of Mobilities by Peter Adey, and second on As Borders Bend: Transnational Spaces on the Pacific Rim by Xiangming Chen.
Research

The ECP has a long-term vision of constructing a sustainable land management center for Asia which is globally-recognized. Regarding this vision, the basis for a spatio-environmental information system has been established to collect and manage Asia's environmental data issued from international organizations. Currently, the ECP plays an important role as a regional research hub for the ELD initiative led by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). With this endeavor, it could raise research funds and widen the international collaboration network. Particularly, this program supports field studies' direct or indirect purposes. The main sites are: Huainan, China (temperate region, mountains), Mongolia (dry region), the Korean Peninsula (temperate region), the North Korean Plateau (degraded region), and the Mekong River Basin (tropical region). Data gathered from the Asia spatial database for environmental data and case studies will enhance the understanding of complex interactions between the human and the surrounding nature by using a multi-agent system, and eventually become a supporting tool for land management decisions. For further academic and theoretical advancement, the "Complexity Analysis of Land System" research group and the "East-Asian Pungsu" research group have organized domestic/international workshops and conferences to find a shared perspective for environment cooperation in Asia.

Network

One of the strong achievements of the ECP was its involvement in hosting the UNCCD's 10th summit, the Changwan Initiative, and managing its follow-up research developments. Since the successful completion of the summit, the ECP has maintained a close network, collaborating with UNCCD, the ELD initiative, and other international organizations (World Bank, EU, CIAT, UNEP, etc.). Field studies have secured local research partners in Mongolia, Laos, and Huainan, China. The global research networking acted as a link to a broader research network among vast domestic and international government agencies, research institutes, and expert groups. In order to cope with the paradigm shift in land management, the ECP organizes and manages two groups: the "Complexity Approach for Land System" research group, mainly for young scholars, and the "East-Asian Feng Shui" research group, to construct an Asian perspective in land management.

Academic Activities

Major research outcomes are summarized as:
1) Constructing an Asia Spatial Database for Environmental Data
2) Assessing a Multi-agent System for Land Use Impact
3) Collecting Spatial Data for Five Case Study Regions (China, Mongolia, Laos, North Korea and South Korea)
4) Organizing a Research Group named "Complexity Approach of Land System"
5) East-Asia Pungsu Research

The ECP provided direct or indirect assistance to five graduate students in completing their MA theses based on regional case studies and organized six workshops and conferences. Currently, two books (Pungsu as Asia's Common Value: Used for Interdisciplinary Studies and Contemporary Application and Korean Pungsu: Present to Future) are awaiting publication.

Environment Cooperation Program (ECP)

Asia's Sustainable Regional Land Management

The ECP expects to build a new Asian perspective on the environment dealing with spatial heterogeneity, and to develop a decision-making system for sustainable land management. In the international research and collaboration network for Economics of Land Degradation (ELD), which uncovers effects of changing land use, the program organizes case studies in Asia. It also supports research on land system dynamics since the socio-ecological system is undergoing a new paradigm shift. Finally, this program investigates the idea of Pungsu to recapture the modern significance rooted in the traditional East-Asian philosophy.

People

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SNUAC has put its efforts into reinforcing its research capacity and academic contribution through active participation in externally supported research projects. As of 2014, SNUAC is receiving support for six research projects from the National Research Foundation. Above all, the Center was selected as the NRF’s Key Research Institute and has been conducting research since its establishment. The second stage of the research project has been in place since September 2013. The research project for emerging economies also entered the second stage, in which it gathered regional specific information for existing or new businesses in Southeast Asia.

In addition, during the second half of 2014, the Center was newly selected for a Foundational Research Project and Global Research Network Program. The two previous SSK project groups have advanced to the second stage of the project.
The Key Research Institute Program has undertaken various academic research activities over the past five years to discover possible economic and social cooperation and integration in East Asia and to act as a core program for specialized research. The NRF gave this honor to SNUAC in recognition of excellence for its research project, "Economic Cooperation and Integration in East Asia." The research team of the program consists of eight professors in the College of Social Science, SNU, and three researchers (Ph.D.)

During the first stage (2010-2012), the project suggested a new theoretical and methodological model highlighting the specialty of Asian Studies. The program also assiduously researched the feasibility of an East Asian economic community and its sustainable growth. Furthermore, it held various workshops, symposiums, special lectures and international conferences. The project published two books upon completion of the first three years of research, Building a Cooperative Community in East Asia Beyond Nationalistic Conflicts and New Currents of Popular Cultural Consumption in East Asia. In August 2013, the program completed its first stage and advanced to the second stage, "Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia."

In September 2013, the program, with Prof. Myungkoo Kang, the current director of SNUAC, as principal investigator, seven co-researchers, and three research fellows conducted research on cooperation among East Asian countries and the prospects for an East Asian community. This stage saw a broadening of the first stage research topics, expanding to include the possibilities of a social and cultural community in East Asia. The second stage consists of a first research team, which studies the possibility of an East Asian economic community and its paths for development, and a second research team, which studies the possibility of an East Asian social and cultural community and its paths for development.

The Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia organization aim to maximize the Key Research Institute. From 2014, the organization has been co-conducting workshops, seminars, and field surveys with SNUAC’s thematic research program, “Transnational Asia.” This cooperative study conducts an in-depth analysis of the economic, social, cultural, and political aspects of transnational cooperative exchanges and conflicts in East Asia. It aims to discover an order within the ideologies of a political economy and a joint development model that may be shared by the East Asian countries.

The Key Research Institute’s main research performance in 2014 is its SNUAC Series in Asian Studies, Vol. 8, Looking at the Rise of East Asia in Shandong (edited by Keunsik Jung and Hyesun Shin). China’s Shandong region, a mere border area in history, has been on the rise to become the center of the Yellow Sea. The book is based on results from an exploration of the region’s rise in importance, with a focus on its geopolitical, economic, and sociocultural factors. It consists of writings from eleven researchers, including Key Research Institute’s researchers Keunsik Jung, Soojin Park, and Hyesun Shin. All of the writings deal with the importance of the Shandong Peninsula and its relations with South Korea. They include interesting facts about the Shandong region, as well as specific theoretical backgrounds and vivid recollections of experiences during the exploration.

People / Contributors

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The goals of the SSK Research Project on East Asian Cities are to explain the East Asian city within the frame of “Cold War Developmental Urbanization” and ultimately to develop a new epistemology of urban research. In order to explain the East Asian cities’ crisis, we analyze 1) the urbanization process in East Asia, which was influenced by the developmental state model under the Cold War geo-politics and economy and 2) the ways in which the Post-Cold War geopolitical economies and neo-liberal globalization have transformed the processes of East Asian urbanization under the legacies of developmental urbanism since the 1990s.

We characterize the processes of East Asian urbanization in terms of “Cold War developmental urbanization,” which is defined by the following three features: 1) spatio-temporal compression in urban development (thereby resulting in “compressed urbanization”); 2) spatially selective urbanization (thereby producing “spaces of exception”); and 3) socio-spatial concentration of risks (thereby constructing “risk-scapes”), and attempt to explain the urbanization processes of each East Asian country (especially, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and China) based on those features. “Compressed Urbanization” deals with the progression of a spatially and temporally compressed form of urbanization in East Asia after the 1960s, with a special focus on “urban mega projects” (e.g., the development of new towns). Our studies on “spaces of exception” address the ways in which the state territoriality and the transnational logics of capital accumulation have interacted and contested with each other through zoning practices, focusing on the developmental processes of special zones (e.g., special economic zones, export processing zones, industrial complexes, free cities, etc.) in East Asia. As for “risk”, the focus is placed on the appearance of the riskscapes of nuclear power development as a result of nuclear power-dependent urbanization, with an eye to the riskscapes as an outcome of compressed urbanization.

English Publications:
* Re-locating East Asian Developmental States in their Transnational and Local Contexts
* Geo-political Economies and Developmental Urbanism in East Asia

These two books criticize methodological nationalism and contain theoretical and empirical analysis in order to understand East Asian development in the transnational urban-local context.

Korean Publications:

Making Gangnam-style: Hegemonic Urban Ideology and its Socio-Spatial Impacts

Spaces of Exception in East Asia: Special Economic Zones

The SSK Research Project on East Asian Cities aims to understand East Asia, with a focus on its cities. Through multi-disciplinary and multi-scalar cross-sectional study centered on the geographical scale of the “city,” we hope to develop a new epistemology of the development and challenges of East Asia. By establishing “Cold War Developmental Urbanization” as a window into East Asian cities, we aim to explain the challenges facing the cities and to seek solutions.

Since September 2014, SSK East Asian City Research has conducted two research program colloquia and one joint seminar. At the first colloquium, on Dec. 3, 2014, Prof. Jim Glassman (Univ. of British Columbia) gave his presentation, “Drums of War, Drums of (Mal)Development: South Korea and the Philippines in the Vietnam War,” in which he spoke of the war’s effect on Korea’s economic growth and urbanization. At the second colloquium, on Dec. 17, 2014, Prof. Kyeso Yi (Konkuk Univ. Law School) was invited to present “An Investigation on Developmental Urbanism: Right to the City from the Viewpoint of the Law,” which sparked discussion on the previously neglected theme. On Jan. 20, 2015, our program held a joint seminar with the Korean Association of Space and Environmental Research, where Prof. Sanghun Lee (Hanshin Univ. King Jeongjo College of Liberal Arts, “Nuclear Power and Korean Riskscapes”) and Prof. Jonggeun Kim (Sungshin Women’s Univ., “Critical study on the Dual City Theory of the Colonial City Gyeong-seong”) shed new light on the program’s main topics.

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Key Research Institute Program

Cooperation and Integration of Economic and Social Community in East Asia
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Research Fellow: Hyesun Shin, Jongho Choi, Yoomi Kim
Research Stage: Second Stage, Year 2 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 250,989,000

Research Project for Emerging Economies
Towards ‘Culturally-Sensitive’ Management and Marketing Strategy and Sustainable Economic Cooperation: Focusing on Indonesia and Malaysia as a Muslim-Islam World
Principal Investigator: Myung-Seok Oh (Dep. Of Anthropology)
Researcher: Myungkoo Kang (Dept. of Communication), Hyungjun Kim (Kangwon Nat’l. Univ.), Changjo Yoo (Dongguk Univ.), Eungchel Kim (Duksung Women’s Univ.)
Research Fellow: Eunhui Eom, Yohan Lee, Suhyun Lee, Bubmo Jung, Kyunghee Choi
Research Stage: Second Stage, Year 3 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 243,682,000

SSK (Social Sciences Korea) Programs
International Trade, Trade Order and Standardization
Principal Investigator: Jeeyeon Park (Dept. of Economics)
Researchers: Dukgeun Ahn (Grad. School of Intl. Studies), Jihong Lee (Dept. of Economics), Sokbae Lee (Dept. of Economics)
Research Fellow: Minjung Kim
Research Stage: Second stage, Year 1 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 112,600,000

Crisis and Transformation of East Asian Cities in the Age of Globalization
Principal Investigator: Baegyoon Park (Dept. of Geography Education, SNU)
Researchers: Sehoon Chang (Dept. of Sociology, Dong-A Univ.), Sanghun Lee (Kangwon Nat’l. Univ.), Joohyong Ji (Dept. of Sociology, Kyungnam Nat’l. Univ.), Seungkook Lee (RAP School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Jim Glassman (Dept. of Geography, Univ. of British Columbia), Hyunbang Shin (Dept. of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science), Hae Lain (Dept. of Political Science, York Univ.), Jinnyuh Hsu (Dept. of Geography, Nat’l. Taiwan Univ.), Asato Saito (Institute of Urban Innovation, Yokohama Nat’l. Univ.), Sungchan Cho (Director of Urban Planning, Institute of Land and Liberty)
Research Fellow: Dongivim Gim, Eunhye Kim
Research Stage: Second stage, Year 1 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 229,900,000

Foundational Research
Database Establishment and Book Series Publishing on the Traditional Life and Culture of Koreans in Central Asia (Koryo-saram) by Local Resources
Principal Investigator: Jeongwon Kang (Dept. of Anthropology)
Researcher: Myungkoo Kang (Dept. of Communication), Kayoung Ko (SNUAC), Hyungho Jeong (Chonbuk Natl. Univ.)
Research Fellow: Seungho Yang, Youngho Nam
Research Stage: Year 1 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 196,945,000

Global Research Network, Collaboration with China
A Comparative Research on East Asian Creative Generation – Focusing on Korea and China
Principal Investigator: Hongjung Kim (Dept. of Sociology)
Researcher: Seokho Kim (Dept. of Sociology), Yunjeong Joo (SNUAC), Jianbin Jin (Tsinghua Univ.), Yajie Chu (Tsinghua Univ.)
Research Stage: Year 1 (2014. 10-2015. 9)
Research Funds: KRW 90,000,000

General Joint Research
Political Economy of Co-operatives: Interdisciplinary Studies on the Hybridity of Co-operatives
Principal Investigator: Euiyoung, Kim (Dept. of Political Science and Intl Relations)
Researcher: Heonik Kwon (Dept. of Anthropology), Hiroki Miura (Institute of Political Studies), Shinkap Han (Dept. of Sociology)
Research Stage: Year 2 (2014. 9 ~ 2015. 8)
Research Funds: KRW 94,200,000

The Dilemma and Governance of Development and Environmental Cooperation in the Mekong River Basin
Principal Investigator: Sunjin Yun (Graduate School of Environmental Studies)
Researcher: Seungho Lee (Korea Univ.), Sangkook Lee (Yonsei Univ.), Joonpyo Lee (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies), Eunhui Eom (SNUAC)
Research Fellow: Yohan Lee
Research Stage: Year 1 (2014. 12 ~ 2015. 11)
Research Funds: KRW 100,000,000

*Research Funds does not take into account indirect costs. The funds for the Key Research Institute Project includes its alternative funds.
Academic Events

SNUAC provides a foundation for engaging in debate on numerous issues surrounding Asia. Through various special lectures, workshops, colloquiums, and international academic conferences, we share research progress and outcomes to create a research network.

* The people in Academic Events have been noted by their name and affiliation. Their titles have been excluded. SNU professors are followed by their departments and SNUAC-affiliated researchers are followed by “SNUAC.” For events within the Asia Center, the appropriate research programs have been notated.
humanities and cultural studies) with a focus on China, Japan and Korea can be found under the umbrella of the university-wide Center for Area Studies (see also above). A similar Center for Area Studies (but with no particularly strong Asia component) has also been set up by Leipzig University (www.uni-leipzig.de/cas/welcome).

2) Setting up new or strengthening existing broader array of multi-disciplinary approaches to research and teaching on individual Asian sub-regions/countries, e.g. new centers on China and India at Goettingen University / Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies (China, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia) set up in 2008 at Frankfurt University, www.uni-frankfurt.de/43881234/englisch / Faculty of East Asian Studies (China, Japan, Korea) at Bochum University (www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/eaav/englisch/index_en.html), already established in
New Horizons of Asian Studies: Asia Research Directors Conference

To commemorate its fifth year anniversary, SNUAC hosted a World Asia Research Directors Conference on Mar. 20-21, 2014, in Samik Hall, SNUAC; its topic was “New Horizons of Asian Studies.” This international event, the first to be held in Korea, included the directors of twenty major Asia research institutions from twelve countries around the world, including the US, Germany, Australia, Singapore and others. The conference provided the directors of major Asia research institutions and experts at the forefront of Asia research an opportunity to share recent research trends and to seek means for development.

This conference went beyond a simple one-time event and planned for further substantive mutual cooperation and exchange across the centers. Myungkoo Kang (Director, SNUAC) pointed out that “over the past ten years, despite the national conflicts within Northeast Asia, the actual cross-border exchanges among lives and culture have expanded immeasurably,” and called for “a new understanding of Asia research cross-borders.” Prasenjit Duara (Director, Nat’l. Univ. of Singapore Asia Research Institute) emphasized that “there is a need for greater joint research to enhance cooperation among Asian regions in climate change and conflict management,” and that “it is important to amass and share not only practical issue research but also the quality research on history, race, society, and economy.”

Date: Mar. 20-21, 2014
Location: SNUAC Samik Hall

How to View IS: SNU Asia Center – Myongji University Institute of Middle Eastern Affairs – Istanbul Culture Center Joint Colloquium

On Nov. 14, 2014, a colloquium was jointly-held by the SNUAC, the Myongji Univ. Institute of Middle Eastern Affairs, and the Istanbul Culture Center. As Korea relatively lacks understanding of Western Asia and Southern Asia, its information source relies on Western research. This colloquium was an attempt to produce knowledge that is free from bias or distortion. As it surveyed issues in the Middle East, greater focus was placed upon the recently problematic IS (Islamic State). Due to the lack of a Middle Eastern dialogue in Korea, the colloquium attracted regional experts and many students interested in the topic. Lively interactions among experts, practitioners, and all other participants gave insight into the multifaceted aspects of the Middle Eastern problem.

Presenters: Isa Afacan (Tugut Ozal Univ., Turkey), Hyundo Park (HK Research Prof., Myongji Univ. Institute of Middle Eastern Affairs), Abdul Wahab (First Syrian student in Korea, Doctorate Candidate at Dept. of Law Dongguk Univ.)

Date: Nov. 14, 2014
Location: SNUAC Samik Hall

Asia Research at SNUAC Joint Academic Conference

On Dec. 9, 2014, SNUAC held a joint academic conference titled, “Asia Center’s Asia Research.” This conference allowed participants to ascertain the identity of SNUAC as a place of research that combines regions with themes. SNUAC is a place for researchers of various fields and expertise to gather under a common banner of “Asia.” Insofar as it deals with various regions and topics, there was a call for an occasion to share its various research results and themes.

Date: Nov. 21, 2014
Location: SNUAC Youngwon Hall
Northeast Asia Center

Minorities and Social Exclusion: The Japanese Empire and Colonial Taiwan and Korea

On Nov. 14-15, 2014, NEAC and the SNU Dept. of Sociology hosted a joint international academic conference, titled “Minorities and Social Exclusion: The Japanese Empire and Colonial Taiwan and Korea.” Attended by a total of twenty scholars from Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, this conference allowed its participants to compare and contrast their individual research on the lower class and minorities of Korea and Taiwan. While previous research on the history of imperialism and colonies tended to be from above, this conference sought to initiate research from below, through a comparison of specific case studies. Presentations dealt with minority studies in various fields such as health care, disabilities, poverty, crime, and sexuality in Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. The contents of the presentations will be published in 2015 in both Chinese and Korean.

Date: Nov. 14-15, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 504

Southeast Asia Center

Rethinking the Sustainability of the Mekong: A Critical Understanding of the Roles of Mega-development and ODA

On Dec. 4-5, 2014, the SNUAC Southeast Asia Center held a joint international conference with the Center for Regional Development of Hanshin Univ., the Korea Environment Institute, and the Korean Association of Space and Environment Research with the topic “Rethinking the Sustainability of the Mekong.” This conference reflected upon the fact that previous research on Southeast Asia had been mostly limited to developing countries. The research area was restricted to the Mekong region in which Mekong river is a globally acknowledged public good in the region. In addition, the participants discussed the tasks and future prospects of international development cooperation between Korea and the Mekong region countries. The conference was designed to provide a platform for developmental issues among various stakeholders in and out of the Mekong region.

Presenters: Jim Glassman (Dept. of Geography, Univ. of British Columbia), Hunsik Chang (Visiting Prof. at SNU Graduate School of Public Administration, previously director of KOICA), and thirteen other scholars from Mekong region and Korea.

Date: Dec. 4-5, 2014
Location: SNUAC Youngwon Hall

Center for Eurasian and Central Asian Studies

The Rise of China and the Response of Central Asia

On Nov. 21, 2014, CECAS hosted its first international academic conference since its establishment. This conference was co-hosted by CECAS and the Korean Society of Eurasian Studies, with funding from the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy. Prof. Beomshik Shin (Director, CECAS) gave the opening address and Changwoo Soh (Standing Advisor, Korean Society of Eurasian Studies) gave his congratulatory message. At the conference, presentations and debate were held on various sub-topics under the larger subjects of “The Origins of Russo-Chinese Relations, its Present, and its Future,” and “The Rise of China and Central Asia’s Response.” The conference recognized the proximity of Central Asian countries to Russia and China and, naturally, their susceptibility to influence by the two countries’ internal and external affairs. With this in the background, the participants conducted an overall review of the rise of China and the response of Central Asia, its history and current situation, and the responses by individual nations.

Date: Nov. 21, 2014
Location: SNUAC Youngwon Hall

Popular Culture Program

Imagination, Traditions and Postmodernity of East Asia

On Jun. 17, 2014, Prof. Patrick Tacussel, an eminent cultural sociologist at Paul Valéry University of Montpellier, was invited to remark on the cultural topography of East Asia and to search for new theoretical perspectives. As he discussed the characteristics of postmodern East Asian society, Prof. Tacussel suggested that East Asia is able to enter into its postmodern era without losing much of its original imagination because its experience with the harmful effects of modernity, such as social contradictions, was comparatively less than that of Europe. His remarks were followed by the modernity that Korean society faced, and a Q&A session and discussion comparing European societies and non-Western societies.

Presenter: Patrick Tacussel (Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Montpellier III Paul Valéry, France)

Date: Jun. 17, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 406
2014 Global Social Economy Forum

On Nov. 19, 2014, the Democracy and Economic Development Program (DEDP) participated in the GSEF and presented its core project, “Mapping the Social Economies of Korea, China, and Japan.” This grand-scale international forum was initiated by the Seoul Metropolitan Government in order to establish global social economy solidarity. The DEDP took this opportunity to unveil to the public its research results on the project of mapping the social economies of Korea, China, and Japan, and to review the contents of its research and consider means for improvement. The project attempts to understand the present conditions of social economies in the three countries and to discover their similarities and differences, thereby explaining the uniqueness of the current social economy of East Asia, as well as discovering the characteristics unique to Korea and Korea’s path toward further development.

Presenters: Euiyoung, Kim (Dept. of Political Science and Int’l Relations, SNU), Hiroki Miura (Institute of Political Studies, SNU)

Date: Nov. 19, 2014
Location: Seoul City Hall 3F Conference Room

Civil Society and NGOs Program

Trends and Challenges of Korean Development NGOs’ Development Partnership

The Civil Society and NGO Program took its first step in research on international development cooperation in Asia, one of its main projects, by hosting an event to discuss the current trends and challenges of Korean development NGOs’ development partnership. Until the year 2000, NGOs were seen as mere complementary actors of government initiated projects. From the late 2000s, however, NGOs have been recognized as independent development agents and major actors of development cooperation and aid. In order to meet the increasing demand for development cooperation, Korean development NGOs face the tasks of nurturing new NGO activists and enhancing their professional capacity, as well as establishing long-term strategic partnerships with the government.

Presenters: Hyuksang Sohn (Grad. School of Public Policy & Civic Engagement, KyungHee Univ.)

Date: Jun. 4, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 406

Asia-Global Economic Order Program

SSK International Workshop on Asia and World Trade

The AGEO Program held an international seminar on Asia and international trade. Presentations included Eric Bond’s “Tariff Overhang: Theory and Evidence,” Ian Wooton’s “FDI, Trade Costs and Regional Asymmetries,” Jota Ishikawa’s “Trade Liberalization and Aftermarket Services for Imports,” and Prof. Jeehyeong Park’s “Pretrial Settlement with Imperfect Private Signals.” Scholars of international economic order gathered at this event to discuss the current situation of international trade economics.

Date: Jun. 27, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 303

Asia Census Program

Asia: The Shared Issues

The Asia Census Program hosted a three-part colloquium, “Asia: The Shared Issues.” The topics at the colloquium were from special features articles in the Chosun Ilbo. The first session included Prof. Jaeyeol Yee’s “Social Quality, Competition, and Happiness,” Prof. Cheongtag Kim’s “Creativity in East Asian Countries,” and Prof. Kisoo Eun’s “Migration in Asia.” The second session discussed Prof. Soojoon Park’s “Environmental Problem in Asia,” Prof. Wonho Park’s “International treaty Network in Asia,” and Prof. Hyun-Chin Lim’s “Asia: The Shared Issues.” The third session closed the colloquium with Prof. Myungkoo Kang’s “Cultural Melting Pot: China,” Prof. Geun Lee’s “Catching Up, Forging Ahead, and Falling Behind of the Nations.”

Date: Nov. 4 (Session 1), Nov. 18 (Session 2), Dec. 2 (Session 3), 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 240 (Session 1), 303 (Sessions 2,3)
Transnational Asia Program

Transnational, Flows, Movements, and Networks in East Asia

On Dec. 22, 2014, TAP hosted a workshop called “Understanding East Asia 2014 through its Movement and Flow.” This workshop was planned to share research experiences on transnational flows and networks in East Asia and to seek academic exchange. Scholars were invited from the fields of ethnic Koreans in China, the East Sea Rim culture, the diaspora, seaports, etc. to share their experiences and opinions and to discuss future academic exchange and cooperation in research projects. The presenters included Youngsang Yim (Hanguk Univ. of Foreign Studies), Seeun Kwon (Kyung Hee Univ.), Choongnam Jee (BK21 plus Research Center for Overseas Korean Business & Culture), Yangho Woo (Korea Maritime Univ.), and Baegyoon Park (Dept. of Geography Education, SNU).

Date: Dec. 22, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 303

Environmental Cooperation Program

A Reformed Landscape designed by Human: Implications for Social-Ecological Sustainability

On Jun. 20, 2014, the ECP and the ELD Initiative held a joint academic conference on sustainable development. Prof. Soojin Park delivered the keynote speech, “The Sustainability of the Asian Land Management System and Its Alternatives.” The workshop following consisted of presentations and debate on how the natural landscape is influenced by human land management and discussed the necessity for society and nature to be sustainable. Topics ranged from soil, river topography, and agricultural activity to desertification and land degradation in North Korea, Mongolia, China, and Southeast Asia. A total of eight presentations were given throughout the first part on the sustainability of the land management system, and the second part on the changing land management system in Asia. The third part opened the floor for comprehensive discussion among the presenters and participants.

Presenters: Soojin Park (SNU), Jongmin Byun (Korea Univ.), Kyungrock Paik (Korea Univ.), Kyungsoo Yoo (Univ. of Minnesota)
Date: Jun. 20, 2014
Location: SNU College of Social Sciences Rm. 107

Key Research Institute Program

Understanding Chinese Society through the "My Love from the Stars" Fever

On May 23, 2014, the University Key Research Institute hosted a special seminar to understand Chinese society through the soap opera, "My Love from the Stars." Presentations and discussions dealt with the driving factors behind "My Love's" popularity and its effects on the Chinese cultural industry. Participants in the lively debate included those from the Korean media industry, scholars, and a large number of students.

Presenters: Li Shengli (Communication Univ. of China), Shao Jie (Beijing TV Station), Taesang Jeong (CJ E&M China Drama Producer)
Discussion: Taeyou Chang (SBS, PD), Jieun Park (TV Writer), Kooknam Bae (Cultural Critic)
Date: May. 23, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 303

Research Project on East Asian Cities

Drums of War, Drums of (Mal) Development: South Korea and the Philippines in the Vietnam War Era

SSK East Asian City Research hosted a colloquium at SNUAC on December 3, 2014. Prof. Jim Glassman presented that while the 1960s saw a Filipino manufacturing output four times that of South Korea, the 1980s saw a complete turnaround, with the South Korean output two times that of the Philippines. Many scholars viewing this phenomenon explain state intervention as the most crucial factor behind the South Korean development, assessing it as an “accomplishment.” With an eye to such aspects of historical change, Prof. Glassman emphasized the need for reconsideration of such evaluation based on the results of research conducted in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the US for the past six years. This trend has gained recent force as a number of Korean scholars have also placed critical assessment on the darker side of Korea as a developing nation. Under such circumstances, the colloquium looked to the Vietnam War and its contrasting effects upon South Korea and the Philippines in order to examine how the war’s geopolitics influenced South Korean developmental growth dynamics. In the end, the participants gained a deeper awareness of the developmental aspects, not only within Korean and Filipino society, but also throughout the East Asian nations.

Presenter: Prof. Jim Glassman (Dept. of Geography Univ. of British Columbia)
Date: Dec. 3, 2014
Location: SNUAC Rm. 406
Calendar of Academic Events

3/6
PCP
<Colloquium> 2013 Investigation on the Employment, Lives, and Values of University Students
Li-chunling (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Director of Research Office of Youth and Social Problems, China)
3/20~21
SNUAC
Apr. 11-12
SNUAC
<Workshop> China's Military Power: A Comparison with the US Capabilities
Andrew Erickson (Naval War College, USA)
SNUAC/ Institute of Humanities/ Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies/ Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS)
SNU Symposium for Global Leading Research Center on Society of Humanity
Myoungjo Park (Director, IPUS)
Ingoi Kim (Director, Kyujanggak Institute For Korean Studies)
Chonghyon Paek (Director, Institute of Asian and African Studies)
Myungjo Kang (Director, SNUAC)
3/17
NEAC
<Colloquium> The Rise of China and the Responses of Central Asia: Series (1)
Yewamyong Hong (SNUAC)
Youngkwan Cho (Research institute for Gangwon)
3/18
PLCR
<Seminar> US-China (Nuclear) Deterrence: Shifting Landscape?
Toby Dalton (Eamegie Endowment for Int’l Peace, USA)
3/19
SNUAC
<Workshop> Globalization of the World and its Consequences: Russian Vision
Igor Abylgaziev (Dean, Moscow State Univ. Institute for Asian and African Studies)
3/26
SNUAC
<Workshop> Globalization of the World and its Consequences: Russian Vision
Igor Abylgaziev (Dean, Moscow State Univ. Institute for Asian and African Studies)
5/2
NEAC
<Colloquium> US-China Relations Viewed from Taiwan
Tse-kang Leng (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Igor I. Abylgaziev (Dean, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State Univ.)
SEAC

*Invited Talk* Benefits sharing in the Mekong River Basin

Seungho Lee (Korea Univ.)

SEAC

*Invited Talk* Unity in Diversity: The Hope and the Struggle of Opposites in Murialistic Societies, Malaysia as a Mirror

Shamsul AB (Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), U. Kebangsaan Malaysia)

CECAS

*Seminar* Silk Road and Eurasia Series - Three Components of History of Central Asia: Environment, Nation, and Religion

Pyeungae Lee ( Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies Institute of Central-Asian Studies)

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Key Research Institute / TAP

*Workshop* Cultural Clusters and Developmental State: A Case Study on OCT Design Cluster in Shenzhen, China

Jungwon Sonn (Univ. College London)

Key Research Institute

*Colloquium* Understanding Chinese Society and the Struggle of Opposites in Pluralistic Societies, Malaysia as a Mirror

Jung Hur (Sogang Univ.)

SNUAC

*International Conference* Exploring the Role of Informal Institutions for Economic Coordination in East Asia

Peter Peng Li (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark)

Key Research Institute

*Conference* Pungsu as Asia's Common Value: For Interdisciplinary Studies and Contemporary Application

Hanseok Ock (Kangwon Univ.)

KEY

*Seminar* Seminar on Asia and Global Economic Order: Hierarchical Free Trade Agreements as Pairwise Stable Networks

Jong Hur (Sogang Univ.)

TAP

*Workshop* Secondary Cities Unbound – From Corporate to People-Centered Transborder City Regions in Asia

Mike Douglass (Nat. Univ. of Singapore Asian Research Institute and Dept. of Sociology)

TAP

*Workshop* The Front Line of Wandering Youth: A Passion for ‘Mediocrity’

Jeehyeong Park (SNU)

PCP

*Conference* SSK International Workshop on Asia and World Trade

Eric Bond (Vanderbilt Univ.)

SEAC

*Invited Talk* KOGA's Activities in Lombok, Indonesia: Focusing the Project on Forest Carbon / the Establishment of Lombok Ecotourism Masterplan

Kipo Han (Ec Service Consulting)

CECAS

*Conference* "The Rise of China and the Responses of Central Asia" Series II

Seungsing Yang (SNUAC)

PCP

*Seminar* A Reformed Landscape Designed by Human (JBD Workshop, Korea)

Seojoon Park (Dept. of Geography, SNU)

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Lombok Project Research Team

Invited Talk: The Situation of Lombok Island during the Period of Indonesian Reformation: Focusing on the Tradition of Sasak Tribe and the Capacity-building Initiatives in Local Community

Youmee Cho (Duksung Women’s Univ.)

8/21

SEAC

―SNUAC Intern Workshop Series― Central Asia’s Past, Present and Future

Beeum Shin (Political Science and Intl. Relations, SNU)

10/14

SEAC

―Korea-Turkey Mutual Understanding Seminar Series 2: Korea and Turkey’s Separation of Three Powers and Rule of Law Trends

Hasan Hami Yıldırım (4th Member of Turkish Natl Assembly), Jwahyun Boo (Members of the 19th Natl Assembly)

10/15

SEAC

―Workshop― Studies of Consuming Culture in Southeast emerging economy

Changjo Yoo (Dongguk Univ.)

Yoopil Yoon (KOTRA)

10/16

SEAC

Legal System and Corporate Legislative Trends in Transition Countries of Southeast Asia

Joonyo Lee (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies)

10/21

CSP

―Workshop― The Changes of Korean Anti-Nuclear Movements and Challenges of Post-Nuclear Movements after Fukushima

Hyejong Kim (Nuclear Safety and Security Commission)
Moonsung Kang (Korea Univ.)

Seminar: A Multilateral Agreement on Investment and Regulations on FDI Incentive Programs

Wonho Park (Dept. of Sociology)

SNUAC Intern Workshop Series: Way to Asia Research

Keunsik Jung (Dept. of Sociology, SNU)

Seminar: The Rise of China and the Responses of Central Asia

Jaeilson Kim (Chonnam Nat’l Univ.)

Seungjo Yang (SNUAC)

Conference: The Politics of Norm Collision between the US and China in the 21st Century

Hunjoon Kim (Korea Univ. Dept. of Political Science)

Joint Colloquium: Diplomatic Crises in Southeast Asia: Development, Energy, and Security

Jim Glassman (Univ. of British Columbia, Canada)

Conference: Becoming Global: Policy and Practice of Global Citizenship Education

Yun Hyun-Moo (Seoul National University)

Conference: The Rise of China and the Responses of Central Asia

Jaeilson Kim (Chonnam Nat’l Univ.)

Seminar: Northeast Asia: The Shared Issues (2)

SNUAC

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SSK Program on Asian City Research

Joint Colloquium: Diplomacy in the Realm of Global Politics

Jim Glassman (Univ. of British Columbia, Canada)

Int’l. Relations

Geun Lee (Dept. of Economics, SNU)

Myungkoo Kang (Dept. of Communication, SNU)

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2014 SNUAC Research Grant for Asian Studies

Through various support initiatives, SNUAC continues to sponsor outstanding Asia-related basic studies. By supporting scholars who conduct Asia related research, the initiative aims to build a solid foundation for the production of Asia-related basic studies. Its expected results are the basic steps for knowledge production that is independent from the previously Western-oriented methodology and system.

SNUAC Research Grant

- Joonkoo Lee (Business School, Hanyang Univ.) et al., | Mobile Asia: Evolving Mobile Telecom Value Chains and Emerging New Regionality
- Jeeyoeng Park (Dept. of Economics, SNU) et al., | Changing Global Economic Order for Asia's Innovation and Creatio
- Jinyoung Lee (Division of Int'l Commerce, Pukyong Nat'l Univ.) et al., | Rise of Transnational Production Networks and Changes in Logistical Flows in East Asia
- Baegui Hong (Dept. of Social Welfare, SNU) et al., | Asian Family- Embrace of Asian Family Revolution?
- Keunsik Jung (Dept. of Sociology, SNU) et al., | “Asian History with Asian perspectives” Series
- Baegyoon Park (Dept. of Geography Education, SNU) et al., | Transnational Movements and Flows in East Asia
- Minhwan Kim (SNUAC) et al., | Research on the Cross-Border Networks in East Asia
- Hyun-Chin Lim (SNU Emeritus professor) et al., | Asian Capitalisms
- Leesoo Jae (The Catholic Univ. of Korea) et al., | Food in Asian Cultures
- Jaeyeol Yee (Dept. of Sociology, SNU) et al., | 70th Anniversary of Independence and Social Survey of Korean Citizens' Cognition
- Jeongwon Kang (Dept. of Anthropology, SNU) et al., | Modernization and Social Change of East Asia – Focusing on the Space, Social Welfare and Religion Folklore of Korea
- Kyusup Han (Dept. of Communication, SNU) et al., | Political Trust of New Asian Democratic Nations
- Jongchul Kim (SNUAC) et al., | An International Comparative Study on Asian Business Culture

SNUAC Series in Asian Studies

- Geonsoo Han (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology, Kangwon Nat'l Univ.) et al., | Refugees in East Asia: Inclusion and Exclusion
- Haeran Lim (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, SNU) | Changes in Global Political Economy in 21st Century and Revisiting the East Asian Developmental Model
- Younghan Cho (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies) et al., | The Yellow Pacific: Multiple Modernities and East Asia
- Seunggyeong Kim (Dept. of Korean Literature in Classical Chinese, Pusan Nat'l Univ.) | Beijing Xumnian As a Humanity Creation-space and Qing dynasty's Intellectuals
- Chaesung Chun (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, SNU) et al., | In Search of A Theory of East Asian Int'l Relations
- Hyugbaeg Im (Dept. of Political Science and Int'l Relations, Korea Univ.) | The Possibility of Peace in Korean Peninsula

Asia Research Translation Series

SNUAC sponsors the translation of distinguished history books written in Asia. This effort began in 2014, and five volumes of Asian history are scheduled to be translated in 2015. By translating history textbooks representative of each Asian country and important work that can contribute to regional research, SNUAC aims to promote deeper understanding of the Asian region.

  Translation: Daeyeong Youn (Institute for East Asian Studies, Sogang Univ.)
  Translation: Woonkyung Yeo (Dept. of Asian Languages and Civilizations, SNU)
- 黃宗智著(2010). 中國的隱性農業革命. 法律出版社
  Translation: Bumjin Koo (Dept. of Asian History, SNU)
- 曲曉范(2001). 近代東北城市的歷史變遷. 東北師範大學出版社
  Translation: Piao You (Hansung Univ.)
  Translation: Seungjo Nam (SNUAC)
Korea has seen rapid changes within its society, politics, economy, culture, technology, and international relations. In accordance with these changes, SNUAC has sought to provide foreigners with courses on modern Korea. Since 2011, SNUAC has received funding from the Korea Foundation to establish global Korean Studies courses that approach Korean society from a comparative perspective.

In the search for a new educational model for live video lectures, SNUAC has conducted various experiments such as joint lectures in three countries and moving classes. As a result, over the past four years, we have opened thirty-seven courses at thirteen universities in eight countries throughout Asia and Europe.

At the core of SNUAC’s education, the e-School Program continues to select the most prestigious universities in each country and region for collaboration, grafting and combining education, research, and various international exchanges in hopes to create a new model for sustainable education.

In 2014, foreign universities that participated in SNUAC’s e-School Program included Peking Univ. and Tsinghua Univ. (China), the National Research Univ. – National Research Univ. Higher School of Economics (Russia), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen and Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Université Paris Diderot and the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (France), the Univ. of Social Sciences and Humanities – VNU-Hanoi (Vietnam), and the Univ. of Western Australia (Australia).

During the past year, SNUAC and sixteen Seoul National Univ. professors offered thirteen lectures for official course credit to undergraduate and graduate students in these universities. The

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(Department of Communication)

Taekyoung Kim
(Grad. School of Int’l. Studies)

Wonho Park
(Dept. of Political Science and Int’l. Relations)

Beomshik Shin
(Dept. of Political Science and Int’l. Relations)

Seunghoon Lee
(Dept. of Economics)

Dukjin Chang
(Dept. of Sociology)

Hongik Chung
(Grad. School of Public Administration)

Yongchul Ha
(Dept. of Political Science and Int’l. Relations)

Myungkoo Kang
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Keongsuk Park
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Taegyun Park
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Hyun-Chin Lim
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**2014 e-School Course Listing**

**Spring Semester**
- International Relations and the Korean Peninsula (Nat’l Research Univ. Higher School of Economics, Russia)
- Socio-Cultural Traditions of Korea (Nat’l Research Univ. Higher School of Economic, Russia)
- Understanding Korean Society (Univ. of Social Sciences and Humanities – VNU, Hanoi, Vietnam)
- Korea-US Relations (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany)
- Contemporary Korean Society (The Univ. of Western Australia, Australia)

**Fall Semester**
- Introduction to Korean History (Univ. of Social Sciences and Humanities – VNU, Hanoi, Vietnam)
- Social Transformation in China and Korea (Peking Univ., China)
- Cross-cultural Explorations in East Asia (Tsinghua Univ., China)
- Introduction to Korean Studies (Nat’l Research Univ. Higher School of Economics, Russia)
- International Relations and the Korean Peninsula (Nat’l Research Univ. Higher School of Economics, Russia)
- Economic Development in East Asia (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany)
- Theories and Research Methods for Korean Studies (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)
- Series of Lectures: The State of the Art of the Social Science Research on Korea in Korea (Université Paris Diderot, France & Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, France)

Furthermore, during 2014, the e-School Program hosted three foreign student invitational programs in which thirty-five students from four universities in Russia, China, and Vietnam participated. Including those from Korea, a total of seventy students participated in this large-scale international exchange program, which provided students with the opportunity to understand Korean society through experiences beyond the classroom, and the friendly interaction among the entire student body further enhanced their understanding of Korea.

In the future, the e-School Program will continue to affiliate with various events of academic exchange within SNUAC and extend the opportunity for domestic students to engage with foreign participants, thereby evolving into a wide-scale and substantial international exchange program. Above all, the e-School Program’s ties to exchange are at the core of SNUAC’s second stage (2015-2017), during which period SNUAC aims to develop the foreign student invitational program into a representative educational model that allows foreign students to understand Korean history, culture, and society in a short period of time through various experiences.

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Graduate Students Forum on Asian Studies

SNUAC held the 2nd Graduate Students Forum (GSF) on Asian Studies Jan. 26-27, 2015. The GSF first took place in 2014 and since then it has become one of SNUAC’s most acclaimed academic training programs. This forum aims to establish network among the next generation scholars and support their research to contribute to the development of Asian Studies.

Graduate students in MA or Ph.D. programs with a research focus on Asian studies (Regional Studies, Comparative Studies, and Interdisciplinary Research on the Asian Region) can apply for this forum. All expenses are covered for participating graduate students, including participation fees, and accommodation is also provided for provincial residents. After completing the forum, the participants receive a certificate of completion.

About thirty graduate students and twelve research fellows of SNUAC participated in the 2nd GSF. On the first day, two world renowned scholars gave lectures on Asian regional studies. The first lecture was given by Prasenjit Duara, the director of the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National Univ. of Singapore. He lectured on his recent publication, The Crisis of Global Modernity: Asian Traditions and a Sustainable Future, followed by a discussion session led by Prof. Younghan Cho (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies) and Prof. Sangjun Kim (Humanitas College, Kyung Hee Univ.). The second lecture was given by Prof. Seung Suh (Ritsumeikan Univ.) on “My Learning Experience of East Asia” and there was a Q&A session after the lecture.

On the second day, a presentation and clinic session was held. The participants were divided into five groups based on their field of interest and two to three research fellows were designated to each group to work as mentors to facilitate the discussion. This session went on from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and came to an end with the closing ceremony afterwards.

SNUAC will continue hosting the GSF and help our next generation scholars get the opportunity to build a long lasting network and enrich their academic research.
Outstanding Dissertation Award

The Outstanding Dissertation Award was first made in 2014 and is given to outstanding doctoral dissertations, with KRW 500 million and an additional KRW 500 million for the publication of the dissertation. In 2014, two winners were chosen after three months of evaluation. The evaluation of the dissertations was done according to the standards of the Basic Asian Studies Support Initiatives Committee in two separate stages: expert evaluation and comprehensive evaluation.

The winners of 2014 were HK Research Prof. Yungjin Lee (Chonnam National Univ.) and Dr. Insoo Kim (The Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Yonsei Univ.). Prof. Yungjin Lee’s dissertation was acclaimed for its examination on the historical debate in Northeast Asia and the historical documents used in its basic research. Dr. Insoo Kim’s dissertation analyzing the epistemological violence of agricultural legislation and tenant farming in colonial Joseon through the methodology of mode of knowledge production was highly appreciated for offering a new critical approach.

SNUAC supports rising scholars with the Dissertation Award and provides a place for new scholars to present their research outcome.

Dissertation Writing Fellowship

SNUAC has carried out a Dissertation Writing Fellowship, where it provides financial support of KRW 1,200 million a year for domestic Ph.D. candidates. This fellowship was first offered in 2013 and is the only project in Korea that aims to cultivate next generation Asia scholars. In 2014, SNUAC selected six doctoral candidates and supported them, which led to four of the candidates obtaining doctoral degrees. The doctoral dissertations that were completed with the support of the fellowship were later presented in brownbag seminars.

Sookjeong Song (Dept. of Japanese Language, Chung-ang Univ.) | The Comparative Study of the Japanese Textbook of Colonial-days Japan, and the Japanese Textbook of Korea and Taiwan

Choongkoo Lee (Dept. of Political Science, SNU) | The Processes of Securitization and the Changes of Threat Discourse in North Korea after the Cold War: the Cases of the First North Korea Nuclear Crisis and the Second North Korea Nuclear Crisis

Hyuntai Lee (Dept. of Economics, SNU) | Changing Role of Corporate Ownership Structure in Chinese Economic Growth

Yeayl Yoon (Dept. of Sociology, SNU) | A Study on the Discourse of East-Asia and the Alternative Category of East-Asia

Eunsook Jee (Dept. of Anthropology, SNU) | Familialism and the People Without family: Individualization and Increasing Never-married Family Caregivers in Contemporary Japan

Eunjeong Cha (Dept. of Anthropology, SNU) | The Production of “Homeland” in Mind, Body and Practice: Nostalgia of “Japanese born in Choson” and Choson Decolonized

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Internship Program

SNUAC is running an internship program in which the participants can receive education in Asian Studies and have hands-on experience in research. The purpose of the internship is to cultivate the abilities of future scholars and professionals of Asia research through training and education. With this aim, the professors and researchers of SNUAC give lectures on different fields of Asia research and educate the interns on basic procedures and administrative tasks through offering hands-on experience in ongoing research. The internship program was first started in 2014, from February to July, with eleven selected interns. The next research internship program was held from September 2014 to February 2015 with fourteen interns.

The research interns were undergraduate and graduate students from diverse majors, who shared the common interest of “Asia.” During the internship, the interns participated in various seminars and assisted in different programs and departments of SNUAC. While participating in the education and training programs, the interns built a sound network by hosting social events and going on field studies to historical sites related to Asia research.

List of the Second Term Research Interns

- Noheul Kwon
- Gyeongjin Kim
- Deokhwai Kim
- Seayeon Kim
- Yejin Kim
- Shanji Xin
- Hyelynne Ahn
- Yookyung Oh
- Jaehee Lee
- Cheongah Lee
- Dongha Lim
- Inyoung Lim
- Dokyung Joo
- Jimyung Han

Student Groups

As part of a talent cultivation project, SNUAC supports two student groups run by undergraduate students interested in current issues related to Asia and cultural exchange.

“Amigo”, Community of Students in Concern for Asia’s Future

Amigo is a community of undergraduate students interested in diverse aspects of Asia and has seminars on different Asian regions. Amigo is an abbreviation for “a gathering of those who care about the future of Asia,” in Korean. Their field of study in 2014 included China (1st semester) and Southeast Asia (2nd semester). Based on these subjects, they held literary review seminars, book talks, and Asia undergraduate student exchanges. For weekly literary review seminars, the members read books and journals on their selected region and shared discussion. Book talks invited the authors of the books related to Asia and had Q&A sessions. After the academic year, members do not limit their field of study. Instead, they freely select a region or issue that has not been dealt with in the weekly seminars or book-talks to conduct research and have open debates.

In 2014, Amigo members had an opportunity to get together with students from Vietnam National Univ.- Hanoi (Vietnam), the Higher School of Economics (Russia), Peking Univ. and Tsinghua Univ. (China), who came to visit SNUAC.

“FICS”, Foundation of Intercultural Cooperation

FICS (Foundation of Intercultural Cooperation) is a social research and intercultural exchange community. Under the motto, “Accelerating Cooperation-Sharing Ideas and Reaching New Realization,” FICS has another branch in the Univ. of Tokyo (UT) and holds regular meetings with the members of FICS in the Univ. of Tokyo. During the semester, each club in SNU and the Univ. of Tokyo conduct research separately and together have annual sessions in August where they discuss social issues of both countries for two weeks. From April 2014, FICS SNU divided into three teams and each executed research on different subjects. Through online conference with FICS UT (FICS Univ. of Tokyo), FICS SNU shared the research they have been conducting in three different teams and talked about the commonalities in the social issues of both countries. They also had a chance to have a conversation about the history issues of the two countries and understand their different perspectives.
Asian Cultural Awareness Project

Indonesian Week

Since 2013, SNUAC has carried out an “Asian Cultural Awareness” project where it hosts diverse events to let people experience and learn about different cultures of Asia. As part of this project, the center held Indonesian Week under the theme “Experiencing Indonesia through Five Senses (Rasa Indonesia),” Nov. 24-28, 2014. The event carried special significance as Korea and Indonesia had their 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2013. The year 2014 was the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and ASEAN.

Indonesian Week was comprised of various programs of exhibition, book fair, traditional dance class, film festival, cooking class, lectures, and symposiums. The event was highly appraised for its diversity in programs that lived up to the theme, “Experiencing Indonesia through Five Senses (Rasa Indonesia).”

Before the week started, a special exhibition was held for a month, from Nov. 17, 2014. The exhibition introduced Borobudur, the temple that marks the highlight of Indonesian art, and Hindu temples of Java and Bali which display the beauty of Indonesian aesthetics and its outlook on nature. The exhibition took place on the 3rd floor of SNUAC (organized by the SNU Architectural History Lab, Office for Hub City of Asian Culture) and a model of the Borobudur stupa, and photos and videos of Indonesian art filled the exhibition area.

Indonesian Week started Nov. 24th, with the exhibition of traditional costumes, a book fair, and an introductory exhibition of Indonesia. The traditional dance class that took place on this day especially attracted many participants. On the 25th, chefs from an Indonesian restaurant cooked a special lunch menu and later on a film festival was held, followed by a lecture on the Indonesian film industry and literature, which helped the students to understand the current issues of Indonesia. The next day consisted of an Indonesian traditional dance performance and a lecture by the Indonesian Ambassador. On the fourth day of the event, a symposium was held where participants discussed the past and present of Indonesia. Lastly on the 28th, an Indonesian cooking class, a Bali ethnography film screening, and a lecture took place and ended the Indonesian Week.

The participants of Indonesian Week showed great diversity, ranging from SNU students and faculty, to outside experts and researchers, to Indonesian students in Korea. The event not only increased public interest in Indonesia, but it also acted as a meeting place for researchers of and experts on Indonesia.

SNUAC will continue raising public awareness and understanding of Asian nations and provide opportunities for researchers in related fields to collaborate and build a network.
With the aim of creating an academic community for the Asian region beyond Korea, SNUAC is publishing books and a journal. SNUAC publishes the Asia Review, a biannual academic journal, in an effort to share various studies on Asia. The SNUAC Series in Asian Studies, one of the main publications of SNUAC, is published by Seoul National University Press and is printed in both Korean and English. Another main publication series is the Series of Asian Studies in the World, which is published by off-campus publishing houses.

Publications

SNUAC Publication Series

*Homelessness and Societal Responses* - Inhое Ku and Keunsik Jung | SNUPRESS

This book sheds new light on the issue of homelessness, incorporating perspectives of social science researchers in various fields. The fields dealt with in the book include sociology, social welfare, education, and health science, and with this wide range of studies, the book analyzes the issues of homelessness related laws and institutions, policies, education programs, health and medical care, the size and reality of the homeless population and the cause of homelessness. This study aims to advance comparative studies between the homeless issue of Korea and Japan to help understand the similarities and differences of homelessness in the two countries. The book pays special attention to the countermeasures taken by Korea and Japan in response to the homeless issue.

*The Development of Individual Consciousness and Chinese Classical Novel: from Sidaquishu to Hongloumeng* - Hyoungseob Choi | SNUPRESS

With the keywords “Change in Perception towards Individuals,” the publication analyzes and studies the transformation in 16th-18th century Chinese novels: *Romance of the Three Kingdoms, Water Margin, Journey to the West, Four Great Classical Novels of The Golden Lotus, and Dream of the Red Chamber.* The question of “How does Chinese society perceive the individual and in what conditions or situations does individual consciousness manifest itself the most?” is a fundamental aspect to consider when understanding the peculiar characteristics of East Asian society. In this book, the focus is set on the transformation of perceptions towards the individual and offers an original viewpoint and analysis on 16th-18th century Chinese novels.

*Place Memory and the City: Inner City Regeneration Utilizing Nostalgia for the Modern Historic Landscape in Shanghai* - Jieun Han | SNUPRESS

The book talks about the Paris of the East, the central city of East Asian economics and culture, which still remains the biggest city in China - Shanghai. While dealing with the city’s place memory cumulated from over a hundred years of historical experience, the book offers an explanation to how Shanghai’s modern historical landscape that is related to colonial memory became the resource for today’s urban regeneration.

*A Study on Du Fu’s Pai-lu* - Minho Kang | SNUPRESS

Poetry was in the center of Chinese classical literature, in which Chinese take high pride. Du Fu’s poems, in particular, are regarded the best of Chinese poetry, but not many publications have delved into the esthetics and achievements that separate Du Fu from other poets of that era. *A Study on Du Fu’s Pai-lu* carefully examines Du Fu’s formal beauty, which has been relatively ignored by researchers. It explains poetic techniques with ample examples, allowing general readers to have deeper understanding of Du Fu’s poetry.
SNUAC Asian Studies in a Global Context

The Korean Wave in East Asian Culture - Ikgi Kim and Hyun-Chin Lim

The Korean Wave in East Asian Culture introduces the academic concept of the Korean Wave and its theoretical methodologies. The origins of the Korean Wave and its current status are elaborated upon in the first half of the book, and in the second half, the different ways the Korean Wave unfolds in three East Asian countries are described. Regarding the acceptance of the Korean Wave in the three East Asian countries, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions are presented to help explain the phenomenon. The book further provides local responses and influences of the Korean Wave that is conveyed through various formats, including dramas, movies, music, clothing, food, and other cultural products, as well as the anti-Korean Wave movement brought about as a result of the propagation of the Korean Wave.

Looking at the Rise of East Asia in Shandong - Keunsik Jung and Hyesun Shin | Zin in Zin

The book is comprised of one article that is a geographical introduction to the Shandong region, five articles on Shandong's history described from various angles, two articles covering Shandong's economic status, one article summarizing Korean immigrants' family history, another article on Shandong's urban development and one article on the Shandong Peninsula's geopolitical importance centered around the Yellow Sea. It offers a detailed explanation on the theoretical background combined with firsthand experiences introduced by the experts of each field, allowing readers who have chosen Shandong as their first step to studying China to have a better grasp of the subject.

Risks and the Danger Management of National Economic System - Dukgeun Ahn, Jeehyeong Park, Jihong Lee | Zin in Zin

The Danger Management Research Program aims to conduct research on predicting the new global trade order that is centered in Asia. It attempts to build an ideal model of the global trade order that enables sustainable development while properly responding to the increase of "calculated dangers" related to the restructuring of the new Asia-centered global trade order. This book not only explores existing studies but also serves as a guide to the future direction of the center by providing new examinations on the subsequent research plans.

SNUAC Series in Asian Studies

A QUEST FOR EAST ASIAN SOCIOLOGIES - Seungkuk Kim, Peilin Li, Shujiro Yazawa | SNUPRESS

The book explores issues of global concern such as globalization, inequality, multiculturalism, social movement, and risk society, and analyzes them from the perspective of East Asia. It aims to establish the complementary cooperation of diverse East Asian studies. The ideologies used in the book include liberalism, Marxism and anarchism. It also introduces developmental state theory and cosmopolitanism, and brings up the issue of human and social capital expansion, along with criticism on capitalism and civic movement. East Asia is on the path of synchronically conjoining its past, present, and future. Thus, East Asia bears the potential to overcome its yet unstable realism and pessimistic historicism.

GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN ASIA - Hyun-Chin Lim, Wolf Schäfer and Sukman Hwang | SNUPRESS

With the rise of China and Asia, the book goes beyond superficial awareness and provides in-depth analysis on the impact this change will have on Asia and the world. It questions the meaning behind the emergence of China and if a formation of local community among Asian regions is possible. From the sustainability of the Asian development model to education, immigration, and social welfare, the book covers various topics. Especially, the importance of climate change and the energy crisis in Asia are stressed with urgency in the book.

SNUAC Publication Project

The Korean Corporations that entered the Malay World - Myung-Seok Oh, Jeseong Jeon, Yoonhee Kang et al. | Nul Min

This publication has been designed to present the crucial factors to overcome the conflicts and difficulties that can be caused by people of different cultural backgrounds. The issues of religion, language, lifestyle, understanding of traditional culture, environmental protection, labor unions, social responsibilities of corporations, harmonious working environment with the local staff, issues of children's education in a foreign country, and other topics are covered. The book informs the readers that the imperative step for a company's advancement is to actively apply an anthropological perspective to its business operations, in which it tries to understand the culture and viewpoint of the local people.
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Emiko Ochiai and Leo Aoi Hosoya, Transformation of the Intimate and the Public in Asian Modernity | Chansook Hong
Prasenjit Duara, The Crisis of Global Modernity: Asian Traditions and a Sustainable Future | Sangjun Kim
For the improved awareness of Asia studies, SNUAC is implementing diverse promotional activities to share events held by SNUAC, along with Asia related information provided from the events.

**SNUAC Facebook Page**

SNUAC is running a Facebook page as a channel to share the information and events held by the center with people who are interested in Asia and Asian Studies. Since it was created in March 2014, the page has over 1,200 subscribers and continues to gain popularity. It has received great reviews from users for its mobile-friendly structure and customized information provision.

[www.facebook.com/snuac](http://www.facebook.com/snuac)

**Publication of SNUAC Online Newsletter**

SNUAC reissued the original print-based annual newsletter as a bimonthly online newsletter, "<SNUAC Newsletter>" in November 2014. <SNUAC Newsletter> is distributed through email and Facebook. Along with a schedule of academic events, it also offers reviews of academic events and interviews, fieldwork reports, and various news and articles. The newsletter is accessible through mobile devices, allowing the public to obtain the information regardless of their location.

[snuacnews.snu.ac.kr](http://snuacnews.snu.ac.kr)

"Asia: The Shared Issues"

For improved awareness of the importance of Asian Studies, SNUAC published a series of articles, "Asia: The Shared Issues" as a joint project with the Chosun Ilbo. Based on research on the movement of populations in Asia, the quality of Asian societies and national happiness, Asian creativity, environmental threats, international treaty networks between Asian countries, and the economic development of Asia, five articles were published as a special project series in the Chosun Ilbo from September to October 2014.

In the first article, Prof. Kisoo Eun (Grad. School of Int'l Studies, SNU) discussed the future of Asia caused by active migration among Asian countries, under the theme "Borderless Asia." Prof. Jaeyeol Yee (Dept. of Sociology, SNU) wrote the second article under the title, "Less Happy Asia," pointing out the reason behind Asian countries' low happiness to income ratio is the low trust rate caused by lack of social transparency. In the third article, which dealt with Asian creativity, Prof. Cheongtag Kim (Dept. of Psychology, SNU) emphasized the necessity of cultural innovation considering Asia's low level of diversity. For the fourth article, Geun Lee (Dept. of Economics, SNU) introduced a research result which showed that Korea's pace of economic growth is slower compared not only to its rival Asian countries, but also to other developed countries. Lastly, Soojin Park (Dept. of Geography, SNU) asserted the necessity of transnational environmental cooperation, supporting her argument with an analysis of the recently increasing environmental crisis in East Asia.

This special project article series gathered attention in that it presented various aspects of Asia combined with empirical analysis and a public approach. The achievements of research carried out in connection with the articles were presented and discussed in a colloquium titled "Asia: The Shared Issues" and the result was published as a special issue.
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History

Feb. 2009  Seoul National University Asia Center was established (Founding Director: Hyun-Chin Lim)
Sep. 2009  The First SNUAC International Conference What is Asia: Retrospect and Prospect was held
Jul. 2010  Construction of SNUAC New Building began (Completed in Feb. 2013)
Sep. 2010  Selected as a Key Research Institute (NRF)
Mar. 2011  KF Global e-School Program Started
Oct. 2011  The Second SNUAC International Conference Global Challenges in Asia: New Development Model and Regional Community Building was held
Sep. 2012  Selected as an Institute for Emerging Economies Research Program (NRF)
Mar. 2013  Asia Basic Research Program began
May. 2013  Opening Ceremony of SNUAC New Building
Sep. 2013  Prof. Myungkoo Kang was appointed as the Director of SNUAC
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