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May 2018
SooJin Park, Director of SNUAC

Q&A

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The Department of International Exchanges promotes exchanges between researchers in Asian studies through its Visiting Scholars Program. Researchers are also welcomed to make contributions to SNUAC journals, the Asia Review and DiverseAsia, which would be an opportunity for sharing their research outcomes. Moreover, SNUAC pursues cooperation with other Asian studies institutes through its Asia Regional Research Center Council.

* Visiting Scholars Program: snuac_exch@snu.ac.kr
* Asia Review: snuacjournal@snu.ac.kr
* DiverseAsia: ac.asiareview@gmail.com
* SNU Asia Regional Research Center Council: snuac_core@snu.ac.kr

2. How can I access ‘Asia-related’ data through SNUAC?
Since the affiliation of KOSSDA to SNUAC in 2015, SNUAC has been laying the foundation for data collecting in Asian studies through the Asia Regional Information and Dissemination Center. KOSSDA, the core information and dissemination center, has been committed to the systematic collection and archiving of Asian data and information. The ‘Asia Regional Information and Dissemination Center’ has been commenced in 2018 based on this experience and is aiming to establish a web portal that provides a comprehensive range of data on Asia.

* KOSSDA: http://kossda.snu.ac.kr
* Asia Regional Information and Dissemination Center: kossda@snu.ac.kr

3. How can graduate students (Master's/Doctoral) participate in various academic events at SNUAC?
SNUAC aims to conduct research within the methodological framework of investigating Asia through integration of regions and themes. The six centers, KOSSDA, and the five thematic programs organize diverse academic events including seminars and special lectures under such research frameworks. SNUAC also supports researchers in Asian studies through the SNU Dissertation Writing Fellowship and Award.

* Regional Centers & Thematic Programs/Academic Events: Dept. of Academic Research (snuac_research@snu.ac.kr)
* SNUAC Dissertation Writing Fellowship/Award: Dept. of Human Resource Development (snuacedu@snu.ac.kr)

4. How can undergraduate students participate in SNUAC programs?
The Department of Human Resource Development at SNUAC provides research internship and student club programs for nurturing next-generation scholars. The Friends of Asia program supports exchange activities between international students from Asian countries.

* Research Internship: snuacedu@snu.ac.kr
* Friends of Asia: snuacedu@snu.ac.kr

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Goals and Vision of SNUAC

SNUAC DATA

Asia Regional Information and Dissemination Center
A web portal providing research data on the Asian region, based on the archiving expertise of KOSSDA.

SNUAC ARCHIVING

History

Feb. 2009
Inauguration of SNUAC (Founding Director: Prof. Hyun-Chin Lim)

Sep. 2009
The inception of SNUAC international conference: What Is Asia? Retrospectives and Prospects

Sep. 2010
Designation as a Key Research Institute by the National Research Foundation of Korea

Mar. 2011
Selection as part of the Korea Foundation Global e-School Program

Oct. 2011
SNUAC international conference: Global Challenges in Asia: A New Development Model and Regional Community Building

Mar. 2013
Commencement of the Asia Basic Research Program

Jun. 2015
Opening ceremony of the independent SNUAC building

Oct. 2015
Appointment of Prof. Myungkoo Kang as the 3rd SNUAC Director

Apr. 2016
Affiliation of the Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA) with SNUAC

Aug. 2017
SNUAC international conference: Capitalism and Capitalisms in Asia: Origins, Commonalities, and Diversity

Sep. 2018
Selection of Asia Review to be registered in KCI

Nov. 2018
Appointment of Prof. SooJin Park as the 5th SNUAC Director

Dec. 2018
Commencement of the Asia Regional Information and Dissemination Center; SNU Asia Regional Research Center Council; Asia Regional Review

Regions + Themes = SNUAC Research

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