

Abstract: "Tackling Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence in South Korea" draws from my current book project on Gender Justice and Contemporary Asian Literatures. I'll open with discussion of understandings of gender justice, and background on gender-based and intimate partner violence, with particular reference to recent decades in South Korea. I'll then discuss a case study from South Korean literature, and conclude with additional contextualization on sexual violence in/and South Korea and Asia more broadly.

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