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President's Greetings

Dear AKPS Members,

I trust the latest issue of AKPS NOW, AKPS's newsletter, finds you well and enjoying the much deserved summer break after a busy year. Summer for us is time for rest, rejuvenation, and research, research, and research! Despite many things on your plate, I hope you will manage to spend some quality time with your loved ones, friends, and colleagues this summer.

I am writing to report on our activities since our last newsletter in December. We had informative and innovative presentations in our panels and an invigorating dinner gathering at the ISA Annual Convention in New Orleans. Some of the papers presented at the ISA convention one year earlier have been published in a special issue of Asian Perspective, thanks to the initiative and hard work by General Secretary Taehyun Nam. Vice President Mikyoung Kim is now hard at work to build on the ISA panel on the Sewol to put together an edited volume that analyzes Korea's politics and society from multiple perspectives. I take this opportunity to thank Professors Nam and Kim as well as the participants for their labor of love.



I believe one of the concrete ways in which an organization like ours can enhance our members' work and contribute to the discipline is to help members communicate, create room for their presentations and dialogues, and help them publish. The ISA and APSA panels as well as dinner gatherings have been instrumental to achieving these goals. So are the publications that have resulted from these gatherings. I look forward to seeing more panels, more participants, and more publications.

Professor Jong-Sung You have been busily putting together our panels and business meeting at the APSA Annual Meeting this September. Professor Andrew Yeo has graciously accepted the ISA Program Chair and successfully submitted what look like very promising panel proposals. Stay tuned for more information about 2015 APSA meeting in San Francisco.

Last but not least, please see the newsletter for our members' publications and promotions. A voluntary organization like ours draws its strength from the success of our members, and it is wonderful to see how active and successful they have been. We occasionally send out calls for papers and job announcements by email, in addition to this newsletter. Please look out for them. Also feel free to forward to us workshops or conferences you are organizing.

Have a wonderful break, and I hope to see you all at APSA!

Best,

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2015 ISA Annual Conference @ New Orleans

Panel: Many Faces Of Korean Politics.

Chair: Maorong Jiang (Creighton University); Discussant: Jae-Jung Suh (Wilson Center) & Taehyun Nam (Salisbury University)

HeeMin Kim (Florida State University), "Scandals, Candidates Characteristics, and Negative Voting in New Democracies: A Test Based on Recent Presidential Elections in Korea."

Davis Florick (Creighton University) & Maorong Jiang (Creighton University) "Transforming United States - Democratic People's Republic of Korea Relations: Identifying Trade Space in Pursuit of Change"

Hyug Baeg Im (Korea University) & Juhee Lee (Korea University) "The Change in Party-Military Relationship under Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il: From Totalitarian to Socialist Patrimonial Dictatorship Model"

Wookhee Shin (Seoul National University) "From the 'Japanese Question' to the 'North Korean Problem': Threat Transition in Northeast Asia through the Korean War"

Roundtable: The Sinking Of The Sewol Ferry And Korean Politics.

Chair: Mikiyoung Kim (Hiroshima City University); Discussant: Yoonkyung Lee (Binghamton University, State University of New York)

Participant: Jae-Jung Suh (Wilson Center); Taehyun Nam (Salisbury University), Yoonkyung Lee (Binghamton University, State University of New York), Jong-sung You (University of California at San Diego)

Call for manuscripts

Pacific Focus invites submission of original manuscripts. The journal's remit is to represent the wide range of research interests covering security, regionalism, environment, migration, civil society, and multi-culturalism in the Asia-Pacific region. PF is a peer-reviewed journal published three times a year (April, August & December) by the Center for International Studies, Inha University, Korea and the Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, USA. PF is indexed and abstracted in the Social Sciences Citation Index, Social Scisearch, Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition. Submitted manuscripts should be original pieces of work that have not been published in other places or not currently on offer to another publisher. Submitted manuscripts should be 7,000-10,000 words in length, including

footnotes. Also include in your submission an author's Bio-data (less than 100 words), an abstract (150-250 words), Keywords (5-10 words), and References (less than 2 pages). For submission guidelines, refer to the journal's website at http://inhacis.com/ne/sub2_4.html. For manuscript submission or inquiries, please contact Professor Seung-Ho Joo, Associate Editor for North America by phone (320-589-6203) or by e-mail (joos@morris.umn.edu).

"Facing the New East-West Relations" is the theme for the first East-West Studies Conference to be held on October 1-2, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska. This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the Asian World Center at Creighton University and the International Studies and Program of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Scholars, students and practitioners who are interested in presenting papers on the new emerging East-West relations, the state of US-Asia economic interdependence and other issues and perspectives on Asia are invited to submit an abstract. The deadline for the proposal submission is June 8, 2015. More information is at: http://world.unomaha.edu/gsc/img/Call_for_Papers_2015.pdf

The Graduate School at Creighton University offers Graduate degree (MA) in East-West Studies. The deadline for the international application is July 1. More information is at: <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/asianworldcenter/eastweststudies/>

Publications

Choi, Ji Young "Rationality, Norms, and Identity in International Relations," *International Politics*, Vol. 52, No. 1 (2015): 110-127.

Ha, Eunyong, and Myung-koo Kang. 2015 "Government Responses to Financial Crisis: Identifying Patterns and Policy Origins." *World Development*. 68: 264-281.

Ha, Eunyong, and Christopher Hwang* 2015. "The US-North Korea Geneva Agreement: Strategic Choices and Credible Commitments." *North Korea Review*. Spring 2015: 7-23.

Ha, Eunyong and Julia Kim. 2015. "Global Inequality." In *Encounters with World Affairs: An Introduction to International Relations*. London: Ashgate Publishing

Special issue of Asian Perspective Volume 39, Issue 2 (April-June 2015)

Suh, Jae-Jung. "Korea's Democracy After the Cheonan Incident: The Military, the State, and Civil Society Under the Division System."

You, Jong-sung. "The Cheonan Incident and the Declining Freedom of Expression in South Korea."

Nam, Taehyun. "Rallying Around the Flag or Crying Wolf? Contentions over the Cheonan Incident."

Ku, Yangmo. "Transitory or Lingering Impact? The Legacies of the Cheonan Incident in Northeast Asia."

Presentation/Grants

Choi, Ji Young was awarded Thomas E. Wenzlau (TEW) Grants for Faculty and Curricular Development (\$3,000), which will fund his new research project (Globalization and State Policies: The Rise of East Asian Economies and the Role of the State in a Global Age). He plans to present his research draft at the Global Studies Conference at Imperial College London, the United Kingdom in July, 2015.

Choi, Ji Young, with other faculty members at Ohio Wesleyan University, was awarded the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and Environment (LIASE) Grants (\$50,000) and visited Yonsei University and Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea in May 2015. They are also eligible to apply for a multi-year \$400,000 implementation grant in 2016.

Choi, Ji Young was accepted as a Visiting Scholar by the Mershon Center of International Security Studies at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and will receive research grants (\$2,000) and engage in a book project (Globalization, Hegemony Cycles, and the Rise of China) during Spring and Summer semesters in 2016.

Appointment/Promotion

Ji Young Choi (Dept of Politics & Government at Ohio Wesleyan University) has been tenured and promoted to Associate Professor.

Uk Heo has been promoted to UWM Distinguished Professor.