

THE AKPS NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear AKPS members,

It is with a great sense of appreciation that I start my term as President of the AKPS. Our organization has been sustained thanks to the dedication that our members have made, and it would not be able to carry out its mandate without the members' continued support and participation. Of all who have contributed to the AKPS, I would like to recognize Professor Haesook Chae for her tremendous contribution for the past 3 years. She as President of the AKPS look leadership to expand our syllabi collection, deepen institutional ties with the Korean Political Science Association, organize panels and roundtables at the APSA and the ISA annual conferences, explore collaboration with North Korea Review, etc. Also she ably handled the transition of some of the officers caused by unforeseen circumstances during her tenure. I extend my heart-felt appreciation to Professor Chae and all the officials and the board members who helped manage the AKPS together.

Now that I have inherited the great legacies left behind by Professor Chae, I am reminded of the great responsibilities that I am expected to bear. I am committed to carrying out my responsibilities as best as I can. At the same time, I know I alone cannot run the organization. It is inevitable that I will rely on the officers and the board members for important decisions and their implementation. I especially look forward to working with Professor Mikyoung Kim who, after several years of service as General Secretary, will continue her contribution as Vice President. I am pleased and honored that Professor Taehyun Nam has agreed to assume the role of General Secretary and Professor Changkuk Jung will continue in his role as Treasurer. I need the continued interest and support of all the members, and hope each of you will do what you can to help develop the AKPS. Our organization will become, after all, what we make of it.

During our annual business meeting in Chicago, we elected three new members to the AKPS Governing Board: Professor Miyoung Yoon at Hanover College,

Professor Andrew Yeo of Catholic University, and myself. On behalf of the AKPS, I would like to thank the departing Governing Board members for their excellent services for the past three years: Professor Tae-Hyung Kim, Professor Kyung-Ae Park, and Professor Jung-Kun Suh. Professor Sun-Kwang Bae will continue in his excellent work as our webmaster. Also, I am pleased to report that I can continue to work with the continuing board members: Dongryul Kim at Rochester Institute of Technology (2013-16), Jungkeun Seo at Kyunghee University (2012-2015), HeeMin Kim at Seoul National University (2013-16), Mikyoung Kim at Hiroshima City University (2011-14), and Jong-sung You at University of California-San Diego (2011-14). Professor Dongryul Kim will continue his service as APSA-AKPS Program Chair (2012-14), and Seung-Whan Choi, University of Illinois at Chicago as ISA-AKPS Program Chair (2012-14).

I am pleased to report that our panels at the 2013 APSA in Chicago were a great success, with a good-sized audience and excellent discussion. Our APSA program chair, Professor Dongryul Kim, did an excellent job making the panel presentation successful. Thanks are also due to the members who attended our panels. The strong attendance will help us maintain our panels at next year's APSA. The call for papers for next year's APSA Annual Meeting is included below in this newsletter. The AKPS encourages graduate students to apply for travel grants for participation in the 2014 APSA. Graduate students who will be presenting papers at one of the AKPS panels are eligible for the grant and the application form can be found at the end of this newsletter and also on our website.

Our ISA program chair, Professor Seung-Whan Choi, has been hard at work organizing the three AKPS panels at the upcoming ISA conference in Toronto in March 2014. I am happy to report that he pulled together three excellent panels: WB51: How and Where to Publish Korean Political Studies (10:30 on Wednesday, March 26); FD49: Korean Politics and Security after the Cheonan Incident (4PM on Friday, March 28); and Understanding North Korea's Politics (8:15 AM on Saturday, March 29). I urge you to come to these panels, not only because they deal with important professional and political issues but also because the number of participants in our panels determines the number of panels we can get the following year. We will send you a reminder about the panels and a dinner gathering in due course.

If you have ideas about what we can or should do to promote Korean political studies, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the officers. We are eager to work with you. Have a good remainder of the fall semester and I hope to see you all in Toronto next March!

Best,

Jae-Jung Suh

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CALL FOR PAPERS:

The Association of Korean Political Studies is seeking paper and panel proposals, and volunteers to serve as panel chairs or discussants. Both panel and paper proposals pertaining to Korean politics are welcome. Topics are open to both IR and comparative perspectives on the Korean peninsula. Respecting the theme of the 2014 APSA Annual Convention, 'Politics After the Digital Revolution,' the AKPS will prefer, among others, the proposals that address the issues on technological advancement in domestic politics of both South and North Korea, as well as new security challenges in and around the Peninsula. All proposals should be submitted to the APSA website by December 15. We look forward to receiving as many competitive proposals as possible. This will help the AKPS to enhance our visibility within the APSA.

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ACTIVITIES:

Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland run the Witness to Transformation blog at <http://www.piiie.com/blogs/nk>. The blog is updated daily with commentary and information on the Korean peninsula and particularly on North Korea. The site can be used as a research and teaching tool as well by using the Tags and other features.

Kyung-Ae Park (University of British Columbia) organized and held an international conference on Special Economic Zone Development in North Korea during Oct. 15-18. Park led a delegation of 14 people from 7 different countries to North Korea and 14 North Koreans were designated participants. They held the conference at the Yanggakdo hotel and had around 85 people from all over the country including scholars, economic experts and gov't officials. Some were from the Rason and Hwanggumpyong SEZ management committees. See North Korean news coverage of the event: Korean Central TV (조선중앙 TV) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n4o2h_itUE (starts at 9:50); Kyung-Ae Park's Interview with Rodong sinmun (로동신문)

http://www.rodong.rep.kp/ko/index.php?strPageID=SF01_02_01&newsID=2013-10-23-0049&chAction=T



Jong-sung You (University of California, San Diego) was sentenced to six months in prison, with a year of probation, on charge of making a false election speech against his wife, Seung-hee You's opponent during the 2012 National Assembly election campaign. He appealed to the Seoul High Court, and the appellate court found Jong-sung You innocent. The news report at

http://news.khan.co.kr/kh_news/khan_art_view.html?partid=201311061423431&code=910402

RECENT APPOINTMENTS & / OR CHANGES

Jooyoun Lee has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Global Studies at School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Her contact information is: Tel. 512-233-1488, Email. jooyounl@stedwards.edu.

Soomi Lee received the Ph.D. degree in economics and political science from Claremont Graduate University in 2011. Since then she has held an assistant professor position at University of La Verne in California.

Taedong Lee has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science & International Relations at Yonsei University, starting on September 1, 2013. His new contact information is: 50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun Gu, Department of Political Science & International Relations, Yonsei University, Seoul, 120-749, Republic of Korea; +82 2-2123 2948 ; tdlee@yonsei.ac.kr

Holli A. Semetko, MSc PhD (LSE), MBA (Emory), Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Media and International Affairs and Professor of Political Science at Emory University in Atlanta, is a Fulbright Nehru Scholar in Mumbai, India in 2013-14. She is based at Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) for the fall semester and can be reached at: holli.semetko@emory.edu

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GUIDELINES ON GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

The Association of Korean Political Studies is pleased to announce graduate student travel grant for participation in the 2014 ISA. Graduate students who will be presenting a paper in one of AKPS sessions of 2014 ISA are eligible. This grant is designed to encourage the involvement of graduate students in AKPS and support their research in Korean political studies.

The funding decisions will be based on financial need as expressed in the grant application (see description below) and on the merits of the student's paper abstract. The funding will pay travel and accommodation costs up to \$250, and a maximum of two recipients will be chosen by an AKPS selection committee. To apply submit by e-mail (1) the application form and (2) a paper abstract to Professor Dongryul Kim at Rochester Institute of Technology by e-mail at dxkgsm@rit.edu by December 20.

Application Form

Name & Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

School: _____

Status: PH.D. student () ABD () MA student: ()

Financial Need (Please explain in 300 words or less how this grant will help you participate):

ABSTRACT

Paper title:

Abstract author(s):

Paper abstract: (approximately 1,000 words)