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## President's Greetings

Dear AKPS Members,

Season's greetings to you all as you savor the winter break that gives you time to reflect upon the past as well as to plan for the future. I'd like to congratulate you on reaping another productive year and sowing many seeds of new research and projects.

I am writing to report on our activities since our last newsletter in May. We had stimulating panels and pleasant gathering at APSA in Washington, DC. General Secretary Taehyun Nam has been leading the initiative to publish some of the papers presented at the last ISA conference. He has successfully negotiated with a journal to publish them in a special issue, and overseen the process of their revisions. I take this opportunity to thank him and the participants, and look forward to seeing the fruit of their labor in due course.

As we wrap up a conference, we prepare for another. I am proud to present well-formed panels at this year's ISA conference in New Orleans, LN from March 18 to 21, 2015. I acknowledge, with appreciation, the hard work done by Program Chair Seung-Hwan Choi to put together the excellent



panels. You'll find the details of the panels in the attached newsletter. We will hold our annual dinner and business meeting at a nearby restaurant during the conference. Stay tuned for more information about this.

The best service that the AKPS can provide for its members is to create opportunities for research, presentation and publication. The ISA panels serve as an exemplary model of how our members make the best of the opportunities to present and publish. The upcoming ISA offers another important venue that I hope you will take advantage of. Please mark your calendar and come to our panels and dinner meeting.

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 ISA!

Best,

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## 2014 APSA Annual Conference @ Washington DC

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### *CITIZEN ACTIVISM IN EAST ASIA IN THE DIGITAL AGE*

Chair: David Leheny, Princeton University

Mary Alice Haddad, Wesleyan University, “East Asian Green Networks: Digital Technology and Environmental Activism in South Korea and Japan.”

Erin Aeran Chung, Johns Hopkins University, “The Unintended Consequences of Immigration Control in East Asian Democracies: Advocacy for Immigrants in the Digital Age.”

Paul Y Chang, Harvard University, “The Structure of Protest Cycles: Contagion and Cohesion in South Korea’s Democracy Movement.”

Celeste Arrington, George Washington University, “Mobilizing Support for the Sick: South Korean and Japanese Patient Activism in the Digital Era.”

Disc: Andrew Yeo, Catholic University of America

### *TROUBLED DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH KOREA?*

Chair: Meredith Jung-En Woo, University of Virginia

Jong-sung You, University of California, San Diego, “The Decline of Freedom of Expression in South Korea: Retreating toward an Illiberal Democracy?”

Yoonkyung Le, SUNY, Binghamton University, “There IS Class Voting in Korea: Class Voting of the Haves and Non-class Voting of the Not Haves.”

Hyejin Kim, National University of Singapore, “South Korea’s Grey Revolution.”

Erik Mobrand, National University of Singapore, “Democratizing to Dysfunction: The Management of Aces to Electoral Success in South Korea.”

Disc: Meredith Jung-En Woo, University of Virginia

## Publications

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**Chae, Haesook (Baldwin Wallace University)**. 2014. "The Fluid Middle in South Korean Politics." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* published online 4 December.

**Clemens, Jr., Walter C. (Boston University)**. "From Prisoner Release to Normal Links with North Korea? Why Washington should seek a grand bargain with North Korea." *The Diplomat* (October 08, 2014)

**Ha, Eunyoung (Claremont Graduate University)**, Dongwook-Lee and Puspa Amri 2014. "Trade and Welfare Compensation: The Missing Links." *International Interactions* 40 (5): 1-26.

Tsebelis, George and Eunyoung Ha. 2014. "Coalition Theory: A Veto Players Approach." *European Political Science Review* 6 (3): 331-357.

**Heejin Han (National University of Singapore)**, "Policy Advocacy Coalitions in China: Assessing Evidence from Contemporary Environmental Politics", *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* (Co-author with Danny Unger and Brendon Swedlow), 16(4), 313-334 (Part of a special issue under the theme, "Policy Change in Comparative Contexts: Applying the Advocacy Coalition Framework Outside of Western Europe and North America")

Heejin Han, 2014. "Deliberation as a Goal: The Case of Chinese ENGO Activism", *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 19(2), 173-190

**So Young Kim (KAIST)** "Government R&D Funding in Economic Downturns: Testing the Varieties of Capitalism Conjecture," *Science and Public Policy* 41(1): 107-118.

So Young Kim & Yael Wolinsky-Nahmais, 2014. "Cross-National Public Opinion on Climate Change: The Effects of Affluence and Vulnerability," *Global Environmental Politics* 14(1): 79-106.

**Yangmo Ku (Norwich University)**, "Japanese History Textbook Controversies, 1995-2010: Transnational Activism versus Neo-nationalist Movement" *Pacific Focus*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (August 2014): 260-83.

Yangmo Ku, "Japanese Historical Perception and South Korea-Japan Relations," *RINSA FORUM*, Vol. 33, August 2014.

**Yoonkyung Lee (Binghamton University, State University of New York)**. "Labor After Neoliberalism: The Birth of the Insecure Class in Korea," *Globalizations* 11-4 (2014): 1-19 *Review of Inequality in the Workplace*

Yoonkyung Lee, *Review of Inequality in the Workplace Labor Market Reform in Japan and Korea* by Jiyeoun Song (Cornell University Press, 2014), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 67-3 (2014)

**Youngtae Shin (University of Central Oklahoma)**. Protest Politics and the Democratization of South Korea: strategies and roles of women. Lexington Books

**Andrew Yeo (The Catholic University of America)**, "The Politicization of North Korean Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy," North Korean Review, Vol. 10, No. 2 (2014), pp. 71-87.

## Presentation/Talks

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**Thomas Wuchte**, Head on Anti-Terrorism Issues in the OSCE Transnational Threats Department, addressed the UN General Assembly on the occasion of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, 13 June 2014, New York.

**Ji Young Choi (Ohio Wesleyan University)** participated in the Global Liberal Arts Alliance's meeting in Paris, France in November 2014 (10th -13 th) for the development of a Globalization Studies major.

## Appointment/Promotion

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**Heejin Han** was promoted to a lecturer position in the Department of Political Science at National University of Singapore.