

# AKPS NOW

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## President's Greetings

Dear Members of AKPS,

It is my honor to report to you that I was elected to serve the Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS) as its President. I will serve a two-year term (2016-18). All the seven board members cast their email votes on October 5, signaling the beginning of a new phase for the AKPS. I take this call to duty with a very strong sense of responsibility and urgency.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Professor **Jae-Jung Suh** at International Christian University in Tokyo, the out-going President, for his dedicated service. He dutifully and effectively managed the AKPS from 2013 until 2016. He demonstrated gentle and thoughtful leadership from which I learned a lot. As a highly respected scholar, Professor Suh took the initiatives of transforming the AKPS panel papers into a special journal edition (*Asian Perspective, Aftermath of Cheonan Incident*, 2015, Vol. 39, No. 2) and a forthcoming edited volume (*Compressed Modernization, Deepening Crisis: The Sinking of the Sewol and South Korea*, Palgrave Macmillan, March 2017). His leadership and achievements will leave a lasting mark in the history of the AKPS.

This year marks the 43rd anniversary of the AKPS. We owe a great debt to our seniors who survived and prevailed under very challenging circumstances. They held the first AKPS meeting in Chicago in 1973. The founding members included Professors Chang-



hyun Cho, Young Hoon Kang, C.I. Eugene Kim, Han-kyo Kim and Young Chin Kim. I learned about Korean politics while reading their books in graduate school. An experience like this defines the beauty of our intellectual tradition. And I feel ever more obliged to continue and contribute to such a legacy.

I vividly recall what some of them have told me about what it was like to study Korean politics in the US back then. When they left Korea, the society was still in chaos in the aftermath of the Korean War. The tragic war, however, helped them to see the bigger world and inspired them to take the risks of leaving their comfort zone and pursuing their academic aspirations in the US. With the Korean GNP per capita at less than \$1,000 per year, the dreams and a few hundred dollars in their pocket pretty much defined their entire assets.

Here I would like to share a story that one of our great seniors, Professor Emeritus Han S. Park at the University of Georgia, told me a good while ago. When he was in a master's program at American University, Professor Park was waiting on tables at a Chinese restaurant. He had a family to provide for. One day a Korean visitor dined at his restaurant and learned that Professor Park was a Korean student with family responsibilities. The visitor left a \$50 dollar tip on the table. That probably was his way of expressing his good wishes for his struggling compatriot. But Professor Park refused to accept the generous tip. He ran after the visitor and returned the money. Professor Park recollected, "Pride was all I had back then. I did not wish to bend myself to such generosity. I knew that I could use the money for many necessities, but I wanted to prove to myself that I could keep the lines that I drew."

The AKPS continues its existence thanks to our predecessors' efforts. According to the 2015 Korea Foundation data, 49 universities in the US are employing 73 full time faculty members in the Korean Studies field. And about 120 universities in the US are offering courses on Korea. This impressive growth and increasing visibility for the past 4 decades are due in part to the accumulated efforts through the AKPS activities. As the 23rd President of AKPS, I feel a responsibility to hand over an even more established and active organization to our juniors.

The AKPS has formed a group of dedicated volunteers for the coming two years. I feel very honored to introduce them in this newsletter.

### On the web

Please visit our renewed website, [www.akps.org](http://www.akps.org), for its activities and history.

Send us any questions or news to share to [mkkim\\_33@hotmail.com](mailto:mkkim_33@hotmail.com) or [yoonyung.lee@utoronto.ca](mailto:yoonyung.lee@utoronto.ca)

Professor **HeeMin Kim** at Seoul National University and Florida State University (<http://edu.snu.ac.kr/node/112>) has graciously agreed to serve as Vice President. He has already made very significant contributions to the AKPS as the 16th President (2001-3), and has been staying very actively involved with our activities since then;

Professor **Yoonkyung Lee** at University of Toronto ([http://www.sociology.utoronto.ca/people/Research\\_and\\_Teaching\\_Faculty/yoonyunglee.htm](http://www.sociology.utoronto.ca/people/Research_and_Teaching_Faculty/yoonyunglee.htm)) will serve as our Secretary. She will be primarily in charge of newsletter production and circulation;

Professor **Taehyun Nam** at Salisbury University (<http://faculty.salisbury.edu/~txnam/>) will continue his service as Treasurer. He has worked very hard as Secretary, webpage master and the APSA-AKPS program chair for the past three years. We are very grateful for his continuous service. He will manage our finances and prepare biannual financial statements;

Professor **Edward Kwon** at Northern Kentucky University (<https://artsience.nku.edu/departments/psccj/programs/politicalscience/faculty/kwon.html>) will continue to serve as our webpage master. He has already added many wonderful features and useful information to the page, making it more pleasant to access and browse; and

Professor **Eunyoung Ha** at Claremont Graduate University (<http://www.cgu.edu/pages/10789.asp>) has agreed to become the first Graduate Coordinator of AKPS. She will be in charge of reviewing and selecting the Best Graduate Student Paper Award.

I am also happy to report about the AKPS panel during the 2016 APSA meetings in Philadelphia. Professor Taehyun Nam organized a very successful panel of 5 papers on "Politics of Korean Peninsula" on September 3. The panel attracted a good-sized audience reflecting rising interest in Korean political affairs at APSA.

We also held a business meeting on September 1 where the members elected two new board members. They are Professors Yoonkyung Lee at the University of Toronto and Eunyoung Ha at Claremont Graduate University. They will serve three year terms.

Finally, AKPS wants to thank our members for their continuous interest and involvement in our activities. We will try harder to become more useful for your research, teaching and networking. Your support is indispensable for our work.

Sincerely Yours,

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President (September 2016-September 2018)

Association of Korean Political Studies (<http://www.akps.org/>)

## 2016 APSA Conference

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Politics of Korean Peninsula

Saturday, September 3, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Marriott, Room 411

- \* Foreign Aid to North Korea and Its Determinants - Heon Joo Jung, Yonsei University; Geon Woo Park, Yonsei University; Myeonggeun Ji, Yonsei University
- \* Gender Politics: Unexpected Turn of the Sewol Ferry Sinking - Mikyoung Kim, Hiroshima City University
- \* The International Political Economy of Yellow Dust - Matthew A. Shapiro, Illinois Institute of Technology
- \* The Mysterious Overvaluation of KRW in the 1990s - Byunghwan Son, George Mason University
- \* Is there Class Voting under Rising Inequality in Korea? - Yoonkyung Lee, University of Toronto; Jong-sung You, The Australian National University

Chair: Taehyun Nam, Salisbury University

Discussant: Mikyoung Kim, Hiroshima City University

## Publications

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Walter C. Clemens Jr. 2016. North Korea and the World: Human Rights, Arms Control, and Strategies for Negotiation. University Press of Kentucky

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Jooyoun Lee (St. Edward's University). 2016. "Narrating War: Newspaper Editorials on Japan's Defense and Security Policy between Militarism and Peace," The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis 28 (3): 365-382.

Taehyun Nam. "Baekin Uwol Jueuiwa Migookeui Hyunsil" [White Supremacism and America Today] KyungHyang Shinmun (Sept. 28, 2016)

## Call for Papers

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The AKPS's first and foremost objective with respect to the panel at the 2017 APSA is its quality. With that goal in mind, we call for papers without any restrictions on the topic or methodological approach of the proposed paper as long as it is relevant to the study of Korean politics. The door is thus wide open for any potential contributions. We would expect that the papers which are eventually selected for the APSA-AKPS panel are of the quality publishable in reputable journals. Doing an edited volume with the panel papers is also a good possibility. Considerations will be given to the submitted as well as solicited papers. Please send the abstract of 250 words to Mikyoung Kim at [mkkim\\_33@hotmail.com](mailto:mkkim_33@hotmail.com) by December 31.

The Public Administration Theory Network's (PAT-Net) annual conference casts a wide and interdisciplinary net exploring the intersection of theory and critical understandings of government, governance, and administration. The 2017 Annual Conference titled "Tension and Transition: The New Frontiers of Public Administration" will be held June 1-4 in Laramie, Wyoming. The submission deadline for panel and paper proposals is November 14, 2016. Please consider participating in this conference and passing along this call to others who might have interest.

Full call: "Tension and Transition: The New Frontiers of Public Administration"

The frontier connotes a limit, the stark juxtaposition of the known and the unknown and the understandable from the chaotic. On the one hand, frontiers are edges, boundaries, and borders subject to the tension between ordered politics and anarchy. Within the administration of existing political, economic, and social formations, frontiers separate that which is settled, known, and unchallenged from that which is not. Frontiers create the “other” or “others” existing outside of current relations and stabilize practices of difference and separation.

Within the context of knowledge formation, frontiers describe existing parameters while simultaneously delimiting spaces for new possibilities. Encounters at the frontier oscillate between the static and the active, both reifying existing practices and creating openings for the development of new forms of knowledge, information and practice. The 2017 Public Administration Theory Network requests papers for its annual conference that explore the tension between stability and possibility within the practices and theories of public administration. How does the defining of frontiers create limits and conflicts? Where might frontiers open space for emancipatory transitions to new forms of administration or governance? What tensions exist in the expansion or contraction of frontiers? How might public administration overcome that which should not be stable or static within democratic administration?

The 2017 Program Committee invites panel and paper proposals that track along the conference theme and/or any of the following new frontiers within public administration:

- \* New forms and uses of technologies (biometrics, surveillance, etc.)
- \* Emerging and shifting definitions identity (gender, race, class)
- \* Geographic frontiers of public administration
- \* Broadening research questions to counter the tendency towards research narrowness
- \* The possibilities for citizen participation and engagement • Social movements and citizen protest
- \* The tensions or complementarities between globalization and cosmopolitanism
- \* (Re)negotiating the urban/rural divide
- \* Secularism and religion in political practices and expressions
- \* Disciplinary and interdisciplinary forms of knowledge(s)
- \* Institutional practices of democracy

For panel proposals (which are encouraged), include a 150 - 300 word description of the panel theme and 150- 250 word abstracts for each paper in the panel.

Panels should normally include 3-4 papers, a convener and a discussant. Panel proposals should include at least 3 presenters. Additional panel members and conveners and discussants may be added by the program committee.

Paper proposals should take the form of 150-250 word abstracts. For both papers and panels, please indicate how the proposal relates to the theme and/or topics listed above. Final paper titles may be submitted later. Doctoral students are encouraged to submit proposals.

Please send questions, abstracts, and panel proposals to the Program Committee Chair:  
Sarah Surak patnet2017@gmail.com

The submission deadline is Monday, November 14, 2016

## **News**

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Wayne Patterson has been named a Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of International Relations.

Mikyoung Kim has started her term as the Research Committee on Human Rights (RC26) Chair of IPSA in July, 2016. She will serve a two-year term.

## **Membership Fees**

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The following members made generous financial contributions via membership fee or other forms:

Eunyoung Ha  
Mikyoung Kim\*  
Eunju Kang  
Taehyun Nam  
Jong-sung You

\* lifetime membership (\$500)