President’s Greetings

Greetings,

It was yet another successful year for the members of AKPS thanks to our long and strong tradition of dedication and hard work. I hope this newsletter will serve as an opportunity for us to celebrate our achievements and think about our future.

The achievements include continued success of our panels in major conferences such as the APSA and the ISA. The most recent panel was held at the annual conference of the APSA, August 29 – September 1, 2019, in Washington DC. The AKPS held a panel with a title, Populism, Privilege, and the Marginalized in Korea. It was chaired by Andrew Yeo (The Catholic University of America) with Matteo Fumagalli (University of St Andrews) and Celeste Arrington (George Washington University) as discussants. The following papers were presented:

Hyung-A Kim (Australian National University), “South Korean Populism: Focused on the Role of Candlelight Protests since 2002.”

Youngmi Kim (University of Edinburgh), “Digital Populism in South Korea. From Hell Joseon to the #metoo movement.”

Jong-chol An (University of Tuebingen) and Justine Guichard (George Washington University), “In and Out of the Spotlight: Night Gatherings in Korean Constitutional Rulings.”

Eunsook Jung (University of Wisconsin-Madison), “Christian Fundamentalism and Political Engagement in South Korea.”

And, of course, as you will see in this letter, the AKPS members have achieved so much since last spring. I am very happy to share them here, and I am certain that they will inspire us to move to a higher ground. Please let the good news keep coming!
Just like life, good news is often accompanied by challenges. As shared in a previous announcement, one of our members is dealing with an unusual circumstance. My immediate predecessor, Dr. Mikyoung Kim, was wrongfully dismissed by the Hiroshima City University of Japan due to her commitment to academic freedom. Since 2017, Dr. Kim has been in a series of legal challenges. Please refer to the following links (http://www.kyousu.net/news/articleView.html? and https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41304-018-0169-4) regarding her situation.

Dr. Kim’s contributions to the AKPS was immense, as she served the AKPS in various positions for many years. I am certain we would not be where we are today without her efforts. Thus, I dare to say that this is our opportunity to return the favor. Please join me in a campaign to raise financial contributions that will allow her to continue the legal battle in Japan. Her fight for justice will be long and hard. Your contributions will go a long way in her fight for academic freedom, which all of us should hold dear.

Please send your contributions to either

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Bank of America
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KEB Hana Bank
147-890828-30507
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Lastly, let me use this letter to thank our officers. I am blessed by the companionship of the vice president and the program chair for the ISA panels Professor Yoonkyung Lee (University of Toronto), Executive Secretary Professor Joan Cho (Wesleyan University), the APSA program chair Professor Celeste Arrington (George Washington University), and the webmaster Professor Edward Kwon (Northern Kentucky University). Nothing would have been possible without their support and dedication.

Needless to say, we need your help for the continued success of the AKPS. I hope you will continuously extend your encouragement and support to our organization and officers. Please do not hesitate to share any ideas or suggestions with us as we are interested in working with you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the ISA meeting in Hawaii in March 2020!

Taehyun Nam, Professor, Salisbury University
Members' publications and scholarly activities

**Cho, Joan E. (Wesleyan University)** has published the following article:


**Kim, Gooyoung (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania)** has published the following articles:


**Kim, Mikyoung** testified before the Hiroshima Local Court along with the officials of Hiroshima City University on July 10, 2019.

The 11th court hearing was held on September 25, 2019, for Mikyoung Kim's litigation against Hiroshima City University of Japan to recover her tenured faculty position. She was fired on March 17, 2017, after arrest and detention. The lawsuit has been going on for two and a half years.

**Lee, Yoonkyung (University of Toronto)** is organizing a symposium on "The rise of illiberal politics in Asia" on November 15 at the University of Toronto with the following speakers: Marco Garrido (Sociology, University of Chicago), Tyrell Haberkorn (Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Wisconsin-Madison), Yoonkyung Lee (Sociology, University of Toronto), Taehyun Nam (Political Science, Salisbury University), Lynette Ong (Political Science, University of Toronto), Nathaniel Smith (East Asian Studies, University of Arizona), Celso Villegas (Sociology, Kenyon College), Myungji Yang (Political Science, University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa), Sharon Yoon (Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University), and Jun Zhang (Geography and Planning, University of Toronto). Dr. Lee also published the following book chapter and articles:


**Park, Brandon Beomseob (The College of New Jersey)** published the following articles:


**You, Jong-Sung (Gachon University)** was elected as Chair of the APSA Working Group on Inequality and Social Policy in East Asia at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington DC, August 28-September 1, 2019. Dr. You also published the following book chapter and articles:


You, Jong-Sung. 2019. “Debate on income and wealth inequality in South Korea: State intervention can cut inequality, but the current approach is wrong.” *Global Asia* vol. 14, no. 1 (March).


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