President’s Greetings

Dear Members,

I hope this issue of AKPS NOW, AKPS’s newsletter, will find you well. I’m writing from a small cafe in Seoul, Korea where I am finishing up my research trip. During this sabbatical leave, I studied a couple of topics that tremendously interest me. The much-awaited summer break is just around the corner for all of us, and I am sure that our collective efforts will bear fruit and enhance the understanding of Korean politics. My hope is that the AKPS has been and will be part of your endeavors.

In this letter, you will see a list of proud achievements of the AKPS members. Let me emphasize just one of them. We had informative, innovative, and interesting presentations at our panels followed by a refreshing and joyful dinner gathering at the ISA Annual Convention in Toronto. I hope it was yet another embarking moment for the participants. As you would know, even organizing a single panel is not a small task and yet we had three. I would like to use this moment to congratulate and thank Edward Kwon, the former ISA program chair. Needless to say, nothing was possible without his dedication. Nothing was possible without your participation and contribution to the AKPS. I salute each and every one of you who have committed to our mission.

Our efforts never stop. Celeste Arrington is working on our panel for the 2019 APSA annual conference in Washington DC. Yoonkyung Lee has already begun to draw blueprints for the 2020 ISA meeting in Hawaii. Our goal is to have more specific directions and use these opportunities to generate concrete outcomes. I hope you will join and support us.

As a scholar, we are all familiar with the collective action problem and we are asking for your help. Please share your feedback and your proposals, and collaborate with other members. Encourage others to join the AKPS, and be sure to submit your membership fees. For more information on the AKPS membership application and update, please
visit our website: http://akps.org/announcements.

See you in DC and be well until we meet again.

Best regards,
Taehyun Nam, Professor, Salisbury University

Members’ publications and scholarly activities

Arrington, Celeste (George Washington University)


Clemens, Walter (Boston University)


Heo, Uk (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Uk Heo, University Distinguished Professor in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, is going to be the next editor of Asian Survey. For more information see: http://ieas.berkeley.edu/publications/asian_survey.html

Kim, Gooyong (Cheyney University)


Kim, Mikyoung

The 7th court hearing to recover Mikyoung Kim's tenured faculty position at Hiroshima City University of Japan was held on April 12, 2019.

**Ku, Yangmo (Norwich University)**


Serves as Editor of a new journal named *the Journal of Peace and War Studies*. Its inaugural issue that addresses North Korea's nuclear and missile challenges was published on March 28, 2019. You can see and download the issue on Norwich University's Peace and War Center website: [https://www.norwich.edu/pawc](https://www.norwich.edu/pawc).

**Lee, Inyeop (Spring Arbor University)**


**Lee, Yoonkyung (University of Toronto)**


Organized a panel entitled "The rise of conservative counter-movements in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan" and presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Denver CO, March 21-24, 2019.

**Yeo, Andrew (Catholic University of America)**


- The book adopts a historical institutional framework to explain the evolution of Asian regional architecture from 1945 to present. If you'd like to receive a 30% discount code for the book, please email him at yeo@cua.edu.

**You, Jong-Sung (Gachon University)**

Awarded a five-year (December 2018-December 2023) research grant for the Laboratory Program on Korean Studies from the Korean Studies Promotion Service (KSPS) of the Academy of Korean Studies. The fifteen researchers affiliated with the KSPS-Gachon Korea Inequality Research Lab plan to publish ten monographs and 38 SSCI journal articles on the measurement, causes, consequences, and remedies (social policy) of inequality in Korea in comparative perspective.


Zhu, Zhiqun (Bucknell University)


Taught a summer course on Chinese Politics at Kyungpook National University in Daegu in July-August 2018.

Additional items

Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Study of Inequality and Social Policy in Korea
July 2019-June 2021, with a possible extension through November 2023

The KSPS-Gachon Korea Inequality Research Lab at Gachon University invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in the study of inequality and social policy in Korea in comparative perspective. This is a full-time, temporary appointment to begin July 1, 2019. The fellowship period is two years (through June 30, 2021), but it can be extended until November 2023 if the fellow’s book project is promising.

The fellowship is open to scholars from all fields of social science who conducts research on the measurements, causes, consequences, or remedies (social policy) of inequality with a regional focus on Korea. The purpose of the fellowship is to enable the continuation of research and publication, with an emphasis of publication of a monograph which could be developed from the fellow’s dissertation.

Qualifications: At a minimum, the applicant should hold a Ph.D. before commencing the fellowship. Desirable qualifications include the ability to speak, read, and write in English and Korean with a professional working proficiency.

Compensation: The selected fellow will receive a monthly stipend of KRW 3,500,000 with a slight annual pay raise and with employer contributions for four social insurances and retirement grant.

Application Procedure: Applicants must submit a cover letter (not more than two pages, single spaced), CV, dissertation abstract, research statement (preferably including a book project), writing sample (not more than 40 pages), and transcripts to ispi@gmail.com with the subject line to read
“Postdoc_applicant name.” The applicant must request that two referees (or the dossier service) email letters of recommendation directly to ispi@gmail.com.

The closing date for applications is May 20, 2019.

Inquiries may be directed to the Search Committee chair, Professor Jong-sung You, at youjs0721@gachon.ac.kr.