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Greetings from the Institute of Korean Studies

In the autumn of 2018, the Institute of Korean Studies moved to a new location. We left the cosy little building at Fabeckstraße 7 to settle into a spacious villa with a large garden at Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11. To mark the happy occasion, we put up a traditional Korean pavilion in the garden of our new home. The “Fountain of Wisdom”, as the pavilion was named, was designed and built by Lee Gwang-bok, master builder of traditional Korean houses. Financial support was provided by the AmorePacific Corporation.

The ceremony for the raising of the pavilion’s ridge beam on 2 October 2018 also came to provide the setting for an inter-Korean encounter. Attended by their excellencies the ambassadors of both North and South Korea residing in the reunified city of Berlin, our celebrations of a happy occasion thus took on a further, symbolic meaning, exemplifying the manner in which the Institute of Korean Studies, true to its name, strives to engage in the study of Korea as a whole.

The Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin has shown considerable development in the ten years since 2008. The number of our students and research staff has greatly increased, and we have, above all, continuously published outstanding research results. We have also established ourselves, in Germany and in Europe, as an institution providing policy advice on various issues regarding the Korean peninsula. For certain issues, such as peace and security on the Korean peninsula, we have developed a strong presence in the German and European media.

Through this report, we intend to provide an overview of what has been achieved over the last ten years and outline our plans for the future. We sincerely thank everyone who has supported the Institute until now and hope you will continue to be interested in our work in the upcoming ten years.



Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee

Director of the Institute of Korean Studies at
Freie Universität Berlin

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■ The History of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin

Courses about Korea were first taught at Freie Universität Berlin in the winter semester of 1964/65, when a beginner's class in Korean and two seminars on the Korean language were first introduced into the university syllabus. For a long time, teaching activities remained limited to the teaching of the Korean language.

Prof Dr Tjon Hisu of the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, who had been recruited as lecturer in Korean, performed this task until the summer semester of 1985. At times he was supported by Song Du-yul. In 1987, Prof Dr Hans-Jürgen Zaborowski took over as lecturer in Korean. In 2003/2004, when Professor Zaborowski was about to retire, an independent unit for Korean Studies was founded and put under the control of an acting director.

Preparations for establishing a full-blown department of Korean Studies at Freie Universität had already been initiated in 2002, which was also the year when the first of three visiting professors dispatched by

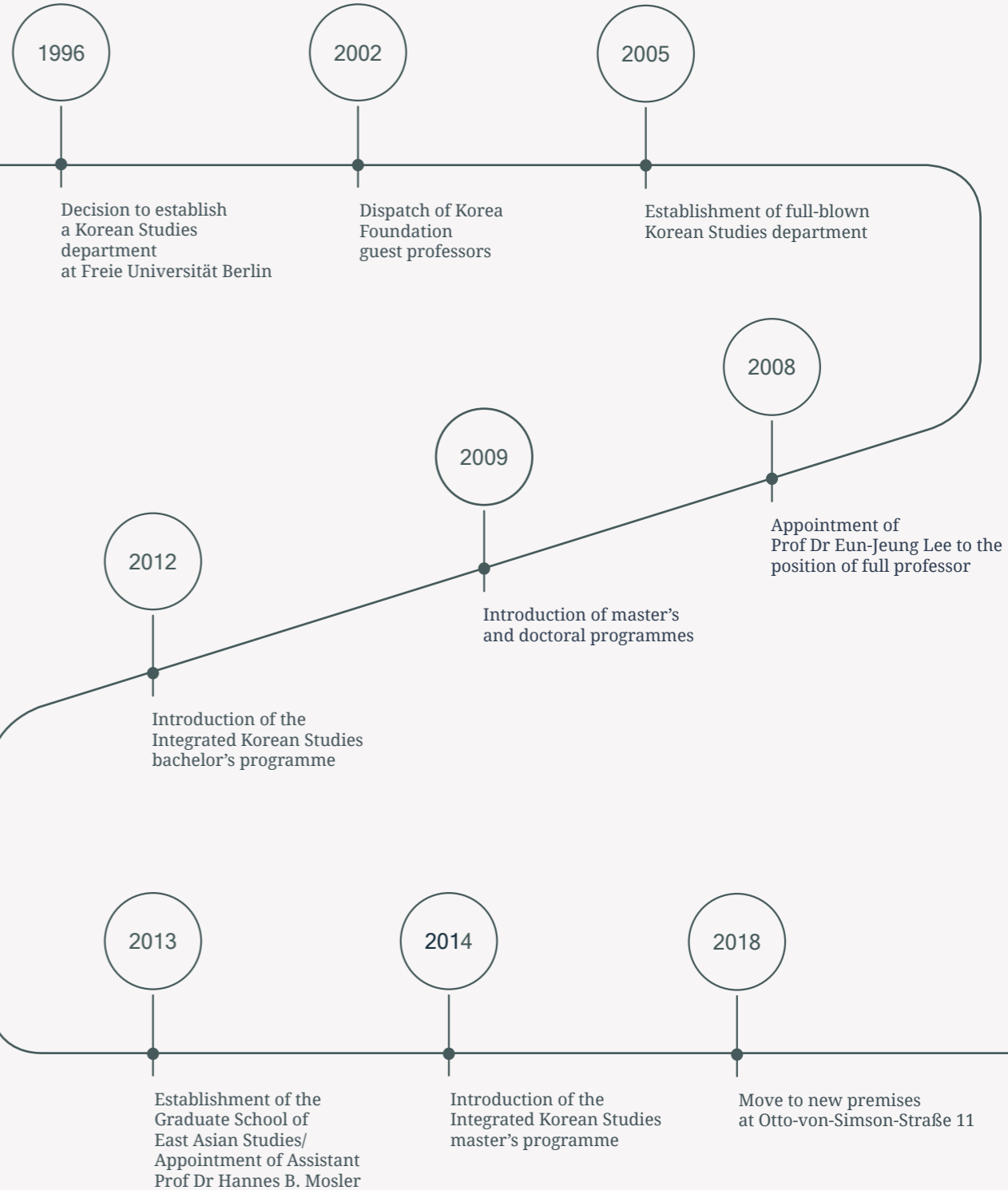
the Korea Foundation was put in charge of a number of Korea-related classes.

A bachelor's programme in Korean Studies was created in 2005 and Dr Holmer Brochlos was appointed as new acting head of department. In October 2008, when Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee took up the position of full professor of Korean Studies, the first students enrolled for a doctoral programme, and with the introduction of the master's programme in Korean Studies in 2009 the Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin attained its present structure. Also from 2008 onwards, the focus of teaching and research at the Institute has been on the social sciences.

At present, in 2019, around 300 students receive intensive training in the Korean language and in Korean Studies-related scientific methods in the first semesters of their degree to then engage with the study of Korean politics, society, history, and culture in the more advanced stages of our degree programmes.

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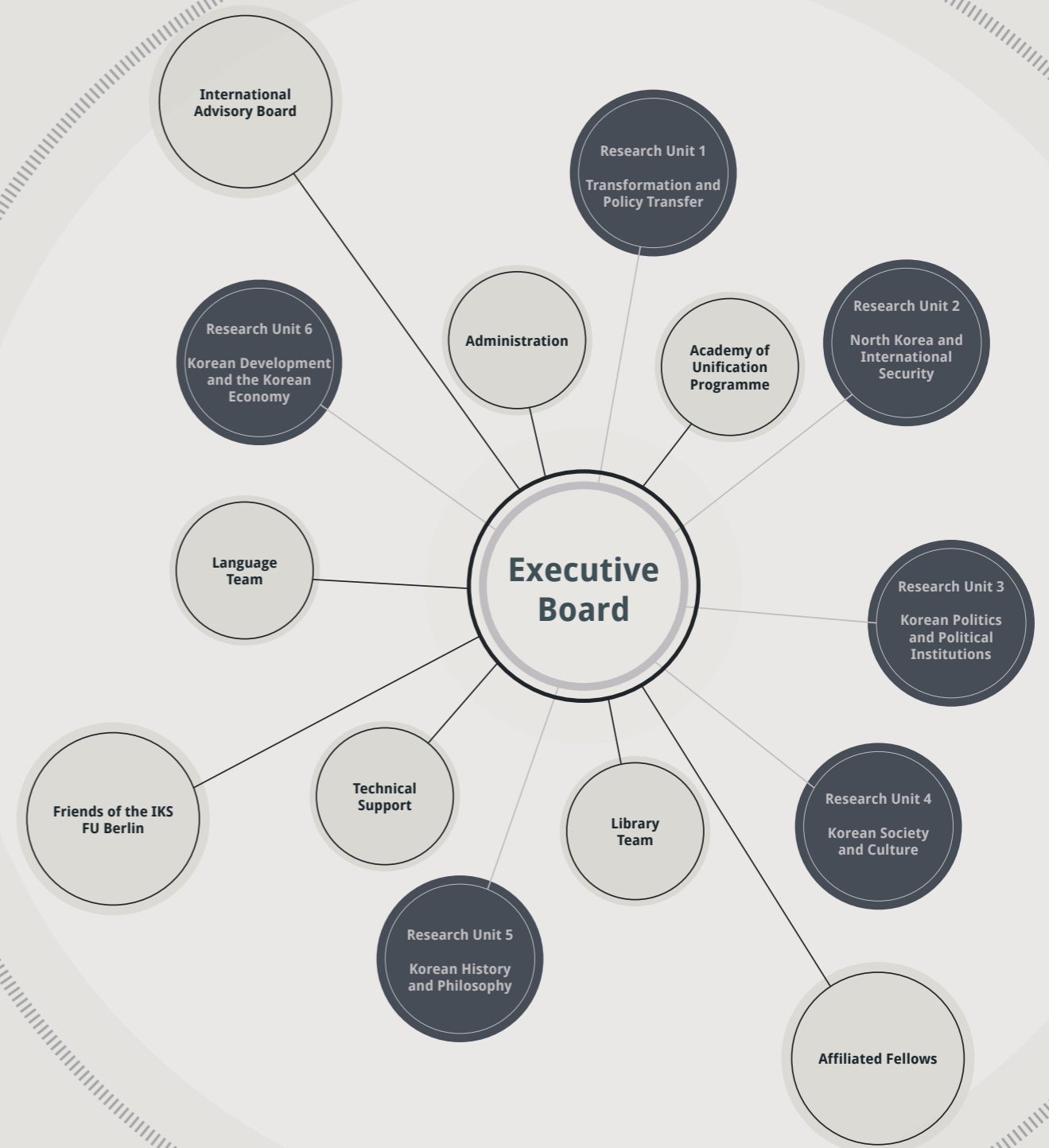
Korea-related lectures at the Institute of Japanese Studies

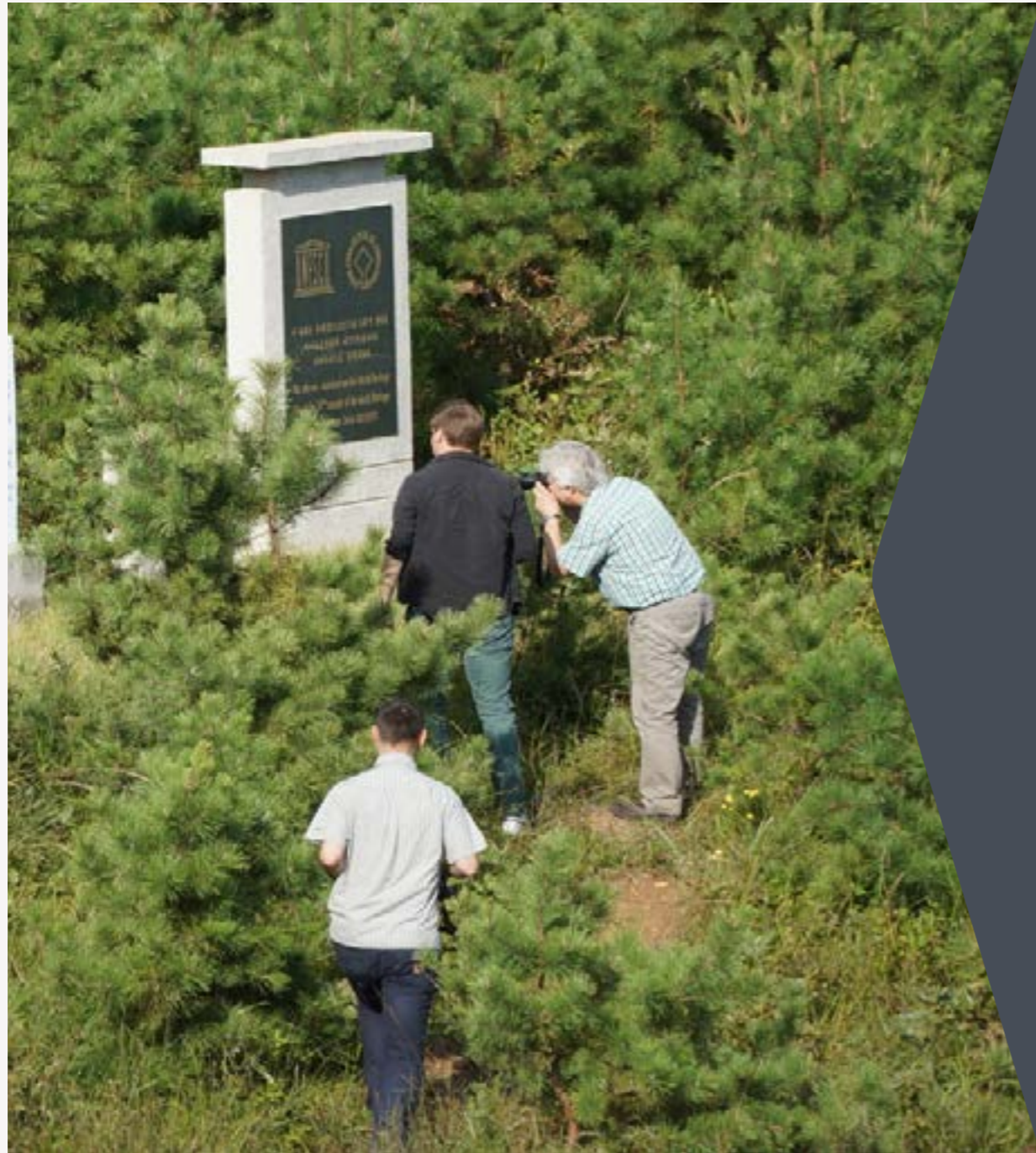


■ The Institute's Structure

At present, the Institute is organized into six research units focusing on Transformation and Policy Transfer, North Korea and International Security, Korean Politics and Political Institutions, Korean Society and Culture, Korean History and Philosophy, and Korean Development and the Korean Economy respectively.

These research units were established to maximize synergy between research on different but related topics. The student alumni network Korea Beyond and the alumni network of former visiting scholars at the Institute, Friends of the IKS FU Berlin, complete the Institute's structural set-up.





Fieldwork in Kaesong, North Korea, September 2018

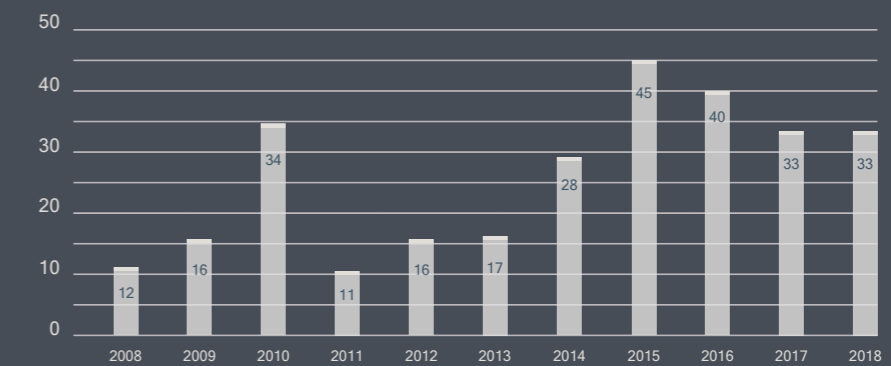
In the last decade, research at the Institute has mostly focused on Korean politics, society, thought, and culture. As the number of researchers increased, research topics equally became more diverse.

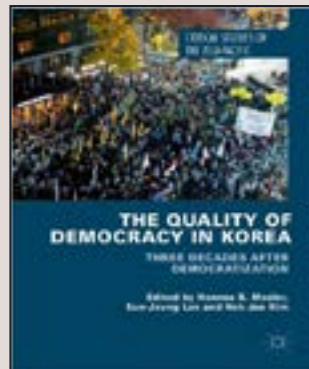
Research

Researchers at the Institute have published on topics as varied as the development of Korean democracy, the fluctuation of knowledge in traditional and modern

Korean society, the potential transfer of policy expertise gained from the process of German reunification to the Korean case, the political party system, security in East Asia and North Korea in the wider context of international relations, debates about history and historical memory, the evolution of civil society and social movements, gender, food culture, and more.

Number of Publications by Year

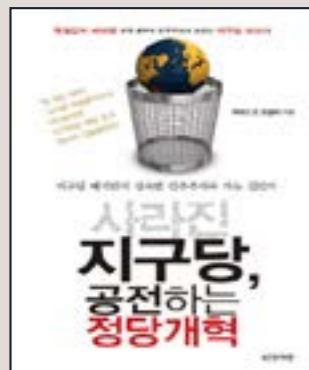




Democracy in South Korea and the South Korean Political System

South Korea is unique in that its process of democratization ran parallel to a process of rapid economic development.

In examining the three decades since formal democratization in 1987, researchers at the Institute have addressed issues ranging from the formation of South Korean democratic institutions – with a particular focus on the formation of Korean political parties and party politics – to South Korean political culture in a wider sense and related questions of ideological division and anti-communism, constitutional reform, and cases of political corruption.



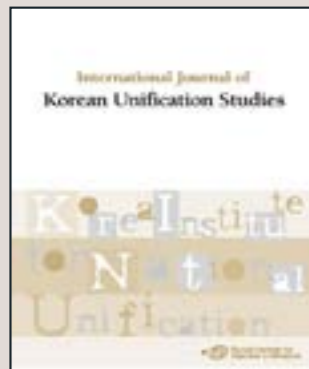
Politics and Culture in North Korea

The Institute of Korean Studies belongs to only a handful of institutions in Germany and Europe that put a focus on teaching and researching on North Korea.

In our efforts to understand North Korea not only in the context of international disputes and concerns, but also “from within”, we have examined North Korean state ideology, North Korea’s political strategies, changes in North Korean power structures, and North Korean culture, history, and historiography.

By engaging in research of this kind, we hope to contribute to developing a methodology for North Korean Studies.





International Relations and Questions of Security Relating to the Two Koreas

While the issue of de-nuclearization has become a focus of public and political discussions about the two Koreas in the international community, we have made a point of reaching beyond questions of security in the traditional sense to include questions of human security in our inquiries into politics on, and relating to, the Korean peninsula. We have also addressed and engaged with the emergence of South Korea as a so-called middle power on the international stage.

Our researchers frequently advise political decision-makers on issues relating to North Korea and act as interview partners to German and European media outlets.

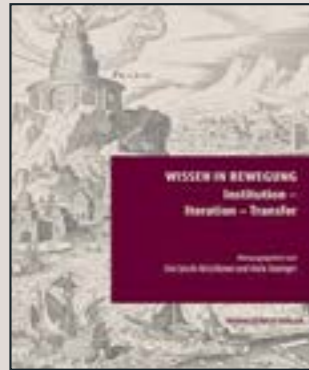
To further strengthen our expertise in the field, we have been cooperating with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik) since 2017.

Civil Society and Civic Education

In 2009, the Institute, acting jointly with the Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF), began engaging in research on the evolution of Korean civil society, later extending its activities to include research in cooperation with the Korean Civic Education Institute for Democracy (KOCEI) and the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung).

Ever since, the issue of civil society and civic education has occupied an important position in the Institute's teaching and research portfolio. We have also made a point of presenting the results of our research, such as our research on Korean civil society movements carried out from 2009 to 2011, for public discussion. The publication of the "Country Report on Korea" (German "Länderbericht Korea") in 2014 was also a part of this research endeavour.





Knowledge Transfer between the Conflicting Priorities of Pluralization and Institutionalization of Knowledge in 16th- and 17th-Century Korea

Running from 2012 to 2016, this project was an affiliated project to the German Research Foundation (DFG)-supported Collaborative Research Centre (SFB, Sonderforschungsbereich) 980 “Episteme in Motion. Transfer of Knowledge from the Ancient World to the Early Modern Period” at Freie Universität Berlin. It was dedicated to researching the establishment and diffusion of *sōwŏn*, Confucian academies, in 16th- and 17th-century Chosŏn.

The Institutionalization of Knowledge in Confucian Academies

Funded by the German Research Foundation’s Collaborative Research Centre (SFB, Sonderforschungsbereich) 980, this project was initiated in 2016 and is planned to run until 2020.

The focus of its research is on the process of the institutionalization of knowledge in the *sōwŏn* organized by Chosŏn scholastic communities. To this goal, it analyses the rituals conducted within the *sōwŏn*, as well as the various rules directed at their members.



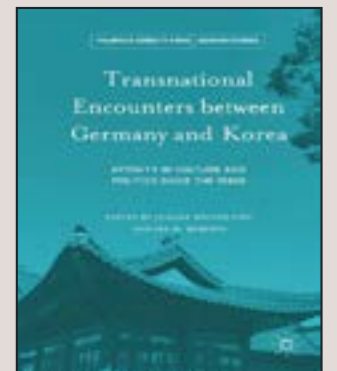


History of Political Ideas

The study of political thought and political culture lies at the very foundations of Korean Studies. Over the last ten years, we have continuously published books and articles on East Asian political thought and intellectual history. They are considered to have made an important contribution to the study of intellectual exchanges between East Asia and Europe and the East Asian and European intercultural history of ideas more generally.

German-Korean Relations

Research at the Institute of Korean Studies investigates the special relationship between Germany and Korea from various perspectives. Our 2013 symposium marking “130 years of German-Korean Relations” received financial support from the German Research Foundation (DFG, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft). An ongoing research project is dedicated to “Korea in Berlin”.





Sharing the German Government's Documents on Unification and Integration and Building a Database on German Unification

This research project commenced in 2010 and ran for nine years, until December 2018.

The objective of this project, which was funded by the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea, was to collect and analyse documents regarding policies implemented by the German federal government in the process of unification.

It resulted in no less than thirty volumes of material published, in German and Korean, in the German Unification Series.

Knowledge Transfer as Intercultural Translation: Development of Exemplary Practices of Transformation-Preparing Activities in Korea

This project was carried out between 2013 and 2015 as part of the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB, Sonderforschungsbereich) "Social Developments in Post-Socialistic Societies: Discontinuity, Tradition, Structural Formation" (SFB 580) of the German Research Foundation (DFG, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft).

It was designed to assess whether, and, if so, in what manner and to what extent, insights into transformation processes in East Germany and Eastern Europe as derived from research conducted in SFB 580 as a whole could be transferred to, and brought to fruition for, the Korean case.





The Circulation of Knowledge and the Dynamics of Transformation

Running for a period of five years, from 2009 to 2014, this research project both relied on and further strengthened the close cooperative ties between the Korean Studies departments at Ruhr-Universität Bochum and Freie Universität Berlin.

It was financed by the Core University Program for Korean Studies of the Academy of Korean Studies and focused its research on demonstrating, through the Korean case, that the transfer of knowledge between civilizations never happens in a unilateral fashion, but rather always takes a circulatory form.

Transcoding as Cultural and Social Practice

This collaborative research project between Freie Universität Berlin and Ruhr-Universität Bochum commenced in 2014 and will continue until August 2019.

As was the case with The Circulation of Knowledge and the Dynamics of Transformation, above, it, too, is funded through the Core University Program for Korean Studies of the Academy of Korean Studies.

The focus of its research is on “transcoding” as a form of epistemic and cultural fluctuation that permeates pre-modern, modern, and present-day Korean society.





History and Public Remembrance

Since 2011, the Institute has been conducting research on memories of political violence and the institutionalization of memory, doing so within a number of different frameworks.

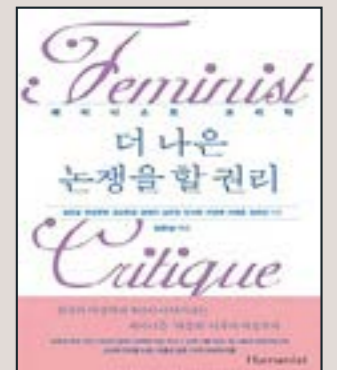
Between 2017 and 2018, we carried out a joint research and teaching project on the musealization of memory with the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies at Seoul National University that was supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst).

Gender and Sexuality

Research on gender constitutes an important topic within Korean Studies. In both its teaching and its research, the Institute has continuously engaged with topics related to gender.

In 2015, we hosted a symposium on comparative research in gender studies and teaching on gender with support from the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Cross-national and international comparative research on “War, Peace, and Gender” is currently ongoing.





Beauty and Lookism

This project analyses the phenomenon of lookism in East Asian societies.

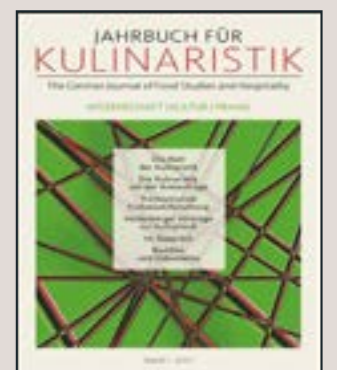
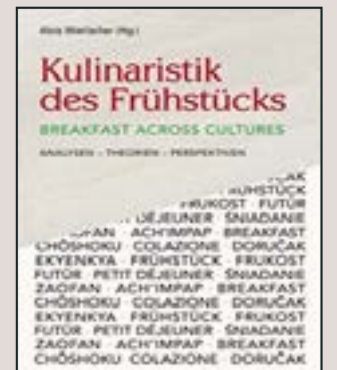
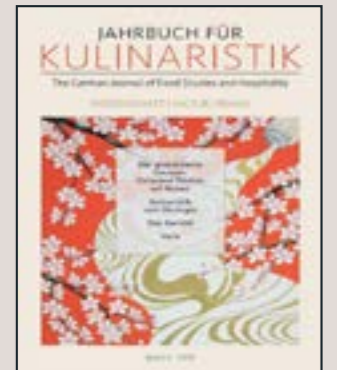
With support from the German Research Foundation (DFG), we have established an international research network in the form of workshops on the topic of beauty in East Asia.

The results of this collaborative research project have been published in a special issue of the academic journal ASIEN.

Food and Politics

The Institute of Korean Studies commenced research on Korean food culture in 2015, examining the influence that political changes exert on daily life and investigating the historical changes in food culture.

Within the framework of this research, we have organized, and participated in, the 2017 Open Lecture Halls series “Globalized Taste – East Asian Cuisine on the Road” at Freie Universität Berlin.



■ Conferences, Workshops, and Special Lectures

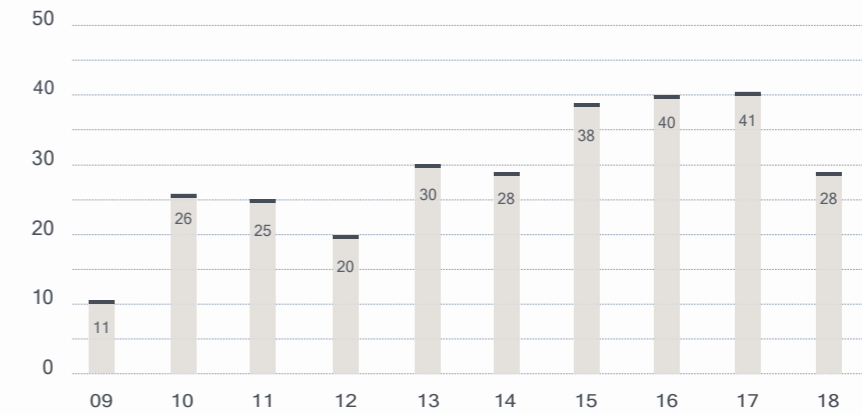
Joint Graduate Students Conference of Freie Universität Berlin and Yonsei University in January 2016

We strive to continually expand our members' research capabilities and the Institute's international network through hosting a diverse range of conferences and workshops.

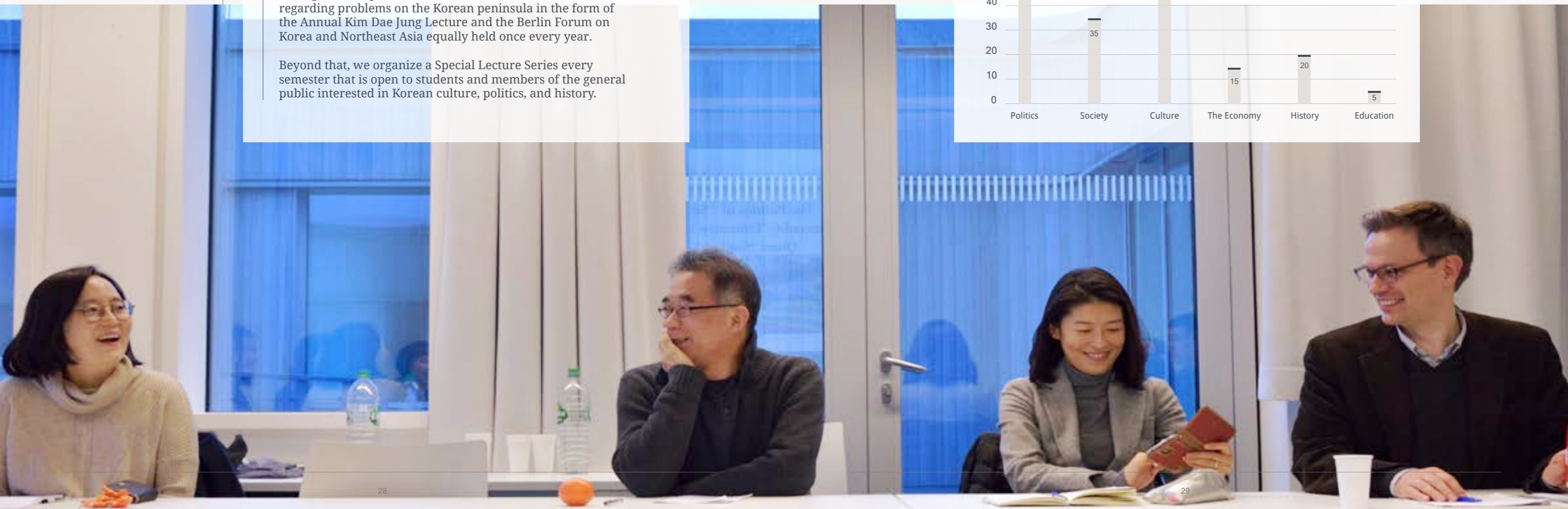
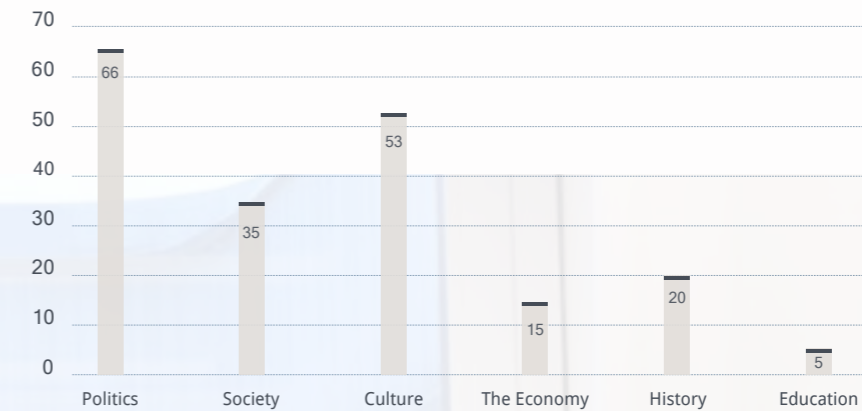
Furthermore, we have established platforms for discussion among German politicians, academics, and intellectuals regarding problems on the Korean peninsula in the form of the Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture and the Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia equally held once every year.

Beyond that, we organize a Special Lecture Series every semester that is open to students and members of the general public interested in Korean culture, politics, and history.

Number of Academic Events at the Institute by Year



Number of Academic Events by Topic



List of Academic Events

Conferences and Workshops

- Oct**
25 2008 **“The Future of Korean Studies in German-Speaking Countries”**
(supported by the Korea Foundation)
- Feb**
7- 8 **Workshop for PhD-candidates in Germany working on Korea-related topics**
- May**
8- 9 **“Challenges for Korean Civil Society after the Democratic Transformation-Experiences of the Post-Socialist Countries in Eastern Europe and Reunified Germany”**
(supported by the Korea Democracy Foundation)
- Sep**
10- 11 **“20 Years after the Collapse of the Berlin Wall and Lessons for the Unification of Korea”**
(hosted jointly with the Peace & Democracy Institute (PDI) of Korea University)
- Nov**
20- 21 **“Heimat/los und Moderne – Zur narrativen Rekonstruktion von Heimat und Heimatverlust in der koreanischen Literatur”**

Special Lectures

- Jan**
29 **“Structural Changes in Labor Unions in South Korea”**
(Prof Dr Kim Seong-Kook)
- Jun**
5 **“The Primacy of Democratic Transition Bringing Justice: South Korea’s Experience in Comparative Perspective”**
(Prof Dr Kim Yong-deok, President of the Northeast Asian History Foundation)
- Jul**
8 **“The Past, Present, and Future of Korean Women in Leadership and Education”**
(Prof Dr Lee Bae-yong, President of Ewha Womans University)
- Nov**
23 **“On the Current Reunification Policy of the South Korean Government”**
(Prof Dr Nam Sung Wook, President of the Institute for National Security Strategy)



Conferences and Workshops

- Apr**
23 **“Translation of Culture”**
(hosted jointly with the Korea Literature Translation Institute (KLTII))
- Jun**
25- 26 **“Civil Society within Democratic Systems: Localization and Functions”**
(supported by the Korea Democracy Foundation)
- Oct**
11- 12 **“Germany and South Korea facing the Challenges of Societal Cohesion”**
(supported by the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung))
- Nov**
5- 6 **“Korea im Wandel – 3. KF-Workshop zu Koreastudien im deutschsprachigen Raum”**
(supported by the Korea Foundation)
- Dec**
9 **“Frieden und Demokratie in Korea – Ten Years Nobel Peace Prize for Kim Dae Jung”**
(hosted jointly with the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation)

DAAD-FU Special Lecture Series “Human Rights in Contemporary Korea”

- Nov**
2 **“‘The Economy-First’ Policy and Human Rights in Korea”**
(Prof Dr Ahn Kyung-Whan, Seoul National University)
- Nov**
16 **“Falling into Disfavor: An Artist’s Journey into the World of the Down-and-Out”**
(Han Geumsun, photographic artist and human rights activist)
- Dec**
7 **“From Dream to Reality in South Korea: The Social Entrepreneur in the Fashion Industry”**
(Dr Chun Soonok, activist in the labour movement)
(continued in 2011)

Special Lectures

- Jan**
28 **“Experiencing Korea as a Foreign Journalist”**
(Anne Schnepfen, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)
- May**
11 **“Strategic Changes in North Korea under Kim Jong Il and the Nuclear Problem”**
(Prof Dr Alexander Vorontsov, Russian Academy of Sciences)
- May**
18 **“The Kwangju Uprising – A Nightmare in Broad Daylight”**
(Gebhard Hielscher, Süddeutsche Zeitung)
- Jun**
8 **“Insights into North Korea”**
(Dr Werner Kampeter, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation)
- Jul**
4 **“Reunification and the Christian Church”**
(Prof Dr Samuel Lee, Secretary-General of the Korean National Commission for UNESCO)
- Dec**
7 **“Intellectuals and Politics in Korea”**
(Prof Dr Lee Chongoh, Myongji University)



Conferences and Workshops

- May**
5
“Unification, Transformation, and Integration”
(Joint Seminar with Seoul National University)
- Jun**
14
“Transfer of Policy Knowledge at Sub-Systematic Levels”
(hosted jointly with the Peace & Democracy Institute of Korea University)
- Jun**
21- 24
“Students and Student Movements as Actors in the Development of Civil Society in South Korea and Germany”
(supported by the Korea Democracy Foundation)
- Nov**
17
“Germany, the EU, and the Question of Peace and Security on the Korean Peninsula”
(10th German/Korean Forum - public panel discussion)
- Dec**
20
“Joint Workshop on Korean Studies in Korea and Abroad”
(hosted jointly with the Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University)

DAAD-FU Special Lecture Series “Human Rights in Contemporary Korea” (continued from 2010)

- Jan**
4
“Who are ‘Zainichi’ Koreans?”
(Prof Dr Suh Kyung Sik, Tokyo Keizai University)



Special Lecture Series “Cooperation with North Korea”

- Apr**
19
“Economic Cooperation between North and South Korea – Developments and Perspectives”
(Kim Ki Hyeok, Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea)
- May**
3
“Humanitarian Cooperation with North Korea – Activities of Welthungerhilfe”
(Karin Janz, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe)
- May**
17
“Economic Cooperation between North and South Korea – the Case of Kaesong”
(Kim Ki Hyeok, Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea)
- May**
31
“Activities of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in North Korea”
(Dr Werner Kampeter, director of the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation’s Seoul office)
- Jun**
7
“Cooperation with North Korea – from the Perspective of Political Science”
(Eric Ballbach, Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin)

Special Lecture Series “Politics and Society in Korea”

- May**
10
“The Development and Problems of Progressive Politics and Parties in South Korea”
(Cho Seung-soo, Korean New Progressive Party, member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea)
- Jun**
16
“Student Protests in South Korea Then and Now: Current Demonstrations for Halving Tuition Fees”
(Prof Dr Jung Keun-Sik, Seoul National University)

**Special Lecture Series
“Politics and Society in Korea”**

- Jul 6** **“The Social Network and Power of the Korean Elites”**
(Prof Dr Kim Yun-Tae, Korea University)
- Nov 30** **“The Work of South Korea’s Truth Commission and Its Impact on East-Asian Peace and Human Rights”**
(Prof Dr Kim Dong-Choon, Sungkonghoe University)

**Special Lecture Series
“The South Korean Economy I”**

- Oct 26** **“South Korean International Trade”**
(Kang Hyeong-kon, KOTRA Frankfurt office)
- Dec 7** **“The Korea-EU FTA”**
(Lee In-ho, KOTRA Frankfurt office)

**Special Lecture Series
“Politics and Society in Korea”**

- Jun 1** **“National? Transnational or Trans-territorial?: Images of Berlin in Korean Novels”**
(Prof Dr Choi Yun-Young, Seoul National University)
- Oct 14** **“The Origin of the Koreans”**
(Prof Dr Lee Jong-uk, president of Sogang University)
- Nov 23** **“Introducing the Korea Foundation and the International Cultural Relations of South Korea”**
(Choi Jae-jin, director of the Korea Foundation’s Berlin office)
- Nov 28** **“North Korea, the Border and the War”**
(Pierre-Olivier François, film producer)



Workshop “Students and Student Movements as Actors in the Development of Civil Society in South Korea and Germany”, June 2011



Conferences and Workshops

- Mar**
29- 30
“Lost and Found in Policy Translation”
(Annual Conference of the Berlin-Bochum Consortium “Circulation of Knowledge and Dynamics of Transformation”, supported by the Overseas Leading University Program for Korean Studies of the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Oct**
18- 20
“Against the Repression of Memory, Against Oblivion: The Culture of Remembrance in Germany, Korea and East Asia”
(supported by the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung))
- Nov**
9- 10
“Korea im Wandel” – Koreaforschungstage
(supported by the Korea Foundation)

Special Lecture Series “The South Korean Economy II”

- Jan**
11
“Korean Style Business Culture?”
(Prof Dr Kim Ho Gyun, Myongji University)
- Jan**
20
“Implications of the FKTU between Europe and Korea”
(Christian Ehler, Member of the European Parliament)
- Feb**
1
“Korea as a Country of Tourism”
(Yim Gukje, Korea Tourism Organization’s Frankfurt office)



Special Lecture Series “Social Change in East Asia”

- Apr**
18
“What is the ‘K’ in K-Pop?”
(Prof Dr John Lie, University of California, Berkeley)
- Apr**
25
“The Regionalization of Health Policy in East Asia”
(Dr Paul Talcott, Freie Universität Berlin)
- May**
16
“The Zen of Japanese Colonialism, with a Focus on Korea”
(Prof Dr Brian Victoria)
- Jun**
6
“Victimhood Nationalism in the Transpacific Space”
(Prof Dr Lim Jie-Hyun, Hanyang University)
- Jul**
4
“Civic Participation and Changes in Political Parties in South Korean Politics”
(Prof Dr Shin Jin-Wook, Chung-Ang University)

**Special Lecture Series
"Korean Literature"**

- May** 2 **"Korean Poems in a Time of Multi-Culturality"**
(Kim Yi-deum, writer)
- Jun** 13 **"The History and Perspectives of Youth Literature in Korea"**
(Kim Hye Jung, writer)

**Special Lecture Series
"Culture and Tradition in Korea"**

- Oct** 24 **"Popular Music in Korea"**
(Prof Dr Kim Chang Nam, Sungkonghoe University)
- Oct** 31 **"Tradition & Modernity in Korea"**
(Prof Dr Kim Dong-No, Yonsei University)
- Nov** 28 **"Religion in Korea"**
(Stuart Lachs, New York University)
(continued in 2013)

Special Lectures

- Jun** 23 **"Political Cleavages in South Korea"**
(Prof Dr Sonn Hochul, Sogang University)
- Oct** 12 **"Calligraphy in Korea"**
(Youn Jum Yong, Vice President of the Korean Calligraphy Association)
- Dec** 12 **"Korean Democracy after Democratization in 1987 and Prospects for the Presidential Election 2012"**
(Prof Dr Im Hyuk-Baeg, Korea University)



Conferences and Workshops

- Feb**
14- 15
“Germany’s Efforts to Overcome External Constraints on Reunification and their Potential Implications for Korea”
(hosted jointly with Seoul National University)
- Apr**
10
“Hallyu in Europe – Comparison and Analysis”
- Apr**
17
“Just Another Crisis?” – A Roundtable Discussion on Current Developments on the Korean Peninsula
- Jul**
1
“Unification and Transformation”
(hosted jointly with the Zentrum für Sozialforschung and the Korea Peace Institute; supported by the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 580)
- Jul**
5
“Social Cohesion and Political Education”
(hosted jointly with the Social Science Korea Research Group, Dankook University; supported by the National Research Foundation of Korea)
- Jul**
12
“Korean Studies in Korea and Abroad”
(hosted jointly with the Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University)
- Jul**
13
“Circulation of Knowledge and Social Sciences in Modern Korea”
(hosted jointly with Yonsei University and Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- Nov**
28
“Rapprochement through Contacts: The Significance of Informal Processes in German Unification and the Korean Question”
(supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG))
- Nov**
29- 30
“130 Years of German-Korean Relations” – First International FU-KoreaNet Conference
(supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG))



Special Lecture Series “Culture and Tradition in Korea” (continued from 2012)

- Jan**
23
“Literature in Korea”
(Prof Dr Helga Picht, formerly Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Special Lecture Series “Korean Politics Today”

- Apr**
24
“The 4.24 By-Elections and Prospective Party Politics in South Korea”
(Kim Doo-Kwan, former Governor of Gyeongsangnamdo, Minister of Home Affairs of the Republic of Korea)
- May**
3
“Korea’s Soft Power Diplomacy in the Global Era”
(Prof Dr Kim Woosang, President of the Korea Foundation)
- May**
15
“Current Affairs in Korean Politics”
(Dr Sohn Hak-kyu, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea)
- Jun**
5
“Insights into the Institution of the Prime Minister in Korea”
(Kim Hwang-sik, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea)
- Jun**
18
“Transitional Justice in South Korea”
(Prof Dr Ahn Byung-ook, President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of the Republic of Korea)

Special Lecture Series “Culture in North Korea”

- Oct**
30
“Film and Film Festivals in North Korea”
(Dr Uwe Schmelter, former director of the Goethe Institute in Seoul)
- Nov**
6
“Choe Seung-hee: The Origin of Dance in North Korea”
(Son Ok-ju, Freie Universität Berlin)
- Nov**
13
“A Political Life – Photos from North Korea”
(Dr Werner Kampeter, formerly Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation)
- Nov**
20
“Music and Militarisation in North Korea”
(Doris Hertrampf, former ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea)

**Special Lecture Series
“Hallyu in Europe: Comparison and Analysis”**

- May**
29 **“Real Fiction. Nationale Allegorie in Kim Ki-duk’s Arirang”**
(Dr Lie Sulgi, Freie Universität Berlin)
- Jun**
26 **“K-Pop and European Pop”**
(Dr Michael Fuhr, Universität Heidelberg)

**Special Lecture Series
“Diplomacy in Korea and Germany”**

- Dec**
4 **“Korea – the last 10 Years”**
(Michael Geier, former ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea)
- Dec**
11 **“Being the German Ambassador to Korea”**
(Dr Nobert Baas, former ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea)
(continued in 2014)

Special Lectures

- Jan**
15 **“Crisis Management and East Asian Capitalism: Fiscal Stimulus Packages and Industrial Policies in Japan, Korea and China since 2008”**
(Prof Dr Thomas Kalinowski, Ewha Womans University)
- Nov**
27 **“Peace in Northeast Asia and the Korean Peninsula: The Current Situation, Prospects and Solutions”**
(Prof Dr Jeong Se-hyun, president of Wonkwang University, former Minister of Unification of the Republic of Korea)



Conferences and Workshops

- Feb**
11- 12
“Are We Putting New Wine into Old Wineskins? Reflecting on Field Work in International/Multicultural Settings”
(1st Joint Workshop of the University of Tokyo and Freie Universität Berlin; supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Feb 28**
-Mar 1
“The Circulation of Knowledge and the Dynamics of Transformation”
(Annual Conference of the Berlin-Bochum Consortium “Circulation of Knowledge and Dynamics of Transformation”; supported by the Overseas Leading University Program for Korean Studies of the Academy of Korean Studies)
- May**
13
“Strategies and Tasks for the International Community to Improve the Human Rights Condition in North Korea”
(hosted jointly with the German Institute for Human Rights (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte), the Federal Foundation for the Study of Communist Dictatorship in East Germany (GDR) (Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur), and the National Human Rights Commission of Korea)
- Jul**
3- 4
“Moving Beyond Description – Identity, Power, and the Theory and Methodology of North Korean Studies”
(supported by the Volkswagen Foundation)
- Oct**
16
“German-Korean Education Forum on the History of Division and Unification”
(hosted jointly with the National Research Foundation of Korea and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea)
- Oct**
28
“Reunification from the Perspective of Students from Germany and North Korea”
(hosted jointly with the Korea Foundation)
- Nov**
10- 27
“TWO LINES: Korean Demilitarized Zone & German Green Belt”
(Photo exhibition, hosted jointly with the Gyeonggi Tourism Organization)

Special Lecture Series

“Diplomacy in Korea and Germany” (continued from 2013)

- Jan**
8
“The South Korean Ambassador in Berlin – Obligations and Functions”
(Kim Jae-shin, ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Federal Republic of Germany)
- Jan**
15
“The Korean Cultural Centre in Berlin”
(Yun Jong-seok, director of the Korean Cultural Centre in Berlin)

Special Lecture Series “Women in Korea”

- Apr**
23
“The Role of Women in the Modern Confucian Society of Korea”
(Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee, Freie Universität Berlin)
- May**
28
“The Women’s Movement in Korea”
(Prof Dr Chung Hyun-back, Sungkyunkwan University)
- Jun**
25
“Good Mother, Bad Mother: The Image of the Mother as a Construction and the Literary Strategy of Destruction. Using the Example of Kyung-Sook Shin and Elfriede Jelinek”
(Prof Dr Jung Mi-Kyung, Gyeonggi University)

Special Lectures

- Jan**
22
“Western Music in Korea”
(Kim Hye-sun, Sungshin Women’s University)
- Feb**
6
“The Informal Process of Peacebuilding in Korea”
(Kim Chun Sig, former Vice-Minister of Unification of the Republic of Korea)
- May**
12
“Korea – Forever Divided?” – Film screening and panel discussion with Pierre-Olivier François (film producer)
- Jun**
11
“German Public Diplomacy in Korea”
(Prof Dr Cho Kisuk/ Kim Hwa Jung, Ewha Womans University)
- Jun**
17
“The Current Situation of, and Challenges for, the Kaesong Industrial Complex”
(Yoo Sang-Won, Kaesong Industrial Complex)
- Jun**
26
“Constellations of Korean Neo-Confucianism in the 16th-Century”
(Prof Dr Ahn Sam-Huan, formerly Seoul National University)



Conferences and Workshops

Jan 23- 24	Joint Graduate Students Conference with Yonsei University
Feb 20- 22	"Beyond Borders: Social Diversity, Identity and Politics in East Asia" (2nd Graduate Students Workshop with Tokyo University)
Mar 23- 24	"International Cooperation and Unification: German Experiences and their Implications for Korea" (hosted jointly with the Research Institute for North Korea Development of the Export-Import Bank of Korea)
May 22- 23	"The Quality of Democracy in Korea: Three Decades after Democratization" (supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
Jun 20	"Beauty as Commodity or Identity? Perspectives from the Fields of Sociology and East Asian Area Studies" (supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
Jun 24	"The Concept of Knowledge in Neo-Confucian Private Academies and Other Institutions of Knowledge in Pre-Modern Korea" (supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
Jun 27	"Korea in East Asia and the World" (hosted jointly with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and the Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS))
Jul 7	"Korea in Colonial Times – The Systematization of Korean Legal and Social Studies and its Legacies Today" (hosted jointly with Yonsei University)
Jul 12	"Joint Workshop on Korean Studies in Korea and Abroad" (hosted jointly with the Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University)
Oct 20- 21	"The Unification Process in the Educational Sector in Germany and its Possible Implications for Korea" (hosted jointly with the Korean Ministry of Education)
Nov 5- 7	"Scholarship between Clay and Light: Libraries, Archives and Documents in the Eastern World" (supported by SFB 980)
Nov 9- 10	"Tor auf – Der Weg zur Wiedervereinigung" & "Art and Culture for Peace and Unification: Germany and Korea" (hosted jointly with the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) at Seoul National University and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Berlin)
Nov 18- 19	"Globalizing Gender and Diversity Studies: Comparative Perspectives on Social Inequalities, Sexualities, Representations, and Migration" (supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG))

Special Lecture Series "Cultural Anthropology and Korean Studies"

Jan 21	"The Political Life of Kinship during the Cold War" (Prof Dr Kwon Heonik, Cambridge University)
Jan 28	"Historicizing Korean Anthropology: North-South Korea and Public Anthropology" (Dr Jung Jin-Heon, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity)
Feb 4	"The Transformation of the Asian Megacity and the Risk Society: An Analysis of the Risk Perceptions in Beijing, Tokyo and Seoul" (Prof Dr Lee Chang-Hyun, Kookmin University)
Feb 11	"The Ideas of Competition and Justice in Modern and Contemporary Korea" (Prof Dr Vladimir Tikhonov, Oslo University)

**Special Lecture Series
“Political Approaches to Modern Korean Society”**

- Apr**
22 **“North Korea under Kim Jong Un: Present and Future”**
(Yang Chang-Seok, former Deputy Minister for Inter-Korean Dialogue)
- May**
6 **“The Place of Human Rights in Korea’s Democracy”**
(Prof Dr Cho Hyo-Je, Sungkonghoe University)
- May**
13 **“Contemporary Korean Political Thought and Park Chung Hee”**
(Prof Dr Kang Jung In, Sogang University)
- May**
27 **“Protest Politics of Middle-Aged Women in South Korea: Mothers and Wives of Political Dissidents between the 1970s and 2000s”**
(Prof Dr Shin Youngtae, University of Central Oklahoma)
- Jun**
3 **“Korean Democracy in Pitfalls: The Transition from Developmental to Neoliberal State”**
(Prof Dr em Choi Jang-jip, Korea University)
- Jun**
10 **“Transitional Justice in East Asia: The Communicative Approach and Its Implications for a Liberal Solution”**
(Prof Dr Han Sang-jin, Seoul National University)

Special Lectures

- May**
29 **“The Making of ‘House Number 1-28, Cha-sook’s”**
(Choi Zin-A, writer)
- Jul**
9 **“The Dialogue between Korean Literature and Foreign Readers”**
(Kim In-Sook, writer)
- Oct**
28 **“The Kaesong Industrial Complex”**
(Prof Dr Seo Byung-Chul, Chairman of Geodis Korea, Member of the National Unification Advisory Council)
- Nov**
25 **“Russia’s Policy towards the Korean Peninsula Today”**
(Prof Dr Alexander Vorontsov, Russian Academy of Sciences)



Conferences and Workshops

- Jan**
23 **Joint Graduate Students Conference with Yonsei University**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Feb**
23- 26 **"Fostering Coexistence in a Globalizing World: Gender, Ethnicity, and World Politics"**
(3rd Graduate Students Workshop with Tokyo University)
- May**
23 **"Division of Mind, Integration of Mind"**
(hosted jointly with the Social Science Korea (SSK) Research Center at the University of North Korean Studies)
- Jul**
6- 7 **"In Front of the Barbed Wire – A Duet for One Voice"**
(theatre performance and workshop with young North Korean refugees in South Korea)
- Oct**
21- 22 **PBBP-KoreaNet Joint Colloquium**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Nov**
10- 11 **"Comparative Study on North Korean Defectors/Refugees"**
(hosted jointly with the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) at Seoul National University)
- Nov**
24 **"K-Pop Culture in Germany"**
(supported by the Korean Cultural Centre in Berlin)
- Nov**
26- 27 **"The Beautiful Face of Modernity: Beauty, Beautification and Social Change in Transnational East Asia"**
(supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG))

Special Lecture Series

"Korean Visual Arts & Research Methodology"

- Jan**
6 **"Poster Culture in North Korea"**
(Dr Koen de Ceuster, Leiden University)
- Jan**
13 **"The Secret of a Late Joseon Beauty Portrait from Budapest"**
(Prof Dr Beatrix Mecsi, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)
- Feb**
3 **"The Fieldwork Paradox in North Korea"**
(Dr Charlotte Horlyck, SOAS, University of London)

Special Lecture Series

"Actors of Economic Relations between Germany and Korea"

- May**
11 **"KOTRA and German-Korean Economic Relations"**
(Yun Yu Hyeon, KOTRA Frankfurt office)
- May**
18 **"Promoting Economic Relations Between Germany and Korea"**
(Jung Jong Yung, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Berlin)
- Jun**
1 **"OAV – The Network of the German Economy in Korea"**
(Timo Prekop, Ostasiatischer Verein e.V.)
- Jun**
29 **"The Mobile Gaming Business in Korea and Europe"**
(David Mohr, GAMEVIL Europe GmbH)

Special Lecture Series

"Korea in East Asia: A History of Ideas"

- Oct**
26 **"Der Roman 'Die drei Leben der Ri Koran' (Ian Buruma, 2010) als Chance und Herausforderung transnationaler/transkultureller Japan- und Ostasien-Forschung"**
(Prof Dr Steffi Richter, Universität Leipzig)
- Nov**
16 **"Writing History: The Role of Philosophy and the Legacies of post-War Korean-Japanese Relations"**
(Dr Yoko Arisaka, Universität Hildesheim)
- Nov**
23 **"Kann das Nachbarland Korea zu einer 'Kolonie' werden? – Überlegungen zum 'Kolonie'-Begriff aus Anlass eines japanischen Gutachtens zur Assimilationspolitik Preußens"**
(Prof Dr Wolfgang Seifert, Universität Heidelberg)
- Nov**
30 **"The Debate between Neo-Confucianism and Buddhism in Jeong Dojeon and Gihwa"**
(Prof Dr Eric Nelson, University of Hong Kong)
(continued in 2017)

**Special Lecture Series
"Korean Literature"**

- Apr**
20 **"Reading 'Market and War' by Park Kyeong-ni"**
(Prof Dr Helga Picht, formerly Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- Jul**
5 **"Some Thoughts about Jung Mi-Kyung's Short Story 'My Son's Girlfriend'"**
(Han Eunhyong, writer)
- Jul**
7 **"Bach Yu Ram Gi – Eine Reise nach Bach", Lecture-performance in German and Korean**
(Lee Soo-eun, writer)

Special Lectures

- May**
25 **"A Community of Good People for Korean Unification"**
(Prof Dr Sung Nak-in, president of Seoul National University)
- Jun**
7 **"Local Memory Questioning Justice in Asia: The Issue of Japanese Military 'Comfort Women'"**
(Prof Dr Yang Hyun-ah, Seoul National University)
- Jun**
10 **"Destroying Constitutive Power – Soviet Monuments in a Global Perspective"**
(Prof Dr Jung Keun-Sik, Seoul National University)
- Nov**
2 **"The Current Situation on the Korean Peninsula and South Korea's policy toward North Korea"**
(Park Kwang Ho, Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea)
- Nov**
14 **"The Fourth Way: 'Political Coalition' and 'Shared Market Economy' for Rebuilding Korea as Inspired by the German Experience"**
(Prof Dr Ra Jong-yil, Gachon University)
- Nov**
22 **"Jang Seong-taek: Son-in-Law of Theocracy"**
(Nam Kyung-pil, governor of Gyeonggi Province)



Conferences and Workshops

- Jan**
13- 14 **Joint Graduate Students Workshop with Yonsei University**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Mar**
7 **“Higher Education in Germany and East Asia”**
(4th Joint Workshop with the University of Tokyo)
- Mar 31**
-Apr 1 **Berlin-Bochum Joint Colloquium for Graduate Students**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- May**
4- 6 **“Confucian Academies in East Asia”**
(hosted jointly with project C09 of Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 980)
- May**
12 **“South Korea after the Elections: Domestic and Foreign Policy Implications”**
- Oct**
18- 19 **Joint Graduate Students Workshop with Yonsei University**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- Oct**
25- 27 **“Three Decades after Democratization in Korea: The Political System, Society, and the Economy”**
(supported by the Korea Democracy Foundation)
- Nov**
8- 9 **“Conflict and Integration as Conditions and Processes in Transitioning Societies in Eastern Europe and East Asia”**
(hosted jointly with the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) at Seoul National University; supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG))
- Nov**
24 **“K-Pop-Culture in Germany”**
(hosted jointly with the Korean Cultural Centre in Berlin)
- Dec**
2 **Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia:**
“The Role of Germany and Europe in the Maintenance of Peace on the Korean Peninsula”

Special Lecture Series

“Korea in East Asia: A History of Ideas” (continued from 2016)

- Jan**
11 **“The Imagination of Asia and the Aporia of Nationalism in post-War Asia”**
(Prof Dr Paik Wondam, Sungkonghoe University)

Special Lecture Series

“Time and Space: Korean Modern Art”

- Jan**
18 **“Sound of Nomad: Koryo Arirang”**
(Prof Kim Soyoung, Korean National University of the Arts)
- Jan**
25 **“Interspaces”**
(Oh Junggeun, artist)
- Feb**
1 **“Vom Wunderkind zum Virtuosen: Warum ist ‘K-Classic?’”**
(Yang Yoonhee, pianist)
- Feb**
13 **Screening of “Love Wins”**
(Kim-Jho Gwangsoo, film director & producer, writer, LGBT activist)
- Feb**
15 **Screening of the documentary film “SEWOL”**
(Jeong Ok-Hee, journalist, director)

Special Lecture Series

“Media and Democracy”

- May**
17 **“The Relation of the Dynamics of Korean Democracy and Media as seen through the 5.18 Democratization Movement”**
(Yun Suhee, Korean Broadcasting System - KBS)
- Jun**
7 **“The Development of Korean Democratization and the Press: The Function of a News Agency”**
(Ahn Hee, Yonhap News)
- Jun**
18 **“Victorious Citizens Build a Newspaper”**
(Song Hojin, The Hankyoreh)



Winter Special Lecture Series “Issues in Korean Politics, the Korean Economy, and Korean History I”

- Dec 9** **“Business Culture in Korea – Business Culture and Work Behaviour”**
(Prof Dr Kwun Seog Kyeun, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
- Dec 10** **“Business Culture in Korea – Organization and Human Resource Management”**
(Prof Dr Kwun Seog Kyeun, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
- Dec 16** **“War Crimes and Colonial Responsibilities”**
(Prof Dr Chong Young-Hwan, Meiji Gakuin University Tokyo)
- Dec 17** **“Historical Perceptions and Reconciliation”**
(Prof Dr Chong Young-Hwan, Meiji Gakuin University Tokyo)

Special Lectures

- Jan 24** **“Eco-Feminists and the Search for Sustainable Communities”**
(Prof Dr Chang Pilhwa, public lecture of the Dahlem International Network Professorship for Gender Studies 2016–17)
- May 3** **“Memories of Korea of Fifty Years Ago: A Confucian Ancestral Cult Documented in Pictures”**
(Prof Dr Martina Deuchler, SOAS, University of London/ Universität Zürich)
- Jun 6** **“Medien und News Südkoreas im Wandel”**
(Son Kwanseung, journalist)
- Jun 12** **“Measuring the Rainfall in an East Asian State Bureaucracy: The Use of Rain-Measuring Utensils in Late Eighteenth-Century Korea”**
(Prof Dr Lim Jongtae, Seoul National University)
- Jun 21** **“North Korean Literatures and Everyday Life”**
(Prof Dr Jeon Young Sun, Konkuk University)
- Jun 26** **“The Traveler’s Authority and the Rhetoric of Non-Persuasion: Pak Chega’s Use of His Travel to China in Late Eighteenth-Century Korea”**
(Prof Dr Lim Jongtae, Seoul National University)
- Jul 10** **“Nach der Wahl von Moon Jae-in: Zeitenwende in Korea?”**
(Lars-André Richter, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation)
- Jul 12** **“Decentering Citizenship: Gender, Labor, and Migrant Rights in South Korea”**
(Prof Dr Choo Hae Yeon, University of Toronto)



Conferences and Workshops

- Mar**
2-3 **“Diversity in the Age of Digitization and Globalization”**
(5th Joint Workshop with Tokyo University)
- Apr**
20- 21 **PBBP Workshop for Graduate Students in Korean Studies and Students from Yonsei University**
(supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- May**
11-12 **“The Political in the Institutionalization and Ritualization of Public Remembrance”**
(hosted jointly with the Department of Korean Studies at Ruhr-Universität Bochum; supported by the Academy of Korean Studies)
- May**
22- 23 **“What is an Academy? Early Modern Learned Societies in a Transcultural Perspective”**
(hosted jointly with the Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 980 and the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities)
- Jun**
8 **First Annual Kim Dae Jung Lecture – Han Myeong-sook (former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea): “Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula”**
(hosted jointly with the Kim Dae Jung Presidential Library & Museum)
- Oct**
2 **Berlin Forum on Korea/Korea Global Forum – “Peace and Security on the Korean Peninsula and Korean Unification”**

Winter Special Lecture Series

“Issues in Korean Politics, the Korean Economy, and Korean History II”

- Jan**
6 **“Korea’s Political System and Regionalism”**
(Dr Park Sanghoon, Political Power Plant)
- Jan**
7 **“The Candlelight Vigils of 2016 and Political Change”**
(Dr Park Sanghoon, Political Power Plant)
- Jan**
13 **“Image, Memory, and the History of the Korean War”**
(Prof Dr Chung Yong Wook, Seoul National University)
- Jan**
14 **“Psychological Warfare in the Korean War and Cold War Culture”**
(Prof Dr Chung Yong Wook, Seoul National University)

Special Lectures

- May**
2 **“Christianity in Korea”**
(Prof Dr Yang Myung-soo, Ewha Womans University)
- May**
15 **“Germany – 28 years later”**
(Dr Jong Bum Goo, ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Berlin)
- May**
16 **“The Story of my Youth – Culture and Dreams”**
(Prof Dr Kim Chang Nam, Sungkonghoe University)
- May**
23 **“N-po sedae – Korean Youth and Education”**
(Dr Kim Hyung-joon, Sogang University)
- Jun**
6 **“What I Wanted to say with my Novel ‘Cha Sang-moon the Genius Rabbit’”**
(Kim Nam-il, writer)
- Jun**
13 **“Growing Inequality and its Social Consequences in Twenty-First Century South Korea”**
(Prof Dr Koo Hagen, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa)
- Jun**
20 **“Tolstoy or Dostoevsky? Russian Literature and Colonial Korean Society”**
(Prof Dr Kim Jean Young, Yonsei University)
- Oct**
22 **“Modern Korean Literature”**
(Lee Sangwoo, writer)
- Nov**
5 **“Changes in North Korean Art”**
(Prof Dr Park Carey, Hongik University)
- Nov**
13 **“Power and Victims”**
(Gong Ji-young, writer)
- Dec**
17 **“The Calligraphy of Chusa”**
(Prof Dr Koh Heyryun, Dankook University)





Teaching

We constantly strive to provide a varied and well-balanced curriculum. In doing so, we take care to implement a diverse range of teaching methods to maximize the effectiveness of our teaching.

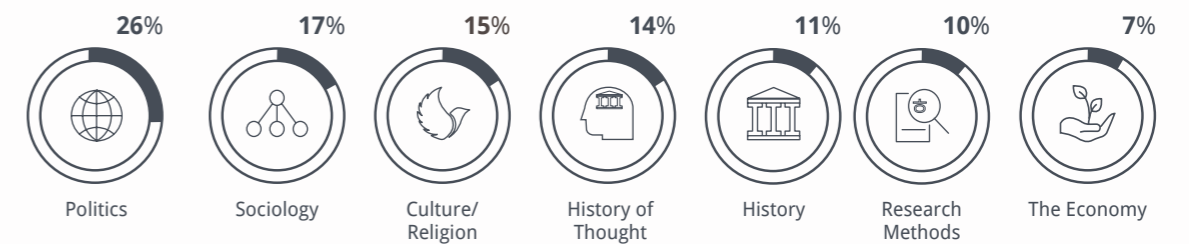
Our bachelor's programme is divided into three stages with three corresponding types of courses: introductory classes, advanced courses, and research seminars. First-year bachelor's students acquire elementary knowledge about Korean history, culture, politics and the Korean economy in a series of introductory classes and are familiarised with basic methods and approaches in Korean Studies. In their second year of studies, students learn about Korean civil society and political culture and are

trained in academic writing. Finally, they get to engage with a variety of research topics in research seminars that are directly linked to the various research projects conducted at the Institute.

The Open Research Seminar attended by all the members of the Institute is a platform for discussion about research projects carried out at the Institute.

Over and above the weekly Open Research Seminar, the Institute runs an annual Winter Special Course and Summer Special Course. These courses are intensive courses where experts engaged in research relevant to the given seminar's topic are invited for co-teaching with members of the Institute.

Classes by Topic 2008-2019



► Degree Programmes

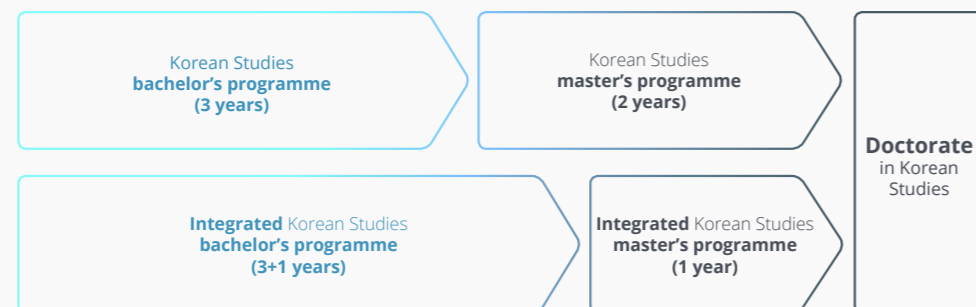
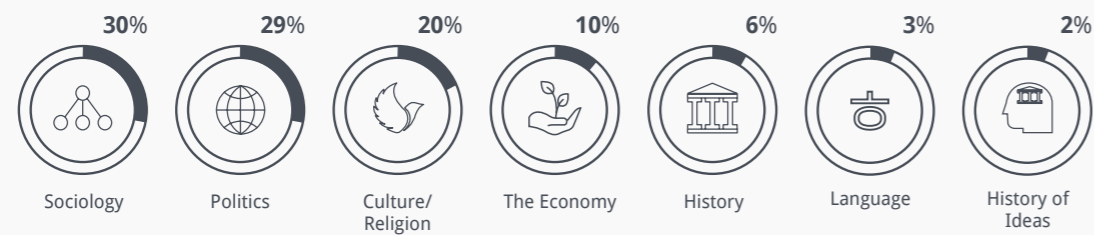
Bachelor's students majoring in Korean Studies can choose between a three-year bachelor's programme and a four-year Integrated Korean Studies programme.

In the Integrated Korean Studies programme, students will study in South Korea for one year. The selection process for the Integrated Korean Studies bachelor's programme takes place in the third semester.

Students who have completed their exchange year in Korea are eligible to apply for the Integrated Korean Studies master's programme. Currently, there are plans to establish a master's programme that will allow students to study one year in Berlin and Korea each and thereby attain a joint degree.

There are two options for the doctoral programme: the individual doctorate ("Promotion") that is traditional to German academia and a taught PhD degree at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies.

Theses by Topic 2008-2019



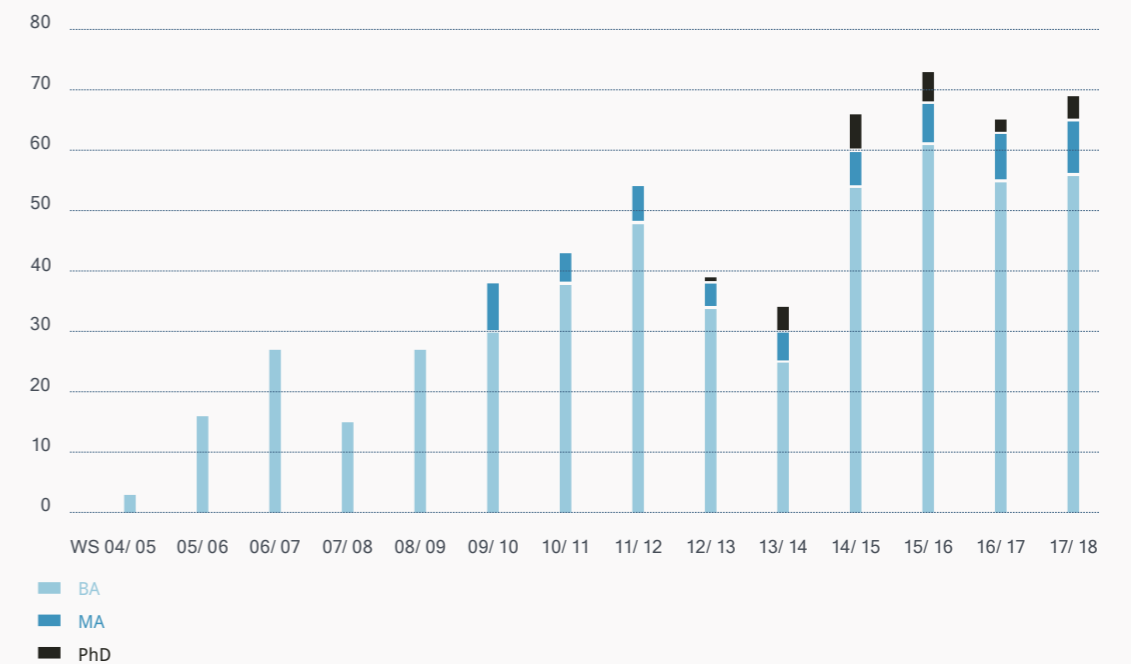
► Our Students

The number of students in Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin has shown a rapid increase over the last ten years. Graduates of the Institute work in public institutions, in the media, and in business, and act as experts on Korea in various sectors of German society.

During their studies with us, students participate in various events held at the Institute. In addition, we make a point of organizing events that will allow them to directly experience Korean culture.

Over the years, our students have also written and acted in a number of Korean-language plays as part of The Long Night of Science (Die Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften) at Freie Universität Berlin.

Number of new Students by Year





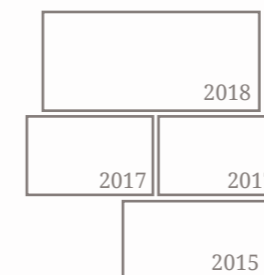
► The Summer School Programme



The Institute has been running a Summer School programme every summer since 2015. The Summer School was created to provide students with an opportunity to reach beyond their book-based learning and explore new approaches to familiar problems by visiting historically, culturally, and politically relevant sites in Korea and engaging in on-site discussions with scholars and other professionals.

The programme, which is held in Korea for the duration of one week, is open to Korean Studies students at Freie Universität Berlin and students at Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Charles-University in Prague, and the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales) in Paris.

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Training Programmes

Reaching beyond the university curriculum, we have established training and education programmes in our areas of expertise both in research and teaching. Operating these programmes since 2010 has allowed us to create stronger and more diversified cooperative ties in and beyond academia.

► The Academy on Unification Issues

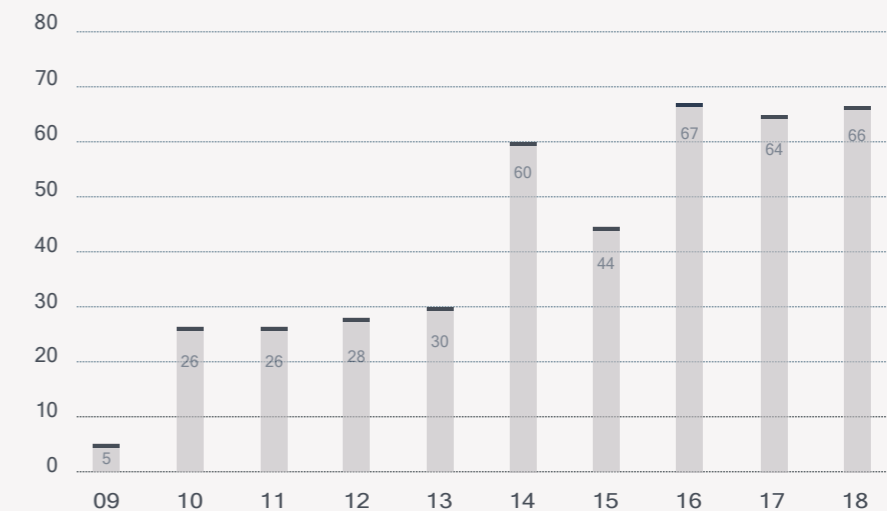
This programme, established in 2009, is aimed at Korean researchers, public officials, politicians, journalists, students, and middle and high school teachers.

The Academy on Unification Issues is concerned with the policies, administrative arrangements, economic factors, institutions, and ideas that provided the political setting to German unification and asks how this knowledge could be used in the development of policies, administrative arrangements, institutions, and ideas for another political setting, namely that of Korea. This programme is implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea.

Based on our experiences with this programme, we developed the German Research Foundation-supported project “Knowledge Transfer as Intercultural Translation: Development of Exemplary Practices of Transformation-Preparing Activities in Korea” that was carried out between 2013 and 2015.

Starting in 2009, a total of more than 400 Korean professionals representing 25 different organizations and government institutions have participated in the programmes of the Academy to date.

Number of Participants by Year





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► Korea-Workshop for Secondary School Teachers

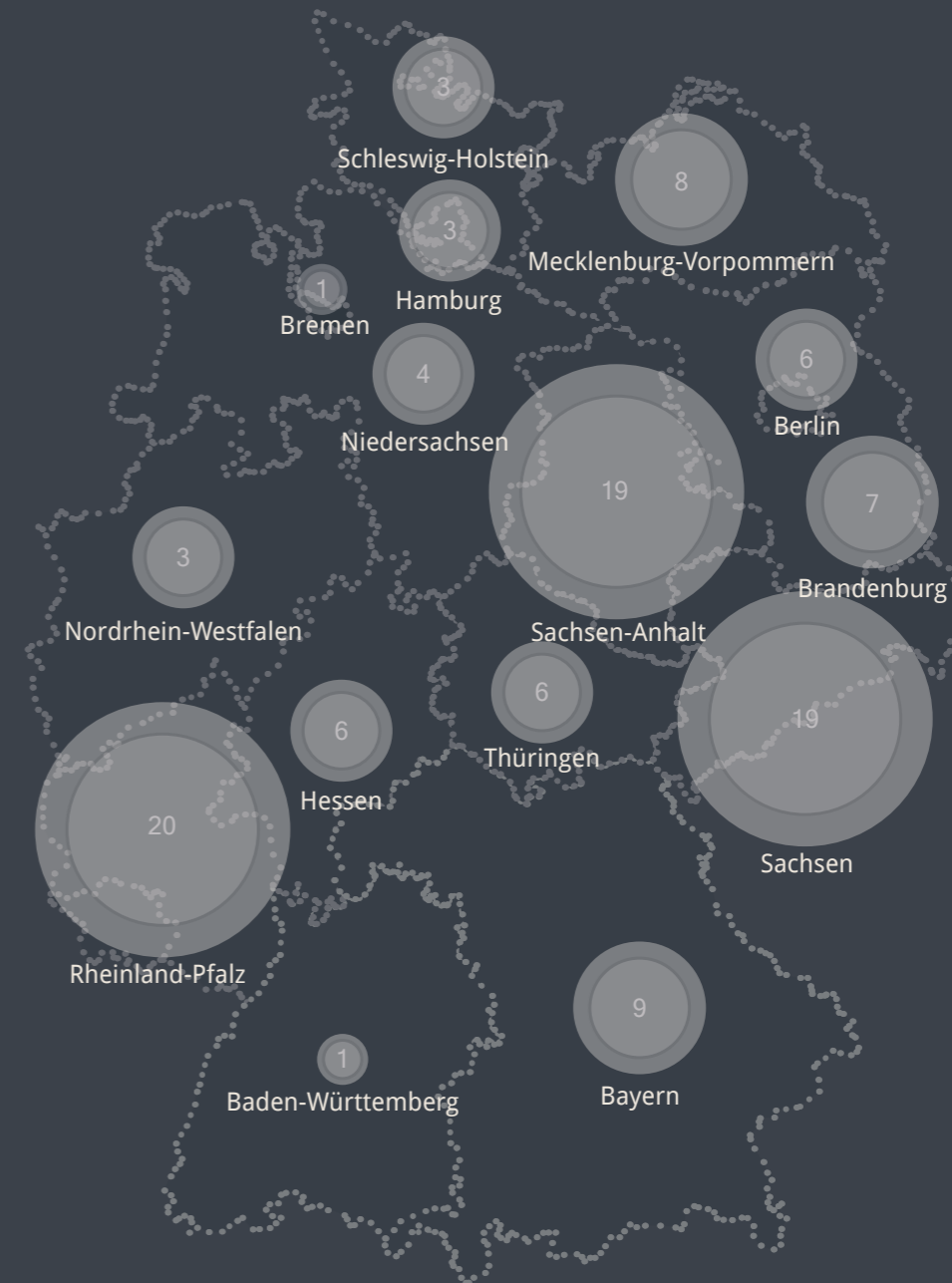
Since 2010, the Institute of Korean Studies has been conducting workshops for teachers in the social sciences (i.e. history, geography, social studies, politics, economics, ethics, philosophy, and the like) with the support of the Korea Foundation (KF).

Members of the Institute give lectures on history, culture, politics, the economy, education, family, and other Korea-related topics that are then complemented by discussions, workshops, film screenings, and opportunities to experience Korean culture.

The application process is carried out nationwide via the "Bildungs-server", an online platform run by the ministries of education of the German federal states, which guarantees a diverse group of participants from all of the federal states (with the exception of the Saarland).

The programme has been successful in improving the quality and range of teaching on Korea in the German school system. In fact, the Korea Foundation has requested the Institute to share its experience of developing and running the programme with a view to implementing a similar programme in Bulgaria.

Participants by Federal State





The German-Korean Forum 2013 in Goslar with German President Joachim Gauck and the Presidents of the German-Korean Forum Kim Sun-wook and Hartmut Koschyk

► The German-Korean Junior Forum

Since 2013, the Institute has been the German counterpart in charge of organizing the annual German-Korean Junior Forum, which brings together students and young people from Germany and Korea to discuss various problems faced by their countries today.

The programme is supported by the German and Korean foreign ministries and is held in conjunction with the annual German-Korean Forum that has, since 2002, been bringing together representatives from politics, the economy, academia, and the cultural sector to debate current affairs relevant to both countries.

At the Junior Forum, it is the 30 to 50 participants themselves who decide on the topics they will discuss. Following their discussions, they prepare a policy proposal that will be submitted to the Korean and German governments. Activities such as these provide our students with an opportunity to experience the practical application of the knowledge they have acquired through their studies.



Providing Expert Advice

Both within Germany and in Europe, the members of the Institute perform an important role as specialists on Korea not only by publishing and presenting papers at international conferences, but also by providing expert advice to governments and other institutions and by sharing their knowledge and insights with the wider public through the media.

In 2014, Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee was appointed as a German member of the German-Korean Advisory Body for Foreign Policy Aspects of Unification. Moreover, in February 2018, she accompanied Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on his official visit to South Korea. Prof Dr Hannes B. Mosler and Dr Eric J. Ballbach have accompanied delegations of the German Bundestag to North Korea on a number of occasions.

Dr Eric J. Ballbach advises political decision-makers on Korea-related topics, foremost among them the German government and the Bundestag, but also including international organizations such as the European Union, NATO, and the United Nations. He is active in several informal Track 1.5 dialogues involving representatives and decision-makers from North Korea.



The delegation of German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier meeting President Moon Jae-in at the Blue House, Seoul 2018

The German-Korean Advisory Body for Foreign Policy Aspects of Unification, 2016

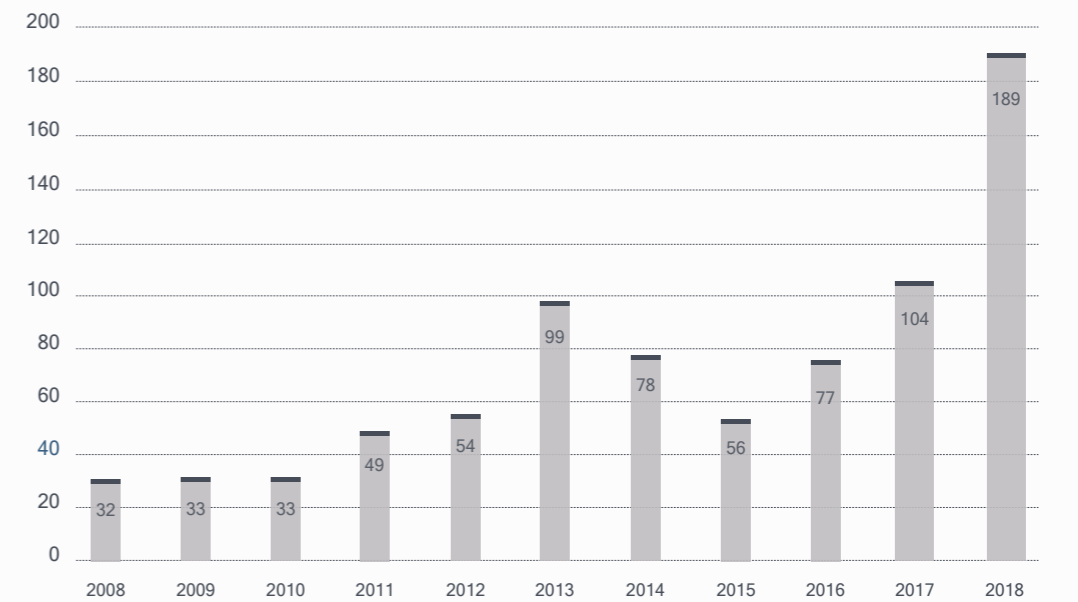


■ The Institute of Korean Studies in the Media

Researchers at the Institute show an active presence in media outlets ranging from television to the radio and newspapers, being regularly consulted as experts on the Korean peninsula.

Given that we are the only institution in the field of Korean Studies in Germany that puts its focus on the politics of modern-day Korea, we feel such involvement to be, not least, a matter of social responsibility.

Number of Media Interviews and Contributions by Year



■ Awards and Distinctions

In 2013, Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee was awarded the Mirok Li Award of the German-Korean Society (Deutsch-Koreanische Gesellschaft e.V.) in recognition of her contributions to the German-Korean friendship.

She was invited to become a member of the Academia Europaea (The Academy of Europe) in the section Classics and Oriental Studies in the following year.

In 2016, Professor Lee was selected to be a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, formerly Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences, in the class of the Humanities (Geisteswissenschaften) (BBAW, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, vormalig Königlich-Preußische Akademie der Wissenschaften).



Mirok Li Award,
May 2013



Prof Dr Eun-Jeung Lee at the official welcoming ceremony for the new members of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities in November 2016

■ European and International Networking

Over the course of the past ten years, we have established various types of networks with institutions in Germany, Europe, and beyond, organizing, and participating in, joint research projects, conferences, workshops, and the exchange of students and scholars.

Such activities have been supported, among others, by Freie Universität Berlin, the German Research Foundation (DFG, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst), the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), the Korea Foundation, and the Volkswagen Foundation.

Our cooperation with the Department of Korean Studies at Ruhr-Universität Bochum is particularly close. Its starting point was the creation, in 2009, of the Berlin-Bochum Consortium for Korean Studies with the support of the Academy of Korean Studies.

This consortium later provided the basis for the creation of the PBBP-KoreaNet, a network involving the Korean Studies departments at Charles-University in Prague (“P”), Freie Universität Berlin (“B”), Ruhr-Universität Bochum (“B”), and the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales) in Paris (“P”) in 2015.

Yet another important network of close cooperation is the FU-KoreaNet, which brings together Freie Universität Berlin and Seoul National University, Korea University, Ewha Womans University, Sogang University, and Yonsei University.

Recently, Freie Universität Berlin and Kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang have signed an agreement on the exchange of students and scholars.



Meeting President Thae Hyong-chol of Kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang, September 2018

The FU-Delegation led by President Prof Dr Peter-André Alt meets presidents of partner universities and members of “Friends of the IKS FU Berlin” in Korea at a reception hosted by the German Ambassador Stefan Auer in March 2017



People at the Institute





Eun-Jeung Lee



Hannes B. Mosler



Eric J. Ballbach



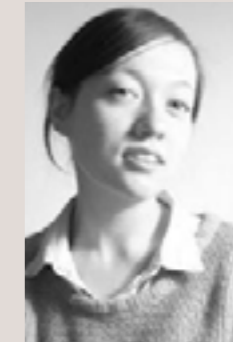
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Kim Sangkuk



Martin Gehlmann



Daniela Gi-Youi Claus-Kim



Vladimir Glomb



Axel Rüdiger



Jung Jin-Heon



Vincent Kreusel



Arne Bartzsch



Eun-Jung Felsner



Sabine Sommer



Lim Song-I

► The Members of the Institute of Korean Studies

The members of the Institute hail from a variety of academic backgrounds, ranging from political science to history, philosophy, cultural anthropology, and more.

This reflects the specific nature of Korean Studies as part of the field of area studies. Over the span of the last ten years, researchers from these diverse backgrounds have continuously joined the Institute, each applying the specific theories and methodologies of their respective disciplines to the research on Korea.

This has not only brought about a significant increase in the number of staff at the Institute, it has also had

a palpable and immediate effect on the Institute's research capabilities. As former researchers at the Institute moved to other universities and research institutions, the Institute's external ties grew progressively stronger and more varied, too.

In 2008, staff at the Institute of Korean Studies comprised one professor, one professor in the field of language instruction, two researchers, and one secretary. In 2018, twelve members of faculty, one programme manager, three lecturers, three administrators, one librarian, four post-doc fellows, 19 doctoral students, 7 visiting scholars, and eight student assistants work at the Institute.



Holmer Brochlos



Kim Eun-Hee



Yi Eunseo



Chang Hee Kyoung



Katja Ziegler



Anselm Huppenbauer



Hendrik Johannemann



Lee Sue Heon



Pak Hohui



Irene Maier



Park Jiyeon



Janek Kaftan



Heo Ji Young



Kim Misun



Kim Olteun



Yoon Kyong Yong Francis



Liliane Sperr



Park Young Su



Quynh Giang Pham



Han Jihye



Madeleine Heuer



Byun You Kyung



Jung Hyuk



Gwendolyn Domning



Benedikt Staar



Lee Hyein



Tatjana Lim



Sabrina Stemmler



Denise Czinczoll



Kristina Kaltenbach



Hannah Burchhardt

► Former Members

Werner Pfennig
Former Senior Research Fellow

Alexander Pfennig
Former Research Fellow

Moon Eun-a
Former Lecturer in Korean

Chon Namhee
Former Lecturer in Korean

Karine Damman
Former Secretary

Andrea Großkopf
Former Secretary

Christine Kansy
Former Secretary

Kim Ko-Un
Former Research Fellow

Andreas Müller-Lee
Former Research Fellow

Park Myung-Joon
Former Research Fellow

Park Sugeen
Former Lecturer in Korean

Mascha Peters
Former Research Fellow

Richard Pfennig
Former Research Fellow

Yoon Kern Soo
Former Research Fellow

Choi Hye-Jin
Former Research Fellow

Choi Hae-Won
Former Research Fellow

Jung Hoon
Former Research Fellow



► Affiliated Fellows

Eunju Bährisch
Coventry University

Han Oul
University of Koblenz

Yhee Jean
Korea Foundation Berlin

Kim Hak Jae
Seoul National University

Park Hee Seok
University of Bonn

Kim Hye Young
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Tokyo University

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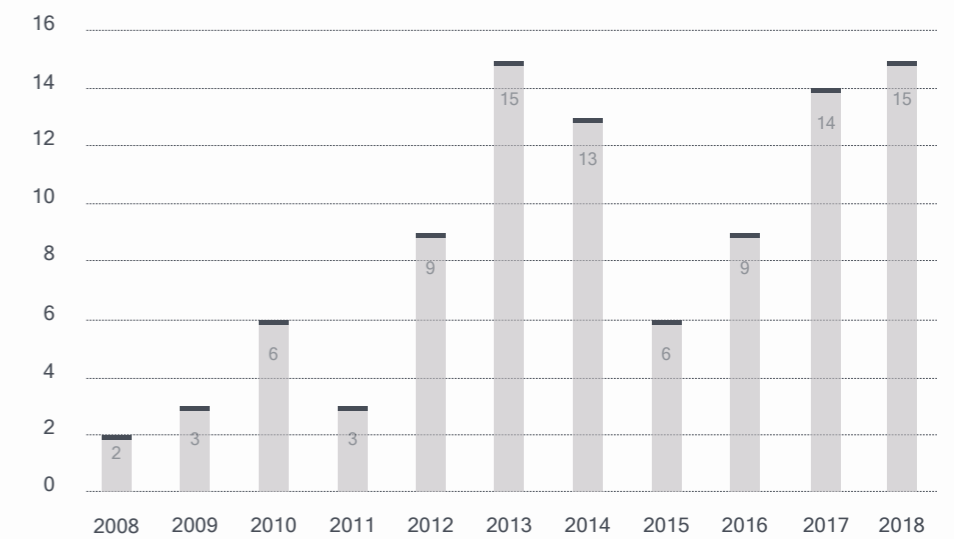
Prof Dr Cho Hyo-Je with a student in February 2011

■ Visiting Professors and Fellows

Since 2008, more than 70 scholars have visited the Institute with the support of various programmes including the DAAD-STAR Professorship, the Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, the Dahlem International Network Professorship for Gender Studies, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Fellowship.

Their presence and involvement have enriched the content of the Korean Studies curriculum, allowing students to gain a better understanding of Korea through direct exchanges with politicians, writers, and journalists as part of their studies at the Institute. Friends of the IKS FU Berlin, a network of those who once stayed at the Institute, regularly holds alumni meetings in Seoul.

Number of Visiting Professors and Fellows by Year



List of Visiting Scholars



Alexander von Humboldt Fellows

Prof Dr Shin Jin-Wook

(professor of sociology, Chung-Ang University - 2012)

Prof Dr Kim Hak-Joon

(professor of political science, President of Incheon University - 2010)

Prof Dr Kim Kang-Sik

(professor of business, Korea Aerospace University - 2009)

Prof Dr Choi Jong-tae

(professor of economics, former president of the Korea Tripartite Commission - 2013)

Prof Dr Ahn Sam-Huan

(professor of German literature, Seoul National University - 2014)



DAAD-STAR Professor

Prof Dr Cho Hyo-Je

(professor of sociology, Sungkonghoe University - 2009/10)



Dahlem International Network Professor for Gender Studies

Prof Dr Chang Pilwha

(professor of sociology, Ewha Womans University - 2016/17)



2008

Cho Hyekyung

(Research Fellow, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy)

Prof Dr Park Kyu-hwan

(professor of law, Youngsan University Busan)

Prof Dr Paik Seung Jong

(professor of Korean history, Korea Polytechnic University)

2009

Dr Chon Seon-Il

(Director, Republic of Korea National Election Commission)

Prof Dr Sonja Häußler

(professor of Korean Studies, Stockholm University)

Prof Dr Kim Seong-Kook

(professor of business, Ewha Womans University)

Prof Dr Kim Seong-Soo

(professor of administration, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)

2010

Kim Ki Hyeok

(Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea)

Prof Dr Lee Chongoh

(professor of sociology, Myongji University)

Prof Dr Lee Sang Ran

(professor of Korean literature, Sogang University)

2011

Prof Dr Kim Yun-Tae

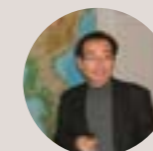
(professor of sociology, Korea University)

Bae Su-Ah

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Sin Hyeong Mok

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)



2012

Dr Han Seung Wan

(Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Strategy)

Prof Dr Kim Chang Nam

(professor of media communication, Sungkonghoe University)

2012

Prof Dr Kim Dong-No

(professor of sociology, Yonsei University)

Prof Dr Kim Ho Gyun

(professor of economics, Myongji University)

Kim Hye Jung

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Kim Yi-Deum

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr John Lie

(professor of sociology, University of California, Berkeley)



2013

Bak Solmay

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Jung Chang-hwa

(professor of administration, Dankook University)

Kim Doo-Kwan

(member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea - Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Research Fellow)

Kim Hwang-sik

(former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea - DAAD Fellow)



Prof Dr Kim Ky-Won

(professor of economics, Korea National Open University)

Prof Dr Kwon Heok-Tae

(professor of Japanese Studies, Sungkonghoe University)

Prof Dr Lee U-Young

(professor of political science, University of North Korean Studies)

Prof Dr Park Myung-lim

(professor of political science, Yonsei University)

Dr Sohn Hak-Kyu

(President of the Bareunmirae Party - Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Fellow)

2013

Sung Kiwoong

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Yoon Young-Kwan

(professor of international relations, Seoul National University)

2014

Prof Dr Baik Young-Seo

(professor of East Asian history, Yonsei University)

Choe Min-Seok

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Brendan Howe

(professor of political science, Ewha Womans University)

Prof Dr Jung Mi-Kyung

(professor of German literature, Gyeonggi University)

Prof Dr Matthias Maass

(professor of political science, Yonsei University)

Prof Dr Moon Jangnyeol

(professor of political science, Korea National Defense University)

Yi Eunseo

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)



2015

Prof Dr em Choi Jang-jip

(professor of political science and international relations, Korea University)

Prof Dr Kang Su-Dol

(professor of economics, Korea University)

Prof Dr Kim Sun-wook

(professor of law, former President of Ewha Womans University)



Prof Dr Lee Chang-Hyun

(professor of media communication, Kookmin University)

Choi Zin-A

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Kim In-Sook

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

2016

Han Eunhyong

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Dr Hwang Woo-yea

(former Minister of Education of the Republic of Korea)

Prof Dr Jung Keun-Sik

(professor of sociology, Seoul National University)

Kang Gi-jeong

(former member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea)

Lee Soo-eun

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Park Imseon

(The Board of Audit and Inspection of Korea)



2017

Ahn Hee

(journalist, Yonhap News)

Chae Sang Jin

(The Export-Import Bank of Korea)

Prof Dr Chung Yong Wook

(professor of Korean history, Seoul National University)

Kang Young-Sook

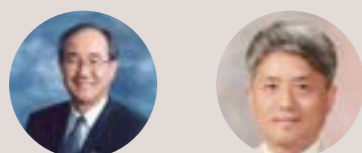
(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Kim Jae Seung

(Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Korea)

Prof Dr Kim Kang-Sik

(professor of business, Korea Aerospace University – Alexander von Humboldt Fellow)

**Prof Dr Kim Myungsun**

(professor of architecture, Sun Moon University)

Prof Dr Kwun Seog Kyeun

(professor of business, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)

Prof Dr Lee Kye Soo

(professor of law, Konkuk University)

Lee Yeo-jin

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Min Wonjung

(professor of Korean Studies, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile)

2017

Park Byoung Dae

(former judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea)

Park Sumin

(Ministry of Strategy and Finance of the Republic of Korea)

Song Hojin

(journalist, The Hankyoreh)

Yun Suhee

(journalist, Korean Broadcasting System - KBS)

2018

Prof Dr Baik Young-Seo

(professor of East Asian history, Yonsei University)

Prof Dr Cho Hyo-Je

(professor of sociology, Sungkonghoe University)

Prof Dr Kim Chang Nam

(professor of media communication, Sungkonghoe University)

Prof Dr Kim Jean Young

(professor of Russian literature, Yonsei University)

Kim Nam-il

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Koo Hagen

(professor of sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

Lee Sangwoo

(Arts Council Korea - Institute of Korean Studies Writer-in-Residence)

Prof Dr Yang Myung-soo

(professor of theology, Ewha Womans University)

Han Myeong-sook

(former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea)

Lee Duk-Hoon

(former President of the Export-Import Bank of Korea)

Prof Dr Park Carey

(research professor, Hongik University)

Park Wonjae

(Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea)

Park Jae Gyun

(Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Korea)

Kim Seok Tae

(Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea)

Park Sungmin

(journalist, Yonhap News)







■ The Houses
of the Institute
of Korean Studies

The houses at Fabeckstraße 7 and Iltisstraße 7

In 2006, the independent department of Korean Studies established in 2003 took up residence in a small building at Fabeckstraße 7 (“house 1”). Built in 1928, this house had been used by Freie Universität Berlin ever since 1966. Young as it was, the department was very fortunate to be able to move into a detached building to use all by itself.

We were able to achieve a lot in this small building over the course of the next ten years. As the number of research projects at the Institute increased, the number of researchers increased accordingly, and in 2012 we started using an additional building at Iltisstraße 7 (“house 2”). Once the new building at Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11 was completed in 2018, researchers previously scattered across houses 1 and 2 finally got to work together in one and the same place.



Fabeckstraße 7



Iltisstraße 7



Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11

The house at Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11 has a very special history. Ernst Joachimssohn built it for his family in 1927. In 1938, Joachimssohn, who was of Jewish origin, sold the house to Erich Malschewski at a giveaway price. Having witnessed Jews in Berlin being deported to concentration camps day after day, Joachimssohn took his own life on 3 March 1943. His wife also committed suicide no less than two days later, on 5 March 1943.

Following the end of the Second World War, a Berlin court conducted an inquiry into whether the transaction of 1938 constituted a compulsory sale.

The house at Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11

Malschewski insisted there had been no irregularities in his purchase of the property, but in 1954 came to an agreement with Joachimssohn’s descendants that he would pay them compensation and did so pay them. This shines light on the fact that Joachimssohn had, in fact, sold the building against his will.

Over the course of the Second World War, the building suffered severe damage from bombing. An anti-aircraft gun had been operated from an orchard across the street, which meant that the buildings on that opposite side of the street were all completely demolished by bombing. In their place now stand the lecture hall building and the university cafeteria of Freie Universität Berlin.

The university started renting the building at Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11 in 1951. Instead of paying regular rent, it undertook to pay for necessary repairs to the building. In 1966, the Berlin city government bought the building, transferring the right of usage to Freie Universität.

Between 1951 and 2015, the building was used by the Department of Archaeology. When construction for the new lecture hall building nicknamed “Holzlaube” (wooden bower) was completed in 2015, the archaeology department joined 13 other departments for “small subjects” at Freie Universität’s Faculty for History and Culture in moving there.

In fact, when the Holzlaube was first planned, the Institute of Korean Studies counted among the “small departments” to be moved to the new building. However, due to the Institute’s considerable increase in size in the years since 2008, only the Korean language team moved into the Holzlaube in 2015.

Since the former building at Fabeckstraße 7 could no longer accommodate all members of staff, all staff with the exception of the language team – which had already moved to the Holzlaube – moved to Otto-von-Simson-Straße 11 in 2018. Repair works there, which had started in 2016, were completed in the summer of 2018. The Institute finally moved to its new premises in the exceptionally hot months of August and September 2018. We hosted a celebratory symposium and a house-warming party on 2 October and were able to commence the 2018/2019 winter semester in our new home.

■ The Institute's *Changsŭng* (traditional Korean totem poles)

A Korean village would traditionally have a temple at its entrance. *Changsŭng*, wooden totem poles, were erected to protect the village from evil spirits. In June 2010, we were able to position two *changsŭng* at the Institute's entrance with the kind support of the city of Seoul. Master Kim Jonghung of Hahoe village in Andong had created them from a pine tree growing in Berlin's Grunewald. Once erected, our *changsŭng* at Fabeckstraße 7 became something of a landmark in the area surrounding Dahlem Dorf station. The Pokémon Go game even had our *changsŭng* appear as a PokéStop. As a result, quite a number of people came to visit the Institute's premises with the intention of catching a Pokémon. We feel our *changsŭng* certainly had their part to play in assisting the Institute's progress over the last ten years. In October 2018, we moved them to the garden of our new home in the hope that they would continue to keep a watchful eye on the Institute.





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길 너 된
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만 냈 편 무
아 마 르
고
도 고 종
바 기 아

몸 꾸 몸
에 바 들 의
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이 는 부 바
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술 봄 봄 바
잔 이 바 람
이 라 람 부
라 바 내 는
하 람 가

르 앞 멧 몸
게 을 나 쓸
얼 지 물 꿈
결 날 들 을
에 때 아 깨
생 잇 나 어
각 어 을 들
나 버 때 아
는 려 이
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“The Fountain of Wisdom”

■ *The Pavilion*

The “Fountain of Wisdom”, the traditional Korean pavilion erected in the Institute’s new garden, was designed and built by master builder Lee Gwang-bok. It is modelled on the Nalmulgot pavilion in front of the Bongeunsa temple’s Mireukjeon pavilion in Seoul, equally designed and built by Lee Gwang-bok.

Nalmulgot translates as “surging water”. Master builder Lee says he chose that name for the pavilion since it was built to cover the well that once supplied the water for the tea Chusa Gim Jeong-hui (1786-1856) would drink with the chief monk whenever he stayed at Bongeunsa.



construction team that had been in charge of renovation works at the Institute for the previous two years.

The Korean Pavilion, constructed in a manner that preserves and respects the timber's natural vitality and specific characteristics, was erected on a foundation complying with the German style of construction, built according to a numerically precise blueprint. The combination of a villa in art deco style and a pavilion built in the tradition of 13th-century Korean architecture shows the full potential of a beautiful harmony between Eastern and Western culture.

The construction of the "Fountain of Wisdom" would not have been possible without the kind support of numerous people who showed an interest in traditional Korean aesthetics. In particular, it could not have been built without the generous financial support of the AmorePacific Corporation. We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to AmorePacific.



While our pavilion bears no relation to water, we named it "The Fountain of Wisdom" in the hope that it may supply the kind of wisdom required to learn more about Korea and engage in ever better research.

The "Fountain of Wisdom" was built in the Institute's front garden using pinewood and roof tiles from Korea together with soil and stones from Germany. Materials from the East and the West thus combined to form the beautiful silhouette of a Korean *hanok*.

In order to supervise the construction of the pavilion, master builder Lee Gwang-bok made his way to Berlin from New York. He was joined in Berlin by master carpenters and tilers flying in from Korea. The construction site became a place of cooperation between these Korean artisans and the German



"The Fountain of Wisdom"





Raising the pavilion's ridge beam,
October 2018



Raising the pavilion's ridge beam,
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