Call for Papers

Korea Yearbook 2009 – Politics, Economy, Society

The editors of the Korea Yearbook - Politics, Economy, Society, published since 2007 by Brill (Leiden and Boston), are now calling for papers for the 2009 edition of the yearbook. The Korea Yearbook consists, on the one hand, of four concise overviews of domestic and external affairs of the two Koreas and, on the other hand, of on average eight in-depth studies of contemporary political, economic and social affairs in both North and South Korea. We are now calling for proposals for papers for the latter, refereed part of the yearbook. The editors are particularly interested in papers dealing with North Korea and inter-Korean affairs and papers analysing Korean affairs from a comparative perspective. Papers on other topics falling within the scope of the Korea Yearbook are also very welcome. We encourage both junior and senior scholars to send in proposals for papers. Interested scholars should send proposals of max. 500 words to Patrick Köllner (koellner@giga-hamburg.de) by 31 October 2008. The editors will decide by mid-November which proposals for papers should be developed into manuscripts (10,000 words maximum) to be submitted by 28 February 2009. The editors guarantee a speedy review of manuscripts. The Korea Yearbook 2009 is due to be published in September 2009. For further information on the Korea Yearbook see www.brill.nl/koyb. For some reactions to the first edition of the Korea Yearbook see below.

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