

Call for Papers

Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a global context

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2nd-4th September 2013

The Asia Research Initiative, the Department of International Relations and European Studies, and the Department of Public Policy at Central European University (Budapest, Hungary) are pleased to announce the conference 'Political, Social and Economic Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a global context.' The event is hosted by Central European University (CEU) in Budapest and will take place on **2-4 September 2013**.

Calls for economic democratization dominated both presidential and general electoral campaigns in South Korea in 2012. Income inequalities, low employment rates among women, uncertain job prospects for the youth, raise questions over the role of the large industrial conglomerates in Korean society, its impact on social and economic relations and more generally their role in the country's politics. At the same time, the country appears divided along ideological, regional, and generational lines.

The organisers especially welcome papers addressing one or more of the following issues:

- sources of polarization in the Korean economy and society;
- politics and business;
- Korea and the global financial crisis;
- revisiting the state-led development model;
- emerging cleavages in Korean society;
- crisis of the welfare system and new democracies;
- protest, resistance and activism.

The conference aims to discuss such themes within a comparative and interdisciplinary environment. The organisers plan to publish selected papers as a special issue of a journal or as an edited volume.

The event seeks to increase the awareness of the importance of Korea and Korean Studies in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The areas covered in the conference range from the humanities to the social sciences. Pre-organised panel submissions are strongly encouraged.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to koreaconf@gmail.com (as an attachment in MS Word, RTF or PDF format). Please include:

- 1) Name
- 2) Institutional affiliation
- 3) Title/position

- 4) E-mail address
- 5) A one-page CV
- 6) Title of Paper (maximum 20 words)
- 7) Abstract of Paper (maximum 350 words)

The working language of the conference is English.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **30th April 2013**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 31st May.

Full details of the program, registration and accommodation arrangements will be available by 30th June.

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The event is supported by the Korea Foundation and is organised within the framework of the Global E-school in Eurasia in 2012, a project aimed at developing a multi-university and multi-platform online real-time curriculum in Korean Studies. Central European University is the first European university to host a Global E-School, which brings together – alongside CEU, ELTE in Budapest (Hungary), the University of Vienna (Austria), the University of Paris Diderot, La Rochelle (France), the University of Bologna (Italy), University of Turku, Aalto University (Finland), the Middle East Technical University in Ankara (Turkey), the Tajik State University of Commerce in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), the American University of Central Asia, International University of Central Asia in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan) and Petrozavodsk State University (Russia).