

Home and Away: Transnational Migration, Remittance and Homeland, Korea

International Workshop at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany
January 27, 2017

Workshop Description

Parallel to a continuing trend of transnational migration is an unceasing circulation and accumulation of multiform capitals. Migrants' remittances are undeniably one of major global capital flows whereas their effects on reducing poverty and other cumulative causations in both origin and destination countries have been debated. Regardless of the extent of the beneficial effects of their remittances on income distribution in labor-exporting countries, transnational migration is also intrinsically linked to other forms of exchange, notably flows of ideas, information, and skills, which results in changing the initial conditions under which migration takes place in both societies. The impacts of various forms of remittances also unsettle and redefine notions of homeland depending on life experiences of both migrants abroad and their family behind. This international workshop seeks to bring together a number of scholars of the world working on transnational migration and (social) remittances as of further delving into the complex dynamics of the reciprocal transformations.

Venue

Seminarhaus (Room 5.105, 5th floor), Campus Westend
Max-Horkheimer-Straße, 60323 Frankfurt am Main, Hessen, Germany

Time

9:00-18:00, Friday, January 27, 2017

Korean Studies Department and Its Research Projects

As the beneficiary of the AKS Seed Program for Korean Studies (2015-2018), Korean Studies at Goethe University of Frankfurt launched research project 'Consolidating Frankfurt Korean Studies Through Teaching and Research On Identity and Transnational Mobility In and Out Of Korea.' Financed jointly by the AKS (the Academy of Korean Studies) and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea, this project promotes the growth and significant development of research and teaching in the field of contemporary Korean Studies through interdisciplinary transnational approaches.

Organizer

Korean Studies at Goethe University of Frankfurt

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Workshop Program

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome Remarks by Dr. **Bumhym Bek**, Consul General of Republic of Korea, Frankfurt

Opening Remarks by Prof. Dr. **Elisabeth Hollender**, Dean of Linguistics & Cultural Studies, Goethe-University of Frankfurt

Session I Migration, Policy and Diaspora

9:45-10:30 Keynote Speech I by **Thomas Faist** (Professor, University of Bielefeld)
Migration and the Transnational Social Question

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Chair: **Dolf Neuhaus** (Research Fellow, Goethe-University of Frankfurt)

10:45-11:15 **Heike Hermanns** (Associate Professor, Gyeongsang National University)
Guest Workers and Economic Migrants –Migrant Worker Policies in Germany

11:15-11:45 **Jong Chol An** (Junior Professor, University of Tübingen)
From Equal to Unequal Ethnic-Based Citizenship: The Politics of the Korean Overseas Act in Early 2000s

11:45-12:15 **Mi-Jeong Jo** (Research Fellow, Goethe-University) & **Yonson Ahn** (Professor)
Migrant Network and Ethnic Community in ‘Homeland’: The Case of Koryo-Saram in Gwangju, South Korea

12:15-12:45 **Won Dam Paik** (SungKongHoe University)
Mobile Asia, Asia in Us: The Return or Circulation of the Korean Diaspora

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

Session II Transnational Family and Homeland

14:00-14:45 Keynote Speech II by **Hyunmi Kim** (Professor, Yonsei University)
Gender and Remittances: Intimacy Between Korean Men and Their Foreign Spouses in South Korea

14:45-15:00 Coffee Break

Chair: **You Jae Lee** (Professor, University of Tübingen)

15:00-15:30 **Hyun Ok Lee** (Assistant Professor, Yonsei University)
Employment Brokerage of Marriage Migrants and Changing Labor Market in South Korea

15:30-16:00 **Ruixin Wei** (Research Fellow, Goethe University) & **Yonson Ahn** (Professor)
Cultural Capital, Education and Social Mobility: A Case Study of Korean Chinese Children in Transnational Families

16:00-16:30 **Jerome de Wit** (Junior Professor, University of Tübingen)
The City of Yanji as a Liminal Space to Imagine Korean Unification: Focusing on Yi Munyöl's ‘An appointment with his brother’

16:30-17:30 **Soyoung Kim** (Professor, Korean National University of Arts)
Family Secrets in the Age of Migration: *Heart of Snow, Heart of Blow* (2014)

17:30-17:50 Q&A

17:50-18:00 Closing remarks by **Yonson Ahn** (Professor, Goethe-University of Frankfurt)