



**Call for Papers**  
**The 6<sup>th</sup> Yun Posun Memorial Symposium at the University of Edinburgh**  
**Inequality in Global Cities, Seoul in Comparative Perspective**

The Department of Asian Studies at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK), in partnership with the Yun Posun Democracy Institute in Seoul, South Korea, invites paper proposals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Yun Posun Memorial Symposium to be held at the University of Edinburgh on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

**Inequality in Global Cities, Seoul in Comparative Perspective**

Seoul, as any global mega cities, inequality persists, as marginalised individuals and communities include urban poor, foreign migrant workers, foreign wives from South-East Asia, LGBT community, irregular workers with minimum wages, among others. Polarization and inequality undermine the quality of democracy because they deepen existing social cleavages and create new ones, it reduces social cohesion, possibly leading up to democracy being captured by power elite groups.

The project brings together academics from a variety of disciplines and practitioners to discuss the impact that various types of inequality have on the quality of democracy in South Korea. Cities are sites of innovation and innovative thinking. Yet, cities are also loci of wealth concentration and inequality. The conference therefore zooms in on the case study of Seoul – through an analysis of various issues, policies, and economic sectors - and other global cities in comparative perspective.

These issues will be examined in multi-disciplinary and comparative panels through a combination of qualitative and quantitative studies, so that a nuanced and comprehensive assessment of this question can be developed during the conference. Alongside a select number of invited speakers, the conference will also include contributors selected via an open call for papers. Proposals from early career researchers and post-graduate students will receive special consideration.

***Key information***

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Venue: University of Edinburgh, Playfair Library

Deadline for submitting proposals (individual papers and/or panels): 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Individual paper proposals: Abstracts of no more than 500 words AND up to 5 keywords

Panel proposals: panel description (200 words); individual paper abstracts (500 words each); up to 5 keywords.

Confirmation of acceptance: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Final paper submission: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018



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All submissions (paper and panel proposals) should be sent to the email address above.

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