



# The Future of #MeToo in Asia: A Conversation with Youngmi Choi

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## Korean Studies Distinguished Speaker Series

### Ms Youngmi Choi Published Author and Writer

In this AI Korean Studies Distinguished Speaker Series, we invite Ms Youngmi Choi, a prominent feminist poet and leading figure in Korean literature, to speak about her work and fight against sexism in South Korea.

Choi's first collection of poems, *At Thirty, the Party was Over*, was published in 1994 and became an instant bestseller in Korea. Her experiences as a student activist protesting the military dictatorship in the 1980s informs her work, which sheds light on contemporary South Korean politics and society.

Join Jay Song, Senior Lecturer and Convenor of Korean Studies at the Asia Institute, for this important conversation with Youngmi Choi. They will discuss Choi's poetry, revelations of sexual harassment, and what it

means for the #MeToo movement in Korea and Asia more broadly.

*Youngmi Choi is a poet and novelist from Seoul, Korea. Her poem, Monster (괴물), ignited the #MeToo movement in Korea in 2018. Born in Seoul in 1961, Youngmi received B.A. in Western History from Seoul National University and an M.A. in Art History from Hong-ik University. Faced with the military dictatorship of 1980's, she joined student protest demanding for democracy. As a result, she was detained and suspended from university. Her first volume of poems At Thirty, the Party was Over (1994) was recognised for her delicate but bold expressions and piercing satire on the capital and authority. She has published six poetry collections (Treading on the Pedals of Dream, To the Pigs, Life that has yet to Arrive, Things Already Hot, and What will not come again), and penned two novels (Scars and Patterns, and The Garden of Bronze). Youngmi received the Isu Literary Award for To the Pigs, and the 2018 Sex Equality Award.*

**Bookings are ESSENTIAL for this webinar. You will be sent a Zoom link following registration.**



### Event Details

**Date:**  
Thursday 5 November 2020

**Time:**  
6:00pm

**Venue:**  
Delivered online via Zoom

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**Bookings:**  
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