

# Korean Studies Seminar Series Distinguished Lecture

Asia Institute, Faculty of Arts

**Public Event** 

# Her Excellency Catherine Raper

### Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

The Korea-Australia Relations Project (KARP) at the University of Melbourne is delighted to invite you to a distinguished public lecture by Her Excellency Catherine Raper, Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, on Thursday 20 October 5pm AEDT (3pm Seoul).

One of the key pillars of the 2021 Australia-Korea Comprehensive Strategic Partnership was to promote people-to-people cooperation and exchanges. As Australia's first female ambassador to South Korea and the granddaughter of a Korean War veteran, Ambassador Raper embodies the deep legacies and dynamic progress in the bilateral relationship. In this distinguished lecture, Ambassador Raper will reflect on how the Australia-Korea relationship has been progressing under new governments in both countries and the importance of fostering people-to-people cooperation, including in the education sector.

This lecture is generously supported under a grant from the Korea Foundation as part of the Korea-Australia Relations Project (KARP) at the University of Melbourne. The project also receives support from the Australia-Korea Foundation at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

About the Speaker

Her Excellency Ms Catherine Raper is Australia's first female Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Ms. Raper is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and most recently headed the COVID-19 Coordination Unit. Prior to that she was First Assistant Secretary of the Europe and Latin America Division. She has previously served overseas as Head of Post in Taipei, and earlier in Washington, The Hague and at the Australian Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization, Geneva.

#### About the Project

The Korea-Australia Relations Project (KARP) at the University of Melbourne seeks to enhance bilateral cooperation with a focus on people-to-people links and the lived experiences of individuals across a diverse cross-section of society. The project encompasses a range of activities and events, including roundtables, distinguished lectures, public surveys, media commentary, and academic and policy publications.

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#### **Event Details**

#### Date:

Thursday 20 October 2022

#### Time:

5:00pm - 6:00pm AEDT 3:00pm - 4:00pm KST

## Venue:

Online

#### **Enquiries:**

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#### **Bookings:**

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