

**Call For Papers: Diversity in/and Korea Conference**  
**June 6-7, 2025**  
**Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany**

With generous support from the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea and the Academy of Korea Studies (AKS), the Korean Studies Program at Goethe University Frankfurt will host the “Diversity in/and Korea” conference on June 6-7, 2025. The primary objective of this conference is to unpack and explore “diversity” within the context of Korea—practically, legally, and discursively—recognizing that the meaning of the term has become both fraught and highly contextualized. We are particularly interested in examinations of Korean culture, history, and/or society that apply critical and intersectional analyses of power and power relations in Korea and beyond. We welcome proposals for papers and panels that engage with the following suggested topics. However, papers and panels addressing any theme related to the core conference focus will also be considered.

**Suggested Topics:**

- Multiculturalism, both as a discourse and as public policy, including the formation and lived experiences of “multicultural” families.
- Im/migration and im/migrants: Policy, settlement patterns and experiences, local responses, transnationalism.
- Ethnic enclaves in Korea and Korean spatial formation abroad (aka. Koreatowns).
- Representation of under-represented and/or minoritized social groups: LGBTQ, ethnic/racial minorities, gender/gender identity, disabled, the working-class or poor, elderly, etc.
- Cultural productions: The impact of diverse ideas, populations, and mediums in shifting Korean cultural productions, popular and otherwise.
- Korean ethnicity and identity: What does it mean to be ethnically and/or culturally Korean in a postindustrial and globalized Korea?
- Food and Foodways: Diversification of Korean food domestically and abroad through migration, globalization, and mass media.

**Submission Guidelines:**

Proposals: Abstracts (up to 400 words) and panel proposals (up to 1,500 words) and a brief bio (up to 150 words) including contact details by January 15, 2025; acceptance notifications by January 31, 2025; full papers of 6,000-8,000 words due by May 23, 2025.

Please submit all individual papers/bios or panels/bios as one long PDF to: [ksgu.fra@gmail.com](mailto:ksgu.fra@gmail.com)

This conference aims to produce an edited volume or a journal special issue with selected papers.

The organizers will provide three-night accommodation (June 5-8) and half-board (June 6-7) to presenters whose papers are accepted.

**Organizers:**

Prof. Stephen Cho Suh (San Diego State University) and Prof. Yonson Ahn (Goethe University Frankfurt)