

About the Centre for East Asian Studies

The Centre for East Asian Studies is one of the thirteen Centres of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Initially, established as a Centre for Chinese and Japanese Studies, it subsequently expanded to include Korean Studies. At present, there are eleven faculty members in the Centre. Distinguished former faculty include the late Prof. Gargi Dutt, late Prof. P.A.N. Murthy, late Prof. G.P. Deshpande, late Dr. Narnarayan Das, late Prof. R.R. Krishnan, late Prof. K.V. Kesavan, Prof. Lalima Verma and Prof. H.S. Prabhakar. Dr. Madhu Bhalla also served as faculty between 1994-2006. In addition, Ms. Kamlesh Jain and Dr. M. M. Kunju served the Centre as the Documentation Officers in Chinese and Japanese Studies respectively.

The academic curriculum covers both modern and contemporary facets of East Asia as each scholar specializes in an area of his/her interest in the region. The Centre offers a PhD Programme in Chinese, Japanese and Korean Studies. The central objective is to impart an interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding of history, foreign policy, government and politics, society and culture and the political economy of the respective areas. Students can explore new and emerging themes such as East Asian regionalism, the evolving East Asian Community, the rise of China, the resurgence of Japan and the prospects for reunification of the Korean peninsula. Additionally, the Centre lays great emphasis on the building of language skills. Scholars come from diverse backgrounds, mainly from the Social Science disciplines such as History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, International Relations and the language stream, but also, increasingly, from the Sciences.

Several students of the centre have been recipients of prestigious research fellowships awarded by Japan Foundation, Mombusho (Ministry of Education, Government of Japan), Saburo Okita Memorial Fellowship, Nippon Foundation, Korea Foundation, Nehru Memorial Fellowship, and Fellowships from the Chinese and Taiwanese Governments. Besides, students from East Asian countries coming to the University receive fellowship from the Indian Council of Cultural Relations.

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In Collaboration with

Korea Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

50th Anniversary of India-Republic of Korea Diplomatic Relations: Emerging Korean Studies Scholar's Conference

September 1-2, 2023

Room No. 128

School of International Studies-II

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

About the Korea Centre

The **Korea Centre**, affiliated with the School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala is the first academic institution dedicated to Korean Studies in South India. Established in February 2023 with the support of the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), Republic of Korea, the Korea Centre aims to foster a deeper understanding of Korean culture, history, politics, and economics and promote academic exchanges and collaboration between India and Korea.

As a hub of Korean studies in South India, the Korea Centre offers a variety of programs and activities, including seminars, workshops, conferences, and lectures featuring experts from Korea. The Centre also conducts interdisciplinary research on contemporary Korea, exploring topics such as diplomacy, trade, security, cultural exchanges, and the Korean diaspora in South India. In addition to fostering academic research and dialogue, the Korea Centre seeks to promote cultural understanding and appreciation by organizing various cultural events, including film screenings and exhibitions.

The Korea Centre aspires to play a vital role in strengthening India-Korea relations by facilitating academic exchanges and collaborations between the two countries. By fostering mutual understanding and cooperation, the Korea Centre serves as a crucial bridge between India and Korea, nurturing future leaders and scholars who will further strengthen the bilateral relationship.

Korea Centre activities include **Academic Research** focusing on International Affairs in the Korean Peninsula, Contemporary Affairs in Korea, and India-Korea Relations. **Publications** include "Issue Brief" and "Korea Digest". **Capacity Building** programme like Annual Korean Studies Conference, Young Scholar's Conference, Summer Internship Programme, Student Fellowship, and Korean Studies Field Visit. **Featured Initiatives** of the Korea Centre includes the hosting of a Korean Professor as Scholar-in-Residence, offering Academic Courses on Korea, and the vibrant "Sarang Korea-Cultural Understanding and Exchange" programme.

Website: www.koreacentre.org

Concept Note

Celebrating half a century of diplomatic relations between India and the Republic of Korea, the Korea Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala in collaboration with the Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal University is organising an 'Emerging Korean Studies Scholars' Conference.' This conference is being held at a crucial juncture of Korean Studies in India, spurred by the convergence of global transformation, bilateral momentum, and the rise of a new era in Korea's geo-cultural identity. Korea's rapid socio-cultural metamorphosis, especially its elevation as a geo-cultural powerhouse, is engendering unprecedented interest among the Indian academic community. This scholarly curiosity goes beyond Korea's celebrated economic and technological achievements, delving into the complexities of its evolving cultural identity. At the same time, both nations are witnessing an ascent in their global significance amidst the uncertainties of the geo-political and geo-economic landscape. The Indo-Pacific region is particularly impacted by these shifts, as India and Korea are also emerging as influential players.

This multifaceted backdrop forms an apt context for nurturing a new generation of scholars of Korean Studies in India. Their investigations and explorations will contribute to an Indian perspective on Korea, India-Korea bilateral relations and broader global issues. The proposed conference aims to provide a platform for these promising scholars. Over the course of two days, they will have the opportunity to present their research, engage in thoughtful discussions, and network with other academics and policy experts. This event also symbolically aligns with the 50th anniversary of India-Korea diplomatic relations, providing a significant historical backdrop to this conference.

Programme

Day 1-September 1, 2023 (Friday)
Registration: 09.30 - 10.00 Hrs
Inaugural Session: 10.00 -11.00 Hrs

- Conference Introduction: Dr. Jitendra Uttam, Assistant Professor, CEAS, JNU
- Welcome: Prof. Alka Acharya, Chairperson, CEAS, JNU
- Remarks: Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, Dean, School of International Studies, JNU
- Inaugural Address: Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice Chancellor, JNU
- Special Remarks: Mr Ileung KIM, Minister, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in India
- Vote of Thanks: Dr. Jojin V John, Assistant Professor and Director, Korea Centre, MG University

High Tea 11.00-11.30 Hrs

Session 1: 11:30-13.00 Hrs

Global and Regional Transformations: Implications for India-Korea Relations

Chair: Dr. Raviprasad Narayanan, Associate Professor, CEAS, SIS

- Torunika Roy, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU and Abhishek Sharma, PhD Scholar, DEAS, DU: *Exploring the Techno-Democracies Consensus in the 'Digital' Indo-Pacific: Analysing India and South Korea's Approach Towards the New Tech-Shift*
- Priyanka Yadav, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU: *The Transition of Order in Indo-Pacific: The Case of India and the Republic of Korea*
- Abhishek Kumar Singh, PhD Scholar, Kookmin University, ROK:*India-South Korea Puzzling Relationship: An Analysis of Seoul's Watershed Strategies*
- Suraj K, PhD Scholar, CUK, Kerala: *Conceptualising International Politics in East Asia: Prospects for Replacing the 'Hub-and-Spokes' Model with 'Point-to-Point' Model - A View from India*

Lunch Break 13.00-14.00 Hrs

Session 2: 14.00-15.45 Hrs

Soft Power, Narratives and New Diplomacy: Emerging Dimensions of India-Korea Relations

Chair: Dr. Sandip Mishra, Associate Professor, CEAS, SIS

- Abhishek Srivastava, Assistant Professor, CIPOD, SIS, JNU: *Small States and Soft Power: Impact Assessment of South Korean Soft Power in India*
- Tilak Jha, Associate Professor, Bennett University, UP: *Using Mutual Soft Leverages to Realign India-Korea Ties towards a Conscious Diplomacy for a New World*
- Nemneilhing Kipgen, PhD Scholar, DEAS, DU: *Culture as a Soft Component of South Korea's Foreign Policy: From Culture as Soft Resource to Producing Cultural Soft Power.*
- Aman Verma, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU, *Representation of Korean War in Indian Media, 1950-1953*

Session 3: 16.00-17.30 Hrs

Global Economic Governance and Emerging Issues: Perspectives from India and Korea

Chair: Dr. Choongjae Cho, Director, KIEP India Office

- Shyam Sunder, PhD Scholar, CESP, JNU: *Food Security Concerns under the WTO Regime in India and South Korea*
- Apurva Beniwal, PhD Candidate, CEAS, JNU: *Comparative analysis of India's and the Republic of Korea's G20 Presidencies*
- Tapobrata Pakrashi, Assistant Professor, The NorthCap University, Gurugram: *Revisiting the IPR Provisions in the India– Korea CEPA*

- Safdar Aziz, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU: *Corporate Social Responsibility in Korea: The Role of the Korean Government*

Day 2, September 2, 2023 (Saturday)

Session 4: 10.00-11.30 Hrs

Gender and Migration Issues in South Korea

Chair: Dr. Sudhakar Vaddi - Assistant Professor, CEAS, SIS

- Madhuri R, Research Associate, Korea Centre, MG University: *Feminist Movement in South Korea: Historical Roots, Challenges, and Strategies*
- Rekha J, SIRP, MG University, Kerala: *Conceptualising Anti-feminist Discourses: A Study of Anti-feminist Movements in South Korea.*
- Arya Prasad, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU, *Migrant Labourers in South Korea-Opportunities and Challenges: A Case Study of Indian Workers*
- Muhammed Unais, SIRP, MG University, Kerala: *South Korean Immigration Policy: Contemporary Debates*

Session 5: 11.45-13.00 Hrs

Mapping the Korean Wave and its Implications

Chair: Dr. Jitendra Uttam, Assistant Professor, CEAS, SIS

- Sheryl Puthur, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru: *The Hallyu Project– Korean Dramas and Fairy Tales*
- Bilal K, MA Student, CKS, Jawaharlal Nehru University: *Korean Pop Culture and Its Impact on Consumer Behaviour in India*
- Pallavi Kumari, MA Student, CKS, JNU: *A study of Korean webtoon's Impact in India*
- Lakhan Bir Meena, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU: *Reciprocity of the Popular Culture: India in South Korea, an Evaluation*
- Sagorica Rani, MA Student, CKS, JNU: *The Resurgence of Pansori and its Innovative Adaptation Strategy in Modern Korea*

Session 6: 14.00-15.45 Hrs

Social Issue in India and Korea: Comparative Perspective

Chair: Dr. Ritu Agarwal, Associate Professor, CEAS, SIS

- Dr Sujit Kumar Choudhary, Associate Professor Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Central University Bihar (MGCUB): *Impact of Religious Orientation on Individual's Social Capital: A Comparative Study of South Korea and India*
- Rahul Robinson, PhD Scholar, CEAS, JNU: *India and South Korea in 21st Century: An Investigation into their Societies Through Byung-Chul Han's 'The Burnout Society' Concept*
- Abhinav Kumar, PhD Scholar, Centre for Philosophy, JNU: *Analysing the Binary of Individualistic and Collectivist Society: The Korea Case*

Session 7: 16.00-17.30 Hrs

Comparative Literature and Korean Language Education

Chair: Dr. Neerja Samajdar, Associate Professor, CKS, JNU

- Rajesh Kumar, Dept. of Korean Language and Literature, Seoul National University, ROK: *Similarities in the Differences of Colonial Experience: Post-colonial Study of Khushwant Singh's Karma and Sang-seop's Mansejon.*
- Hemant Raj, Independent Research Scholar: *A Comparative Study of Partition Novels of Korea and India*
- Deepshikha, PhD Scholar, CKS, JNU, *Similarities in the Language Structure of Hindi and Korean*
- Kumari Rohini, Assistant Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia: *Teaching Korean Literature: A Case Study of Approaches, Methods and Techniques used in JMI*