



Institute for Korean Studies

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The Institute for Korean Studies (IKS) at The Ohio State University is a catalyst for original thought and action related to the study of Korea. With its unique expertise and domestic and international partnerships, the Institute supports OSU's primary mission of advancing the well-being of the people of Ohio and the global community through the creation and dissemination of knowledge about Korea's past, present, and future.

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Sparks Innovative Research and Instruction

Academics is central to the mission of the Institute for Korean Studies. By providing resources that stimulate new research opportunities and expand instructional initiatives, the Institute for Korean Studies:

- Supports a community of faculty and students that develops and exchanges innovative ideas about Korea
- Organizes lecture series and conferences to share new perspectives that enrich faculty research and curricula
- Supports a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses on Korea by providing instructional media, films, lectures, and exhibitions
- Seeds new courses in language and area studies, enabling students to explore new topics and deepen their knowledge of Korea
- Augments research and teaching resources to provide access to unique tools for study



Forges Interdisciplinary Connections Across Fields and Regions

In today's highly interconnected world, innovative research and instruction spans several domains and multiple disciplines. To promote an interdisciplinary network of Korean experts throughout OSU and beyond, the Institute for Korean Studies:

- Connects approximately 16 faculty and instructional staff from 8 disciplines to promote increased collaborations within various fields and specializations
- Brings together graduate students from across the university specializing in Korea
- Arranges visits of researchers and scholars and supports the creation of partnerships with overseas institutions
- Cooperates with partners in business and government sectors to promote exchange between Ohio and Korea



Initiates Programs to Inspire Life-Long Learning

IKS believes that learning about Korea should begin at an early age and continue throughout life. Therefore, the Institute for Korean Studies works with students, teachers, businesses, and the community to:

- Provide teaching resources on Korea for K-12 schools and community organizations
- Offer programs to inspire K-12 students to continue their study of Korea at the collegiate level
- Offer lectures on Korean themes at minority-serving institutions and community colleges
- Organize career and professional development events to keep individuals and businesses up to speed in an ever-changing world
- Sponsor cultural events, film series, festivals, dance and musical performances, and art exhibits, bringing the traditional and modern arts of Korea directly to Ohio

OSU in Korea

Education Abroad Programs

OSU offers 9 student exchange and education abroad programs which provide students the opportunity to experience Korea firsthand.

International Partnerships

OSU has established nearly a dozen active partnerships with universities in Korea, including dual degree programs, memoranda of agreement, and student exchange agreements, with more in development.

Cooperative agreements for research, teaching, and international exchange range such fields as languages and literatures, engineering, education and human ecology, dentistry, and business.

International Students, Scholars, and Alumni

OSU enrolls more than 400 students from Korea. Nearly 40 visiting scholars from Korea are also affiliated with Ohio State annually. In addition, alumni organizations are active in Korea.

Bringing Korea to Ohio



Korean Culture

IKS regularly sponsors programs to bring Korean culture to Ohio. In 2007, IKS helped bring to OSU the exhibition *Korean Comics: A Society through Small Frames*, which offered works by 21 Korean cartoonists from the 1950s to 1990s. IKS has also sponsored screenings of award-winning films, including David Chung's documentary, *Koryo Saram* and Yoon Je-kyun's *Ode to my Father*. IKS has also hosted visits by award-winning authors Ch'oe Yun and Ch'oe Su-chol, and sponsored musical programs including Sijo workshops with master vocalist Moon Hyun from the National Center for Traditional Korean Performing Arts, and Pungmul workshops and a public performance of Korean music and dance that featured world-renowned artists.

Korean Politics

IKS provides a regular forum for education and discussion related to contemporary Korean politics. Talks have featured both domestic topics, such as climate change (Dr. Taedong Lee, Yonsei University), childcare (Dr. Seung-Kyung Kim, Indiana University), and adoption policies (Dr. Eleana Kim, University of Rochester) as well as international topics, such as *The Korean War after the Cold War* (Dr. Sheila Miyoshi Jager, Oberlin College), *Korean Security Policy* (Dr. David Kang, USC), and *the North Korean Nuclear Threat* (Mike Chinoy, CNN). IKS has also hosted numerous forums and workshops related to contemporary Korean security issues that allow students and faculty to connect with government officials and outside scholars.

Korean History

IKS provides many opportunities for Ohio residents to better familiarize themselves with Korean history. Academic lectures are regularly offered on all aspects of Korean history, such as *A New View on the Origins of the Koguryo State* (Dr. Mark Byington, Harvard University); *Citizenship Education and State-Making in the Early 20th Century Korea* (Dr. Kyung Moon Hwang, University of Southern California); and *Anti-Communism and Human Rights in Modern Korea* (Dr. Sarah Snyder, American University). Talks from those who can share first-hand experiences from Korea are also offered, including journalist Norman Thorpe, who described his experience covering the Kwangju Massacre of 1980, and Jamyung Koo, who spoke about her life as a Korean novelist, and Admiral Robert Lunney, who discussed his experiences at the Hungnam evacuation of 1950.



The Institute for Korean Studies (IKS) at The Ohio State University began as the Korean Studies Initiative in 2005, and was established as an Institute in 2012. IKS' mission is to foster new collaborative relationships between the educational, cultural, and governmental institutions of Ohio and Korea by bringing together faculty, students, and the larger communities from each area. In order to do so, IKS provides opportunities for both the campus community and the general community to acquire background and expertise in the culture, language, history, and politics of Korea. Events and programs are also supported in cooperation with the East Asian Studies Center (EASC) and other divisions of The Ohio State University.

IKS is a unit of the East Asian Studies Center (EASC), and is led by the IKS faculty director and supported by EASC staff, a team of professionals who hold backgrounds in East Asian studies and have extensive experience in program administration. EASC and IKS are housed within the Office of International Affairs, which spearheads the University's international endeavors, including OSU Gateway Centers, area studies, international security studies, education abroad, global engagement, and international students and scholars.

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