Call for Proposals

Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC)

The Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS) is launching the third Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC) building on its success of the past two rounds. KPSC aims to bring together scholars working on Korean politics for virtual workshops that can help promising projects in the field move forward through productive intellectual conversations and nurture a network of emerging scholars in the field.

We invite paper proposals from scholars working on issues related to Korean politics (broadly defined), including scholars based outside the U.S. and those who examine Korea in a comparative perspective. We also welcome scholars from across subfields, with diverse methodological approaches. Preference will be given to junior scholars (ABD, pre- and post-doc, and pre-tenure), but we welcome papers from all scholars of Korean politics. Submissions from other disciplinary backgrounds will also be considered, but discussions in the colloquium will be centered around political science aspects of the project.

The third round will run from January to May 2025, with offering one workshop per month. We will maintain the 'cohort' system that has proven incredibly successful in offering scholars a safe space to bring their in-progress projects to constructive discussions. Successful applicants, therefore, will attend all of the monthly workshops, one of them as a presenter and the others as participants, to form a small cohort of emerging Korean politics scholars.

The workshops will run on Zoom for an hour and a half. Each presenter will be matched with two discussants. At least one of the discussant will be a scholar whose expertise falls in the topic area presented and recruited outside of the colloquium. The workshop format is as follows: the presenter will begin with a short introduction (~5 minutes) and the assigned discussants will provide feedback (~20 minutes). The remaining time will be dedicated to a discussion among the participants of the colloquium.

Applications will be reviewed by the co-conveners of the workshop. Applicants should submit their application by uploading a file to this OneDrive folder: Click!

The uploaded file should be a single PDF containing:

- A one-paragraph bio (Note: please indicate your main time zone for Spring 2025)
- A two-paragraph paper abstract (500 words max)
- A curriculum vitae

The deadline for submission is November 22, 2024. Applicants will be notified by December 15. Questions can be sent to bson3@gmu.edu (Ben Son).

- Seunghoon Chae (University of Leeds), Co-Convener
- Edward Goldring (University of Melbourne), Co-Convener
- Eun A Jo (Dartmouth College), Co-Convener
- Gidong Kim (Stanford University), Co-Convener
- Yeonju Lee (Georgetown University), Co-Convener
- Byunghwan Ben Son (George Mason University, AKPS vice-president), Co-Convener