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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR
Welcome to the CKS Annual Review of 2013-14. It has been a rewarding and exciting year, packed with seminars and workshops. Charlotte is also pleased to announce that our Centre has expanded, numbering now more than 20 core members, including permanent academic staff from seven departments across the School, in addition to Teaching and Research Fellows, CKS Research Associates, and library staff. This has been the third year of the Overseas Leading University Programmes grant that SOAS CKS is receiving from the Academy of Korean Studies. This generous support has enabled the Centre to maintain and further develop its strong research programme that includes publication projects, the hosting of talks and workshops, as well as financial support for Masters and PhD students.

Thanks to the Academy of Korean Studies grant as well as the EPEL programme, several lectures and workshops were held throughout the year on a broad range of topics. The popular Friday Seminar Series totaled thirteen lecturers who were invited from leading academic institutions from Europe, Korea, and Japan. This included Keio University, POSTECH, the University Diderot-Paris 7, and Saint Petersburg State University. In addition, four workshops were held on various Korea-related subjects. Some workshops were open to all whilst others were held for selected specialists, signifying the Centre’s role as a disseminator of knowledge on Korea to various audiences.

In September, Dr Anders Karlsson organised a one-day workshop on ‘Crime and Punishment in Choson Korea’. It brought together scholars of Korean legal history from South Korea and the West to discuss Korean law in its historical and socio-cultural context. The workshop brought Korean legal history to the attention of a wider audience and enhanced our understanding of pre-modern Korean state and society. In February, I ran a workshop on Chogang, one of the most significant paintings of the Moon Kingdom. The event took the form of a lecture by Dong Pyo Jeong-ae, followed by a private viewing of a little-known album in the SOAS Special Collections, attributed to Chogang. In May and June, Dr Grace Koh organised two talks with Korean novelists Gong Ji-Young and Bae Suah. The events formed part of the London Book Fair 2014 Korea Market Focus Cultural Programme supported by The British Council and Arts Council Korea.

Each year, the Centre also acts as host to Visiting Scholars of Korean Studies from Korea and other countries, and this academic year we welcomed many well-known academics from Korean institutions, as well as Mr. Yun Soo-Ho, Director of Winter Sonata and other well-known dramas.

In September, I would like to thank Sanggil Jin, CKS Research Fellow, who organises the CKS Seminar Series and in other ways assists the Centre. I am also grateful to Mrs. Jane Savory and Miss Rebecca Trautwein at the Centre and Programmes Office for their support this past year, as well as their efforts in preparing and producing this annual newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming year which promises to be as busy and exciting as this year has been.
CHARLOTTE HORLYCK
Lecturer in the History of Korean Art

During the academic year of 2013/14, Dr Horlyck continued her research and teaching activities. She worked on a number of publications, and gave several talks on Korean material culture at institutions in the UK and elsewhere. In February she organized a one-day symposium on Chong 56e, a famous 19th century painter of the Choson kingdom, supported by the CGS-ASK grant. She continues to serve on the committees of the British Association of Korean Studies (BASK) and the Anglo-Korean Society (AKS).

TALKS
September 2013: ‘Goryeo celadon ceramics in context’, for the Society for Asian Art, Arts of Asia Lecture Series, at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, USA.


PUBLICATIONS


2014: “Koreaanse kunst.” in Rijksmuseum Aztische Kunst. Rijksmuseum, pp. 173-185. (Published in Dutch and English)


Dr Grace KOH
Lecturer in Korean Literature

One of the main external activities with which Grace was involved in 2013/14 was the London Book Fair (LBF) Korea Market Focus cultural programme, curated by the British Council and the Literature Translation Institute (LTI) Korea. She served on the Steering Committee and participated in several events – as a panellist on a Korean literature forum alongside writer Jeong Chan, journalist Samira Ahmed, and editor Emmie Francis at the Korean Cultural Centre (KCC) in October; as chair of a LBF seminar, “Writing Literature After History”, with novelists Hwang Sok-yong and Kamila Shamsie at Earl’s Court; and as chair and speaker at a special event organised by the British Library. Korean literature: Past and Present”, with writer Yi Mun-yol, translator Brother Anthony of Taizé, and British Library curator Harris Todd. Grace also organised two CKS literary events, in association with the British Council, with novelists Gong Ji-young and Bae Suah in May and June at SOAS.

Other activities included delivering guest lectures on Korean literature and culture at the Executive Training Programme (ETP) Japan and Korea at SOAS in November, and at the K-Pop Academy run by the Korean Cultural Centre in April. Grace also attended the annual AAS conference in Philadelphia as a panellist for a Roundtable on teaching pre-modern Korea, and was invited to chair a session at the Ewha-Yale Conference on Korean literature, art and film (1910-1945) at Ewha Womans University in Seoul in July.

Tat Yan KONG
Reader in Comparative Politics and Development Studies

Tat Yan Kong was invited to be a second stage reviewer for the Global Development Network-Korea International Cooperation Agency’s Development Research Award 2014.

PUBLICATIONS


Owen MILLER
Lecturer in Korean Studies

At the start of the academic year Owen participated in a panel on Korean historiography alongside Dr Anders Karlsson and Youngchan Chai at the Joint East Asian Studies Conference in Nottingham. Then in November he presented a paper on the Hungnam Chemical Complex and class formation in North Korea at the Historical Materialism Conference in London. Finally in January Owen gave a talk for the Korean Studies centre Tuebingen University in Germany.

As well as presenting a number of conference papers he has developed a new MA course on North Korean history which now runs alongside the existing undergraduate course here at SOAS. Owen has also been working on completing the manuscript of an edited volume on state capitalism and development in East Asia, which will be published next year.

PUBLICATIONS

Jaehoon YEON
Professor of Korean Language and Linguistics

In addition to normal teaching and research activities, Jaehoon has been acting as a Project Director for Core University Programme of Korean Studies funded by Academy of Korean Studies. In this role, he has overseen the administration and execution of the AKS grant and research projects of SOAS CKS.

In January 2014, he was invited to an International Forum on Korean Studies, funded by Korean Research Foundation and held at Erciyes University in Turkey, to present a paper on Korean Language Education in Europe. He was also invited to Seoul National University in August 2013 and Korea University in May 2014, to give special lectures on Korean Linguistics.

He organized a workshop on Korean Linguistics in May 2014, to celebrate a completion of the manuscript for ‘The Handbook of Korean Linguistics’, which will be published by Wiley-Blackwell early 2015. At this workshop held in Seoul National University, he delivered a paper entitled ‘Functional Typological Issues in Korean Passives’. He also attended the 9th International Conference of Korean Studies held in GuangZhou in China and gave a paper entitled ‘A Typological study on Relative clauses and its implications for the teaching of Korean noun modifying clauses’.

Professor Yeon has also been elected as President of European Association of Korean Language Education since 2012. He is also acting as a Director for King Sejong Institute, located at the Language Centre at SOAS.

PUBLICATIONS


Key Papers on Korea is a commemorative collection of papers celebrating 25 years of the Centre for Korean Studies, SOAS, University of London that have been written by senior academics and emerging scholars, most of whom spoke at CKS seminars, workshops and conferences at SOAS over the past few years. The essays in this volume are separated into four sections and the subjects covered in this collection reflect the different research interests and different strengths of the CKS and include historical perceptions of ancient kingdoms in Manchuria, North Korean propaganda literature, the problematic history of Sino-North Korean borderlands, and the importance of the years 1910-11 in the development of Korean music. The collection is framed by two pieces on SOAS, which have been commissioned exclusively for this publication: an introduction that examines the 60-year history of Korean studies at SOAS, and a closing paper that sheds light on the rare collections of Korean art held at SOAS. The edition also features some of the unique artwork that belongs to SOAS, for example, rare paintings of Korea and Korean life by Elizabeth Keith and a mid-seventeenth century ink handscroll of a Korean embassy to Japan. The edition is dedicated to the pioneer of Korean Studies in the UK and SOAS, the late Bill Skillend.
Library members are welcome to use them in the Library, including access to databases such as KoreaA2Z and KRPia, and a newspaper database called DBPia and KISS, reference databases such as the Korea Foundation for the fifth consecutive year.

In 2013/14, the Library renewed all subscriptions to Korean language periodicals, over 300 audiovisual materials for teaching and research in Korean studies, and the online catalogue is available at [www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/a-z](http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/a-z/).

In 2013/14, the Library subcribes to major research databases, the list is available at [www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/a-z](http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/a-z/).

In 2013/14, the Library renewed all subscriptions to Korean language databases with financial support from the Korea Foundation for the fifth consecutive year. SOAS academics and students have access to full-text journal databases such as DPBia and RISU, reference databases such as KORAE and KRPia, and a newspaper database (Chosun Ilbo Archive). External members are welcome to use them in the Library.

The Library received a grant from the Korea Foundation’s Korean Studies Library Enhancement Project. A large part of the Korean language collection in the Library has not been catalogued on the SOAS online catalogue, and old catalogue entries are Romanization only. The Library will appoint a one-year project catalogue to enhance accessibility to Korean materials at SOAS.

As in previous years, the Library has received resources for Korean studies from various institutions in Korea including the Academy of Korean Studies, Korea Foundation, Korean Film Archive, Hyungangk Institute for Korean Studies, National Assembly Library of Korea, National Institute of Korean History, National Library of Korea, National Museum of Korea, Northeast Asian History Foundation, and Sueon Museum.

Charities should not have more than four members. The Library houses over 1.2 million volumes at the SOAS campus at Russell Square in central London, together with significant archival holdings, special collections and a growing network of electronic resources.

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Project Implementation for 2013-14 Period
Project Goals & Original Project Plan

In 2011, SOAS was selected as a beneficiary of the Overseas Leading University of Korean Studies after having successfully completed the AKS Korean Studies Innovation Grant Programme for a five year period from 2006 to 2011. This grant has been extended for another five years from 2011 to 2016, and it is renamed last year as Core University Program for Korean Studies. The grant has allowed the Centre to significantly expand its manpower and infrastructure, its research programme, its worldwide profile and its event calendar.

Specifically, the plan for the second grant covers the following areas:

1. Development of research manpower
2. Expanding Centre of Korean Studies Seminars
3. Organization of Conferences and Workshops
4. Development of curriculum materials and research publications
5. Scholarships for Postgraduate Students
6. Publication of Seminar and Conference/Workshop Papers

The details of project implementation so far are as follows:

1) Development of research manpower

The research manpower in the SOAS Centre of Korean studies has been augmented by the creation of 1.8 full-time research fellows. The first position was awarded to Mr. Sangki Jn, beginning in September 2013. Mr. Jn’s duties have included organising seminars, assisting workshops, and carrying out other administrative works associated with the Centre. The second position was awarded to Dr. Yong young Jn in May 2014. Since September 2013, he has been teaching Korean language to BA Korean Studies students.

2) Centre of Korean Studies Seminars

In 2013-2014 academic year, a total of thirteen lecturers were invited from leading academic institutions from Europe, Korea, and Japan. The institutions include Keio University, POSTECH, the University Diderot-Paris 7, and Saint Petersbourg State University.

3) Organization of Conferences and Workshops

During the last year, the Centre was able to hold two innovative workshops and two exciting literary events. The first workshop, focused on the local History of Choson Korea and featured invited academics from numerous institutions in Korea and beyond. The second workshop dealt with Chŏng Sŏn, a famous Choson painter and it took the form of lecture from Dr Pak Jeong-je, a well-known scholar of Choson painting, and a viewing of little-known album in the SOAS Special Collections. As for the two literary events, they were held in collaboration with the British Council and the Literature Translation Institute of Korea and saw two well-known Korean authors reading the excerpts of their novels to the assembled audience from all walks of life. The first literary event was especially significant because it was curated as a part of the London Book Fair 2014 Market Focus Cultural Programme.

4) Development of curriculum materials and research publications

During the last academic year, centre teachers have been engaged on several different projects including:

- the development of up-to-date, authoritative language text-books to meet the needs of teachers of Korean language and literature in Western universities;
- an edited collection of articles investigating the political economy of East Asia from the Meiji Restoration to the present day;
- an edited volume on key papers of Korean Studies to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of Centre of Korean Studies.

5) Support for Postgraduate Students

To facilitate potential Korean studies postgraduate students, over the past seven years we have set up the SOAS-AKS Postgraduate Bursary. The bursary, valued up to £6,000, is used to cover the cost of tuition fees. Living costs are not available as part of the award and the bursary is not renewable. Candidates are assessed on academic merit. Programs eligible for the bursary include MA Korean Studies, MA Korean Literature, MA History of Art (Korean pathway) and other Korea-related postgraduate programmes.

6) Publication of Seminar and Conference/Workshop Papers

Over the past three years, SOAS has held 43 seminars and numerous papers were presented at various workshops and conferences. To provide a lasting record of the ground-breaking and thought-provoking research that has been presented, we have collected copies of these papers from many of the speakers. From 2011, the papers were published online in the SOAS-AKS Working Papers in Korean Studies series: [http://www.soas.ac.uk/koreanstudies/overseas-leading-university-programmes/soas-aks-working-papers-in-korean-studies](http://www.soas.ac.uk/koreanstudies/overseas-leading-university-programmes/soas-aks-working-papers-in-korean-studies)

We plan to select the best papers from the online working papers to be published in a regular edited book.

By Jaehoon Yeon (Project Director)
Giorgia GIULIANI
MA Korean Studies
Comparison between Korean and Japanese honorific systems

From a small town close to Bologna, Italy, where she attended university, and was awarded her BA in Japanese and English languages and literatures, Giorgia went on to pursue a MA in Korean studies at SOAS 2013-2014. Thanks to her previous studies and the experience of volunteering in Seoul in the summer of 2013 for an international summer camp, she came in contact with the fascinating Korean language. She enrolled on Korean language courses privately when she was still in Italy, and was astonished by the resemblances between Korean and Japanese languages, an aspect sometimes overlooked by linguists.

Giorgia decided to focus on Korea and, funded by AKS scholarship, she was able to attend SOAS. Her supervisor is Dr Jaehoon Yeon and her research focuses on the comparison of honorific systems between the two languages, looking at linguistic data from everyday conversations and examples of conventional uses. Nowadays honorific systems are relevant components of many societies and their languages, not only Japanese and Korean, but also Javanese, Hindi or Farsi. With her analysis on the topic, she will take into account both the broader sense of the term, as a system for the linguistic encoding of universal politeness phenomena and as a sociolinguistic encoding of the relationship between the different speech participants.

In the future Giorgia would like to visit South Korea again to engage more seriously with the language and to polish the skills necessary to pursue an academic career in Italy. This choice is due to the growing awareness of the importance of Korea and Korean studies in Italy.

Schulamit Johanna KRIENER
MA Korean Studies
Special Economic Zones as test cases for economic engagement with North Korea and its political significance - A comparison of China's and North Korea's Special Economic Zones

The dissertation will include the analysis of mutual agreements between North Korea and China and between North Korea and South Korea regarding the Sinjuru and Kaesong Special Economic Zones respectively. As a second question, she will address the political significance of these Special Economic Zones. The number of North Korean workers involved in the work in those zones as well as the media coverage (economy policy/North Korean change in laws regarding economic free zones) of those zones will be used as variables.

Schulamit has done studies in Politics and Korean Studies at SOAS which has given her a background in politics of different regions like Africa and China. In her postgraduate studies she focused on the Politics of East Asia and the languages Mandarin and Korean. Under the teaching of her supervisor Tat Yan Kong she developed a special interest in the political economy of North Korea. The Special Economic Zones in North Korea have been used in the Chinese case as testing zones for economic practices as well as "import zones" of foreign technology and business strategies. In North Korea, these zones were established to tackle economically difficult situations. In her research she will try to assess the effectiveness of Special Economic Zones in North Korea as tools of economic engagement.

Her award has helped her to develop a deeper understanding of the political economy as well as domestic politics of the wider East Asian Area. Especially the teachings from experts on Taiwanese politics and Korean politics have been serving her academic analytical skills on Asian matters.

Patrick KILKELLY
MPhil/PhD Japan and Korea
How was early Korean Catholicism influenced by late Chosŏn’s dominant thought-modes?

Patrick’s research focuses on the writings of those involved with early Korean Catholicism (taking 1784 as a starting point, when the first Korean was baptised into the Catholic faith) in an attempt to uncover instances when the prevailing socio-cultural milieu (influenced by Neo-Confucian teachings) influenced the understanding and expression of Catholicism in Korea.

Patrick has just finished his first year of research, with Dr Anders Karlsson as his main supervisor, and the generosity of the AKS award has meant he was able to focus on his research and keep his part-time job from demanding too much of his time.

This first year has been spent getting to grips with the academic literature on his subject in English, Korean and French, as well as being to analyse primary sources written by key figures of the period (the majority of Korea’s early foreign clergy were French). But so according there is significant French-language scholarship on the topic. Patrick believes that this topic deserves further study for two reasons. Firstly, the Korean Catholic church is one of the only examples we have of a “self-evangelised” Catholic church, where Koreans were exposed to Catholic teachings abroad (during diplomatic missions in Beijing) and decided to bring the religion back to Korea. By studying how Korean Catholics developed and interpreted their own version of the Catholic faith he hopes to balance the dominant narratives of Catholicism as something which is inevitably imposed on societies from the outside (where Catholicism was typically brought in as part of a programme of colonial military and economic exploitation).

Secondly, even within the study of Korean Catholicism scholarship has often concentrated on the transmission of western knowledge, beliefs and values. Influenced by post-colonial African inculturation studies his hypothesis is that significant knowledge and culture transfers must have occurred from Korea to the western faith.
At SOAS, University of London, we are immensely grateful for the support of the Sochon Foundation through the Sochon Scholarship Program.

Our donors have a profound effect on the work of SOAS, none more so than those who support scholarships at the School. Through scholarships we are able to ensure that the most promising candidates are able to benefit from the unique education SOAS provides, regardless of their income, status or family background.

Dr Anders Karlsson
Senior Lecturer in Korean

The day of the last Workshop featured a keynote speech by Dr. Deok-Soo Choe, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Korea University, followed by a presentation of awards to the best student papers. Honorable mentions were awarded to Khue Do of Seoul National University, Yu Muto of Kyushu University, and Eugene Lee of SOAS.

On a personal note, it was a privilege for Eugene Lee to represent SOAS at this year’s workshop, and she is very grateful for the inspiration, the renewed sense of purpose, and the new friendships she has gained from the experience. Eugene would like to extend her sincere thanks to Dr. Grace Koh, Dr. Charlotte Horlyck, and Prof. Keith Howard for their support.

Eugene Lee
(SOAS student)

The Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centers Workshop is an annual graduate student conference designed to provide graduate students in Korean studies with the opportunity to present their work in an international forum, meet and exchange ideas with like-minded peers, and gain important exposure to how Korean-related research is being conducted around the world. Now in its tenth year, the Consortium is composed of thirteen member universities: (Korea University, Seoul National University, Yonsei University, Peking University, Fudan University, Kyushu University, UCLA, Harvard University, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, University of British Columbia, Australian National University, Leiden University, and SOAS).

This year’s Workshop, held 7-9 June, 2014, was hosted by the Korea Institute, Harvard University, with support from the Korea Foundation and the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Boston. Alongside students selected by the Consortium member universities, students from six non-member universities also took part, representing a total of nineteen institutions in ten different countries. Due to this year’s theme, “New Generations, New Ideas in Korean Studies,” a wide array of thought-provoking and innovative research projects were showcased over the three days. Academics from the Consortium member universities and from the Cambridge/Boston area, acting as chairs and discussants in the panel discussions, advised the student participants on how they may continue to develop their projects.

Simon BARNES-SADLER
Dissertation Varities of Korean
SUPERVISOR: PROF JAEHOON YEON

XI CHEN
A Comparative study of speech act performance between Korean speakers and non-Korean learners of Korean
SUPERVISOR: PROF JAEHOON YEON

Youngchan CHOI
Religion and Barbarism: Protestant political thought in Korea in the first half of the twentieth century
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Dan DAMON
South Korean news media: ownership, security, values and the big story
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Sang Pil JIN
A study of late Joseon Neologisation (1882-1907)
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Youkpyung JU
Typological Universals of relative clauses with reference to Korean as a foreign language
SUPERVISOR: PROF JAEHOON YEON

Patrick KILKELLY
How does Confucianism influence early Korean Catholicism
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Inhyea KIM
Preservation and development of Korean folk music during Japanese colonial rule
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Kyeong-Soo KIM
Naturalizing strategy in the translation of Korean fiction into English: from a pragmatic perspective
SUPERVISOR: DR GRACE KOH

Miyoung KIM
Modernity in Korean Literature: Based on studies on Ch’unsin-hyang-chon
SUPERVISOR: DR GRACE KOH

Bokyoung KIM
A Study on Korean monolingual learners’ dictionary for learners
SUPERVISOR: PROF JAEHOON YEON

Hyeimin KIM
From the past to the future: The Re-contextualization of the Taegu’um and its music
SUPERVISOR: PROFESSOR KEITH HOWARD

Yojin KIM
Translation, ideology and the formation of national identity of South Korea (1948-1953)
SUPERVISOR: DR DREW MILLER

Hyunseok Kwon
Cultural globalization and traditional arts promotion policy: A study of the activating plan for traditional arts in South Korea
SUPERVISOR: PROFESSOR KEITH HOWARD

Sebastian LAMP
Korean Shin’ya music
SUPERVISOR: PROFESSOR KEITH HOWARD

Jung-Taek LEE
The birth of modern fashion in Korea: sectarian transition of Hankob and Yangbok and colonial modernity of dress culture 1876-1945
SUPERVISOR: DR CHARLOTTE HORLYCK

Eugene LEE
Crisis and Confessions of Late Choson travel writing: Othering, bordering, and gift-giving
SUPERVISOR: DR GRACE KOH

Eve LEUNG
Culturalisation in East Asian popular music: Caiardre Balasso-Bardin, the xenemies – the Majaron bagupkis: A study of an instrument in a post-colonial and mass tourism context
SUPERVISOR: PROF KEITH HOWARD

Kamila NIEKORENEC
Traditional family ceremonies in the royal court of the Confucian Joseon Korea
SUPERVISOR: DR ANDERS KARLSSON

Shijn SHIN
China’s soft-power strategy: A case study of China-South Korea relations
SUPERVISOR: DR TAT YAN KONG

Iisyu SINGPONGSPORN
The influence of the Korean wave on Thai audiences: A study of the impact of transnational media on the identity and development of participatory culture
SUPERVISOR: DR JAEHOON YEON

Deborah SMITH
Narrative strategies for the representation of reality in contemporary Korean literature
SUPERVISOR: DR GRACE KOH

Sarah SON
From heroes to underclass: the cooling of South Korean policy positions for North Korean defectors in the post-democracy era
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A Study on Korean Monolingual Learner’s Dictionaries for Foreign Learners: Focusing on Grammatical Information

Youkyung Ju completed her PhD Degree in April 2014 and graduated in July 2014. She is currently teaching Korean language at SOAS and LSE in London. In addition to her teaching work, she is continuing her linguistic study of noun-modifying clauses in Korean as a postdoctoral research fellow in SOAS. She is also working on her new research project, a comparative media analysis of how the UK and South Korean press depict North Korea using linguistic analysis tools, with Professor Jaehoon Yeon.

ABOUT THE THESIS

In her thesis, Youkyung examined the applicability of typological universals of relative clauses, such as the Noun Phrase Accessibility Hierarchy (NPAH; Keenan and Comrie, 1977), to Korean as a foreign language. The NPAH is an implicational hierarchy explaining the cross-linguistic accessibility of different noun functions to relative clauses. The significance of the experimental investigations is thus on how syntactic and semantic aspects of Korean noun-modifying clauses intersect with the typological universals of relative clauses and whether we can verify the effect of the NPAH on Korean as a foreign language.

The results from a series of computer-assisted comprehension and production experiments indicate that the Accessibility Hierarchy (AH) of relativized grammatical functions was not found in Korean as a foreign language. She therefore propose that the implications of the accessibility hypothesis of relative clauses is not universal. The significances of the experimental findings on language-specific characteristics are also discussed with respect to the filler-gap and argument dependence.

Although written by one person, Youkyung’s PhD thesis has had many more people involved behind the scenes, without whose help it would not have been possible. She is very grateful to her supervisors, Professor Jaehoon Yeon, for first introducing her to typological universals of relative clauses and other related interesting concepts in Korean linguistics. His support and guidance throughout this study have been invaluable and wholeheartedly appreciated. A large part of my experimental work was conducted outside London and for making my data collection in London and Seoul possible, I also thank Minam Oh at Seoul National University, and Sunghae Kim at Soongsang University.

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Hyelim KIM

From the Past to the Future: The Re-contextualization of the Taegŭm and its Music

Bokyoung Kim completed her PhD and graduated in 2014. She is now teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Korean language and literature department at Korea University in Korea.

ABOUT THE THESIS

In her thesis, Bokyoung’s research covers three major fields: lexicography, corpus linguistics and pedagogical grammar. It explores how to improve grammatical information provided by the Learner’s Dictionary of Korean - which is the first Korean monolingual learner’s dictionary for foreign learners in order to help advanced learners of Korean use the language accurately. Bokyoung analyzes whether the information in the dictionary is appropriate and on what principles the information is presented focusing on five selected items, which advanced learners find most difficult to use in their production. Her findings show that the Learner’s Dictionary of Korean provides a considerable amount of grammatical information in various ways according to the characteristics of each item. However, there is still room for improvement in terms of the contents and presentation of the dictionary. Firstly, she recommends that when the dictionary describes a certain item, the dictionary should also provide context as to where it commonly occurs such as a pattern or phrase - rather than separately. Secondly, it is necessary to compare the different function and usage of words using example sentences or syntactic codes which are often substituted incorrectly for each other in the usage notes of the Learner’s Dictionary of Korean. Thirdly, there needs to be greater consistency in choosing the list of headwords and describing grammatical information. She concluded by offering some suggestions about the macro- and micro structure of dictionaries on the basis of these findings.

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As a composer and taegŭm soloist, Hyelim has been performing professionally since 2000 specialising in traditional repertoire and various cross-over genres. Her debut recording entitled ‘Nim: Hyelim Kim Taegŭm Collection’ released by Universal Music in 2013 includes traditional pieces together with new works, special commissions and her own composition.

ABOUT THE THESIS

In her thesis, Hyelim examines the horizontal bamboo flute taegŭm, which is considered one of the most representative of Korea’s traditional instruments. As this instrument emerges as a representation of Korean culture in the contemporary world, this thesis considers its ambivalent nature. The thesis consists of a written dissertation divided into two parts and two audio CDs. The first half of the written dissertation focuses on the historical background of the taegŭm. The second half details her performance-as-research.

The first part of the thesis constructs methodologies reflecting her position occupying three different roles – as learner, performer and researcher. From this, an historical outline of the taegŭm is discussed. Also, the study explores contemporary practices of the taegŭm, comparing it with other East Asian flutes, namely the Chinese dizi and Japanese shakuhachi. Prospects for the Korean flute are contextualised in the analysis of the music composed by three Korean composers, Youngdong Kim, Sulhi Kang and Songin Kim.

The second half of the written dissertation is presented in conjunction with audio recordings, including Hyelim’s commercial album ‘Nim’ (2013) published by Universal, and a recording session for BBC Radio 3. The written component documents the process of her collaborations with musicians from three different cultures: jazz, Western art and electroacoustic music. Using Richard Schechner’s performance theory as her theoretical model, Hyelim integrates musicological and social science approaches.

The practical components of the second half correspond to the historical/theoretical background in the first half. The two parts contrast the ways in which the taegŭm has been used in the past with perspectives on what is being done today.

Sarah SON

Brothers, Refugees or Migrants? South Korean government policy for North Korean defectors and nation-building in the South Korean national narrative.

Sarah Son completed her PhD in early 2014, having spent three years researching South Korean government policy for North Korean defectors.

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Sarah’s thesis focused on the “micro-unification” taking place through the settlement of North Korean defectors in South Korea. It aimed to advance understanding of the justifications for, and motivations behind South Korea’s approach to this area of policy within the unification policy framework. The settlement of defectors is seen by many as an important litmus test for future unification of North and South Korea, not just in terms of the practicalities of bringing two, long-separated groups of people together within a single state system, but also in terms of merging two peoples psychologically, and forging the joint national identity necessary for a single nation-state to function.

Sarah’s research problematized two aspects of the defector settlement phenomenon: 1) the shift from a policy response to North Korean defectors as heroes, to a perception of them as welfare-dependent migrants who, while sharing the same ethnicity as South Koreans, require high levels of government intervention in their settlement process and daily lives; 2) the change in public perceptions towards North Korean defectors from brothers or compatriots, to something more akin to foreigners. In order to determine the motivating forces behind these changing policy and public responses to North Koreans in the South, her thesis applied a constructivist approach and looked to identity as an explanatory lens. This approach allowed an understanding of the identity politics evident in the discourses on defectors specifically, and on unification more generally. Sarah argued that knowing more about how South Korean society understands itself as a nation can tell us a great deal about how it responds to North Korean defectors who are recognized in law as members of the same ethnic nation, or minjok, but who face many challenges in adjusting to life in the South.
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EVENT REPORTS

Workshop
Crime and Punishment in Chosŏn Korea
27 September 2013

This one-day international workshop was organized by Anders Karlson and funded by the Centre’s institutional grant from the Academy of Korean Studies. The main aim of the event was to bring together specialists in the field of Korean legal history from Europe, US and Korea to discuss a theoretical and methodological framework for the study of criminal law and punishment in Chosŏn Korea.

The relationship between punishment and the Confucian ideology of the state and its social structure was discussed, as were gender issues, the punishment of Catholics, and the usage of punishment in the suppression of rebellion. The workshop was well attended and resulted in a book project with the aim of bringing Korean and Western scholarship together in introducing the topic to an English-language audience.

Film Screening and Q&A with Director
“One Fine Day” - Korean Short Film
2011 from the Academy of Korean Studies
24 January 2014

One Fine Day (2012), written & directed by Ingeun Kim, is a film depicting the daily life of a London based Korean artist. The film introduces Ilisu, whose everyday routines are illuminated via both compatible and confronting interactions he has with other people. Ingeun Kim, the director of the film, is herself a practicing artist in London and had his friends and acquaintances involved in the film, with whom his real life relationships were the source and inspiration for his characters in the film. His initial impulse to make video sketches of his friends at dinner parties may have been on the spur of the moment but it eventually bred and developed into a more genuine interest in filmmaking. With this film, he speaks about internal frustrations, emotional conflicts and absurdity within and among artists.

Director - Ingeun Kim
trained as a sculptor from his early artistic career, and his work now has a wide span of medium from film to sound installation. In 2011, by starting to write a scenario for his first narrative short film entitled ‘One Fine Day’ he founded a film-makers group, Red Carpet Spirit where several short films subsequently were produced in collaboration with many his artist friends.

Commentator - Sukho Yun
Sukho Yun is one of the most famous TV drama producers and directors in Korea and is currently a visiting scholar in Centre of Korean Studies at SOAS.

Workshop on Chŏng Sŏn, an 18th century painter of the Chosŏn Kingdom
19 February 2014

Several years ago an album titled Kyŏmjae hwach’ŏp (lit. Kyŏmjae album) was discovered in the SOAS Special Collections that forms part of the SOAS Library. Colleagues, including Professor Youngsook Pak, studied the album, but few outside SOAS knew about it. Kyŏmjae is the pen-name of Chŏng Sŏn (1676-1759), one of the most significant painters of the Chosŏn Kingdom. However, the style and subject matters of the paintings in the album cannot easily be attributed to Chŏng Sŏn, leaving the questions of who painted the album and when.

The album comprises six leaves with true-view landscape paintings, three leaves with literary themes and one leaf with a painting of a deer. The ninth album leaf bears a seal that may be that of Chŏng Sŏn, as well as the date 1726 (when Chŏng Sŏn was 51 years old). The potential significance of the album led Dr Charlotte Horlyck to organise a workshop on the album led by Dr Park Jeong-ae, a well-known expert on Chosŏn paintings. She received her PhD in 2011 from the Academy of Korean Studies. She wrote her doctoral thesis on Chosŏn true-view landscape paintings of the Kwansan and Kwangbuk regions. At the workshop Dr Park first presented a lecture on Chŏng Sŏn, his career and his signature works. This was followed by a private viewing session of the album in the SOAS Special Collections: Dr Park discussed each leaf in detail and pointed out interesting and noteworthy details. We look forward to Dr Park’s article on the SOAS album that will be published at the end of 2014.

Dr Horlyck would like to thank Susannah Rayner and other staff in the Archives and Special Collections of the SOAS Library. Thanks also goes to Jiyeon Wood, and the Centres and Programmes Office for assisting with the organisation of the workshop. Glenn Railcliffe kindly took the photos illustrated here.

KOREAN AMBASSADOR’S VISIT TO SOAS

2013년 10월 14일 햇볕이 충분한 날에 새로운 부임 한 주영한국대사인 임성남 박사를 소아스(SOAS)로 초청하여 한국학 연구소 교수들과 요한을 함께 했습니다. 소아스 한국학 연구소는 그동안의 대사님의 지원과 관심에 깊은 감사를 드리며, 이번에 계신 동안 편안하게 업무를 추진하시길 기원합니다.

On 14 October 2013 Director Paul Webley welcomed His Excellency Dr Lim Sungnam to SOAS where he met with CKS members. Ambassador Lim was recently appointed Ambassador to the UK and arrived in London in July 2013. During the meeting Ambassador Lim learnt about SOAS and its Korea-related programs. SOAS and CKS are grateful for the Ambassador’s support for and interest in SOAS, and wish him a successful stay in London.

SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
The London Book Fair, Korea Market Focus 2014
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25 May / 11 June 2014

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Death, Mourning, and the Afterlife in Korea: Ancient to Contemporary Times


This volume offers a multi-disciplinary understanding of both historic and contemporary practices linked with death in Korea.

Contributors from Korea and the West incorporate the approaches of archaeology, history, literature, religion, and anthropology in addressing a number of topics organized around issues of the body, disposal of remains, ancestor worship and rice, and the afterlife. The first two chapters explore the ways in which bodies of the dying and the dead were dealt with from the Greater Silla Kingdom (688–935) to the mid-twentieth century: grave construction and goods, cemeteries, and memorial monuments in the Koryŏ (918–1392) and the twentieth century. Chapters are then discussed, followed by a consideration of ancestral rites and worship, which have formed an inseparable part of Korean mortuary customs since premodern times. Chapters address the need to appease the dead both in shamanic and Confucian contexts.

The final section of the book examines the treatment of the dead and how the state of death has been perceived. Ghost stories provide important insight into how death was interpreted by common people in the Koryŏ and Chosŏn (1392–1910) while nonconformist narrative of deaths such as the seventeenth-century romantic novel Kuammong point to a clear conflict between Buddhist thought and practice and official Neo-Confucian doctrine. Keeping with unendorsed views on death, the final chapter explores how death and the afterlife were understood by early Korean Catholics of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

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European Executives visit for Executive Training Programme for Japan and Korea

During November 40 executives from all over the European Union came to SOAS for a further cycle of the 3-week Executive Training Programme (ETP) for Japan and Korea. This one-year executive development programme is funded by the European Commission and has been running for more than 30 years. There are now over 1,000 ETP alumni, many now working in senior posts in the Japanese and Korean offices of European companies.

SOAS is part of a consortium with Waseda University in Tokyo and Yonsei University in Seoul who jointly deliver the one-year programme. The three-week module at SOAS provides participants with historical, political, economic and cultural background as well as an introduction to the East Asian business environment and practical skills training for developing effective business plans and learning the Japanese and Korean writing systems. Following the European module participants move to Japan or Korea for nine months where they undergo intensive training in Japanese or Korean language, business and management and take up a three-month internship in a relevant sector.

Professor Richard Black, Pro Director for Research and Enterprise at SOAS, University of London said "We are delighted to have hosted the Executive Training Programme again this year, and to be working with our partners Waseda and Yonsei universities. ETP is an exciting initiative, and a great way for SOAS to share its knowledge and expertise on Japan and Korea with the wider business community."

The SOAS Enterprise Office is running the programme with support from academic staff from the Japan Research Centre and Centre of Korean Studies. Around 30 academics are involved in delivering the sessions and the Academic Coordinator is Dr Helen Macnaughtan from the Department of Finance and Management Studies.

For further information about the ETP please visit www.euetp.eu

The SOAS Enterprise Team: www.soas.ac.uk/enterprise/
The 5th European Association for Korean Language Education (EAKLE) workshop was held on April 2–5, 2014, in Venice, Italy. The gathering included the participation of some 60 Korean-language professors from 32 universities in 21 European countries—including SOAS at the University of London, Paris Diderot University, and University of Helsinki in Finland—to discuss Korean instructional methods that take into account the local particularities of various European regions. They also engaged in enthusiastic discussions on ways to take advantage of growing interest in the Korean language and Korean Studies as a result of the Korean Wave, along with ideas for using this trend to develop Korea-related departments. EAKLE was founded in 2007 as a framework for Korean language educators in Europe to share teaching methods, exchange information, and build cooperative networks. Meetings have since been held on a biennial basis with support from the Korea Foundation, for the purpose of steadily upgrading Korean language education in Europe.