

## 10.40–12.10 Roundtable: Teaching Korean Politics in Europe

Chair: **Hannes Mosler** University of Duisburg-Essen

6 papers (7–10 min) + floor discussion (30 min)

- Teaching Korean Studies at LUISS (**Guahk**)
- Teaching Korean Politics at RUB (**Pölking**)
- Teaching Korean Politics at UCLan (**Lim**)
- Teaching Korean Politics at Unibo (**Fiori**)
- Teaching Korean Politics at UDE (**Chang**)

### Lunch

Departure



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OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE  
KOREAN STUDIES NETWORK  
IN EUROPE (SoKEN)

## THE KOREAN PENINSULA

IN TIMES OF  
MULTIPLE CRISES:  
RESEARCH AND  
TEACHING IN THE  
SOCIAL SCIENCES



Fri/Sat, May 23–24, 2025

NETZ Building  
Carl-Benz-Str. 199, 47057 Duisburg

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## THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

Arrival

## FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

### 8.30 Registration and Welcome

**Hannes B. Mosler** University of Duisburg-Essen

### 9.00–10.30 Panel 1

Chair: **Marco Milani** University of Bologna

*Authoritarianism in Democracy's Name? Guardianship Democracy as Reactionary Politics in East Asia*

**Steven Denney** Leiden University

*The Unreliable People Power Party and South Korea's Constitutional Crisis*

**Hannes Mosler** University of Duisburg-Essen

*The Psychological Mechanisms of Far-Right Populism in South Korea: The Taegukgi Brigade and the Constitutional Crisis*

**Sang Hyun Yun** Kyungnam University, Changwon

Discussants: **In Young Min** Heidelberg University,  
**Sojin Lim** University of Lancashire

### Break

### 10.40–12.10 Panel 2

Chair: **Steven Denney** Leiden University

*How Did Fighting an Invisible Enemy Become the Visible Enemy? Conspiracy Theories in South Korean Politics*

**Jeong-Im Hyun** University of Turku and  
**Sangchin Chun** Sogang University, Seoul

*The Rise of YouTube and Conservative Activists in South Korea: Combining Large-scale and Micro Analysis*

**Martin Weiser** FU Berlin

*How Are AI's Environmental Impacts Framed? A Discourse Analysis of Korean Media*

**Yi Hyun Kang** Lund University and  
**Jarim Kim** Yonsei University, Seoul

Discussants: **Sang-Hyun Yun** Kyungnam University,  
**Marco Milani** University of Bologna

### Lunch

### 13.10–14.40 Panel 3

Chair: **Florian Pölking** Ruhr University Bochum

*The Park Scandal v. the Yoon Affair. Comparing South Korean Public Responses to Presidential Impeachment Cases*

**Justine Guichard** Université Paris Cité

*Protest Culture in South Korea with the Examples of the Candlelight Demonstrations against the Presidency in 2016/17 and 2024/25*

**Seul A Lee** University of Vechta

*Strategic Restraint or Missed Opportunity? North Korea's Reaction to South Korea's 2024 Constitutional Crisis*

**Il Gyu Lee** University of Turku

Discussants: **Hazel Smith** SOAS University of London,  
**Hee Kyoung Chang** University of Duisburg-Essen

### Break

### 14.55–16.25 Panel 4

Chair: **Sojin Lim** University of Lancashire

*The Constitutional Crisis and Its Gendered Impact: Exploring Youth Polarization and Political Divides in South Korea*

**Torunika Roy** CSDR, New Delhi

*President Yoon Suk-Yeol's Impeachment: Implications of Political Instability on South Korea's Ties with Japan*

**Abhijitha Singh** Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

*Reevaluating South Korea's Democratization: The December 3rd Constitutional Crisis and Its Implications in a Comparative Perspective with Myanmar*

**Seongjin Kim** and **Min Min Chaw Nandar** Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), Seongnam

Discussants: **Steven Denney** Leiden University,  
**Florian Pölking** Ruhr University Bochum

### Break

### 16.30–18.00 Panel 5

Chair: **Hazel Smith** SOAS University of London

*The Rise and Fall of South Korea's Nuclear Phase-out*

**In Young Min** Heidelberg University

*South Korea's Geo-Economic Strategy Amid the U.S.-China Semiconductor War*

**Hee Kyoung Chang** University of Duisburg-Essen

*Politics of Digitalization in Japan and Korea*

**Kyung Mi Kim** Sapienza University of Rome

Discussants: **Antonio Fiori** University of Bologna,

**Justine Guichard** Université Paris Cité

### 19.00–21.00 Dinner

## SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

Hotel Checkout

### 9.00–10.30 Panel 6

Chair: **Justine Guichard** Université Paris Cité

*North Korea: Knowledge Matters*

**Hazel Smith** SOAS University of London

*Social Science, Knowledge Production, and Academic Collaboration under Empire: Korean and Japanese Fieldwork in Mengjiang 1939–1945*

**Robert Winstanley-Chesters** Edinburgh University and **Adam Cathcart** University of Leeds

*Koryo Saram and Nikkeijin: Ethnic Options upon Arrival to "Homeland"*

**Aleksey Pak** University of Duisburg-Essen

Discussants: **Sang Hyun Yun** Kyungnam University,  
**Youngha Guahk** LUISS, Rome

### Break