Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification Holds International Academic Conference on 'Civic Space and Urban Daily Life under Authoritarian Regimes'

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AI summary

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In the first session, chaired by Jiyoung Kim, Director of the Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification, discussions will center on ‘Trust, Stability, and Civic Space in a Comparative North Korean Perspective.’ Presentations will be given by Professor Emeritus Sung-Bae Kim, Professors Moon-Gi Suh and Seongshin Kim of Soongsil University, Research Fellows Joung Sungjoon, Myung-Sook Baek, and Frank Möhring, and Researcher Yechan Moon of the Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification. The panel discussion will include Peter Ward, Research Fellow at the Sejong Institute; Dong-Ho Han, Senior Research Fellow at the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU); Professor Robert Rudolf of Korea University; and Professor Taekbin Kim of Korea National Defense University.

The second session, chaired by Professor Sandra Fahy of Carleton University, will focus on ‘Everyday Agency under Authoritarianism.’ Presenters will include Professor Justin Hastings of the University of Sydney; Professor Andrew Yeo of The Catholic University of America and SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korea Studies at the Brookings Institution; Researcher and NgNG Atelier Principal Architect Phi Nguyen; Professor Irina Kuznetsova; and Professor John Round of the University of Birmingham. Discussions will be led by Professor Kyoochul Kim of Ewha Womans University, HK Research Professor Dae-yeong Yoon of Seoul National University, and Professor Jae Won Jeong of Kookmin University.

In the final session, chaired by Philo Kim, Visiting Research Fellow at the Seoul National University Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, discussions will continue under the theme of ‘Urban

Mediation and Authoritarian Space.' Presentations will be delivered by Professor Seongbin Hwang of Rikkyo University, Professor Steve K. L. Chan of Keimyung University, and Professor Anna Zadora of the University of Strasbourg, with Professors Si-Jun Lee and Tae-Hyung Kim of Soongsil University and Senior Research Fellow Young-Ja Park of the Korea Institute for National Unification participating as discussants.

Meanwhile, led by Professor Moon-Gi Suh of Soongsil University as the principal investigator, the Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification has been conducting a research project titled 'A Study on Market-led Changes in North Korea's Cities and the Lives of Its Residents' since 2021 as part of the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Institute Support Project.

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권위주의 체제 하의 도시에서 일상생활과 주체성

일시 2026. 11. 19. (목) 9:00-18:00 장소 숭실대학교 형남홀

개회식 09:00 - 09:20

개 회 사 김지영 원장 숭실평화통일연구원
환 영 사 이윤재 총장 숭실대학교
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게오르크 빌프리드 슈미트 대사 주한 독일 대사관

기조연설 09:20 - 10:00

기조연설 1 산드라 파이 교수 칼턴 대학교
기조연설 2 닐스 슈비더스키 SED 피해자 옴부즈만 행정감찰 대표, 독일하원

세션 1 북한 비교 연구 관점에서 본 신뢰, 안정, 시민 사회 공간 10:15 - 12:15

사회자 김지영 원장 숭실평화통일연구원

논 평 폐쇄사회 연구에서 저널리즘 소식통 망의 활용: 북한 사례의 경우 김성배 명예교수 숭실대학교
발 표 1 권위주의 정보통제 하의 청년의 행위주체성: 아바나의 렌즈로 본 북한 접경도시의 비공식 미디어 경험 정성준 연구위원 숭실평화통일연구원
발 표 2 시장화 이후 북한 경제 엘리트의 순응 역설과 강제된 균형 붕괴에 관한 다층적 혼합연구
백명숙 연구위원 숭실평화통일연구원 김성배 명예교수 숭실대학교 김성신 교수 숭실대학교
발 표 3 사회주의 교실을 넘어: 북한과 동독 후기 시대의 비정규 교육, 사회적 재생산, 그리고 반자율적 시민 공간 프랑크 묘링 연구위원 숭실평화통일연구원
발 표 4 신뢰의 구획화: 북한 시민공간 비전환의 메커니즘 문예찬 연구원 연세대학교 서문기 교수 숭실대학교
토 론 1. 피터 워드 연구위원 세종연구소 2. 한동호 선임연구위원 통일연구원 3. 로버트 루돌프 교수 고려대학교 4.김택빈 교수 국방대학교

세션 2 권위주의 체제 하의 일상적 주체성 13:45 - 15:15

사회자 산드라 파이 교수 칼턴 대학교

발 표 1 북한 시장 참여에서의 뇌물과 사회적 관계 저스틴 헤이스팅스 교수 시드니대학교 앤드류 여 교수 브루킹스 연구소 한국석좌 & 미국 가톨릭대학교
발 표 2 도이모이 초기 후에의 '쿵 추이': 비밀 예배와 시민 공간의 재구성 피 응우옌 연구원 수석 건축가, NgNg 아뜰리에
발 표 3 러시아의 권위주의 체제를 탈출하며: 트빌리시와 예레반을 통해 초국적 및 도시적 관점에서 살펴본 일상적 대처 전략
이리나 쿠즈네초바 교수 버밍엄 대학교 존 라운드 교수 버밍엄 대학교
토 론 1. 김규철 교수 이화여자대학교 2. 윤대형 HK연구교수 서울대학교 3. 정재원 교수 국민대학교

세션 3 도시 중재와 권위주의적 공간 15:30- 17:00

사회자 김병로 객원연구원 서울통일평화연구원

발 표 1 권위주의 수도의 매개: 일본과 한국의 시선을 통한 감각 사회학적 관점으로 본 평양의 도시 변모에 대한 비교 분석 황성빈 교수 릿쿄대학교
발 표 2 자치를 상실한 중국 홍콩에서 독립 서점의 입지 부재 스티브 K.L. 찬 교수 계명대학교
발 표 3 안정성의 구조: 민스크의 시민 공간, 제도적 중재, 그리고 일상적 협상 안나 자도르 교수 스트라스부르 대학교
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라운드 테이블 17:10 - 18:00

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The 5th International Conference

Civic Space in Comparative Perspectives

Everyday Life and Agency in Cities under Authoritarian Regimes

Date November 19th, 2026 (Thu), 9:00-18:00 **Venue** Hyongnam Hall, Soongsil University

(Hyongnam Hall, 1st Floor, Hyongnam Engineering Building, Soongsil University, 369 Sangdo-ro, Dongjak-gu, Seoul, 06978, Republic of Korea)

Opening Session *09:00 - 09:20*

Opening Remarks	**Jiyoung Kim** Director, Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification
Welcome Remarks	**Younjai Lee** President, Soongsil University
	Frederic Spohr Head of Korea Office, Friedrich Naumann Foundation
Congratulatory Remarks	**Georg Wilfried Schmidt** Ambassador, German Embassy Seoul

Keynote Speeches *09:20 - 10:00*

Keynote 1	**Sandra Fahy** Professor, Carleton University
Keynote 2	**Niels Schwiderski** Head of Office of the SED Victims' Ombudsman, German Bundestag

Session 1 Trust, Stability, and Civic Space in a Comparative North Korean Perspective *10:15 - 12:15*

Moderated by **Jiyoung Kim** Director, Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification

Comment	Journalistic Source Networks as Research Infrastructure in Closed Societies: With Evidence from North Korea **Sung-Bae Kim** Professor Emeritus, Soongsil University
Presentation 1	Youth Agency under Authoritarian Information Control: Lived Experiences of Informal Media in North Korea's Border Cities through the Lens of Havana **Sungjoon Joung** Research Fellow, Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification
Presentation 2	A Multilevel Mixed-Methods Study on the Paradox of Compliance and the Collapse of Forced Equilibrium among North Korean Economic Elites in the Post-Marketization Era **Myeong-Sook Baek** Research Fellow, Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification **Sung-Bae Kim** Professor Emeritus, Soongsil University **Seongshin Kim** Professor, Soongsil University
Presentation 3	Beyond the Socialist Classroom: Informal Education, Social Reproduction, and Semi-Autonomous Civic Space in North Korea and Late East Germany **Frank Moehring** Research Fellow, Soongsil Institute for Peace and Unification
Presentation 4	Compartmentalization of Trust: Mechanisms Limiting Civic Space in North Korea **Yechan Moon** Researcher, Yonsei University **Moon-Gi Suh** Professor, Soongsil University
Discussion	1. **Peter Ward** Research Fellow, Sejong Institute 2. **Dong-ho Han** Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for National Unification 3. **Robert Rudolf** Professor, Korea University 4. **Taekbin Kim** Professor, Korea National Defense University

Session 2 Everyday Agency under Authoritarianism *13:45 - 15:15*

Moderated by **Sandra Fahy** Professor, Carleton University

Presentation 1	Bribery and Social Relations in North Korean Market Participation **Justin Hastings** Professor, University of Sydney **Andrew Yeo** Professor, Brookings Institution, The Catholic University of America
Presentation 2	Cúng Chui in Early Đổi Mới Huế: Clandestine Worship and the Remaking of Civic Space **Phi Nguyen** Principal Architect, atelier NgNg
Presentation 3	Fleeing Russian Authoritarianism: Examining Everyday Coping Tactics through Transnational and Urban Lenses in Tbilisi and Yerevan **Irina Kuznetsova** Professor, University of Birmingham **John Round** Professor, University of Birmingham
Discussion	1. **Kyoochul Kim** Professor, Ewha University 2. **Dae-yeong Youn** HK Research Professor, Seoul National University 3. **Jae Won Jeong** Professor, Kookmin University

Session 3 Urban Mediation and Authoritarian Space *15:30 - 17:00*

Moderated by **Philo Kim** Visiting Researcher, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University

Presentation 1	Mediating the Authoritarian Capital: A Comparative Analysis of Pyongyang's Urban Transformation through the Sensory Sociology of Japanese and South Korean Gazes **Seongbin Hwang** Professor, Rikkyo University
Presentation 2	No Space for Independent Bookshops in China's Post-Autonomous Hong Kong **Steve K.L. Chan** Professor, Keimyung University
Presentation 3	The Architecture of Stability: Civic Space, Institutional Mediation, and Everyday Negotiation in Minsk **Anna Zadora** Professor, University of Strasbourg
Discussion	1. **Si-Jun Lee** Professor, Soongsil University 2. **Tae-Hyung Kim** Professor, Soongsil University 3. **Young-Ja Park** Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for National Unification

Roundtable *17:10 - 18:00*

Moderated by **Sung-Bae Kim** Professor Emeritus, Soongsil University

The event will be held both online and offline
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