

(Curriculum Vitae)

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Key research areas

- Transnational migration and Korean diaspora;
- Multiculturalism in Korea;
- Gender-based violence during conflicts;
- Femininity and masculinity;
- Memory politics in Korea;
- History debate in East Asia.

POSITIONS HELD

Dec. 2014 - present	Professor, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany
Oct. 2012- Nov. 2014	Acting Professor, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany
April – Sept. 2012	Part-time Lecturer, Exzellenzcluster "Asia and Europe", University of Heidelberg, Germany (2 SWS)
Oct. 2011 – Sept.2012	Part-time Lecturer, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany (2 SWS)
May 2010 ~ Sep. 2011	Korea Foundation Guest Professor, Korean Studies, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany (full time)
Nov.2003 ~ July 2006	Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany (research project title: "Reconstruction of identities and revisions of history in East Asia: The post-colonial constellation Japan-Korea since the 1980s") (full time)
May 2001~ Sept.2001	Part-time Lecturer, (course title: 'Gender in Japan'), East Asian Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany (2 SWS)
July 2000~ Oct.2000	Part-time Lecturer (course title: 'Japan at War') & Research Assistant, East Asian Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany (2 SWS)
May 1996~ Oct. 1996	Visiting Researcher, Department of Japanese History, University of Tokyo, Japan
Sept.1992~	Part-time Lecturer, 'Culture and Sexuality' and 'An

Sept.1994	Introduction to Women's Studies', Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea
March 1993- Aug. 1994	Part-time Lecturer, 'An Introduction to Women's Studies', Tongkuk University, Seoul, Korea
March 1989~ Aug.1992	Part-time Lecturer, 'Gender and Society', Ch'angwon National University, Ch'angwon, Korea

EDUCATION

University of Warwick, Centre for the Study of Women and Gender Studies, Doctor of Philosophy; July 2000, (PhD dissertation title: "Korean 'Comfort Women' and Military Sexual Slavery in World War II"), Britain.

Ewha Women's University, Women's Studies, Master of Arts; February 1988, (MA thesis title: "Hanguk singminji chabonjuui kwajongaesō yōsōng nodongui sōnggyōkae kwanhan yōn'gu" (A Study on the Characteristics of Korean Women's Labour in the Capitalisation Process under the Japanese Colonialism: Focusing on the Textile Industry in the 1930s), Korea.

Soongsil University, Bachelor of Science (Chemistry); February 1985, Korea.

LIST OF MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION:

"Korean "comfort women" and military sexual slavery in World War II", Centre for the Study of Women and Gender, University of Warwick, UK. (Supervisors: Dr. Joanna Liddle and Prof. Terry Lovell)

The PhD dissertation is one of the few studies on both Korean "comfort women" and Japanese soldiers based on their oral narratives obtained through intensive in-depth interviews with both groups. This thesis is evaluated as a significant contribution to the study on identities, memory politics, and femininity/masculinity.

JOURNAL ARTICLES / BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Together and Apart: Transnational Women's Activism and Solidarity in the Comfort Women Redress Campaign in South Korea and Japan." *Comparative Korean Studies*, Vol. 23 No. 1, 2015.
- "Gender under reconstruction: negotiating gender identities of marriage migrant women from Asia in South." In *After Development Dynamics: South Korea's Engagement with a Changing Asia*. Edited by Anthony P. D'Costa. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2015. (ISBN 978-0-19-872943-3)
- "Gendering Migration: Koreanische Arbeitsmigrantinnen im Pflegesektor in Deutschland." In *Unbekannte Vielfalt: Einblicke in die koreanische Migrationsgeschichte in Deutschland*. Edited by Young-Seoun Chang-Gusko et.al. Berlin: DOMiD, 2014. (ISBN 978-3-9816133-1-5)

- “Rewriting the History of Colonialism in South Korea.” In *Broken Narratives: Post Cold War History and Identity in Europe and East Asia*. Edited by Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik. Leiden: Brill. 2014. (ISBN 1574-4493)
- “‘Taming Soldiers’: The Gender Politics of Japanese Soldiers in Total War”, In *Gender Politics and Mass Dictatorship*, Edited by Jie-Hyun Lim and Karen Petrone, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011. pp. 213-234 (ISBN 978-0-230-24204-3).
- “‘Pyöngsa Kildürigi: Asia t’epöngyang chönjengi ilbon kuninüi gender chöngchi’”, *Tejung tokjewa yössäng*. In *Mass Dictatorship and Gender Politics*. Edited by Jie-Hyun Lim, Seoul: Humanist (2010), pp. 441-468 (ISBN 978-89-5862-305-2).
- “Kyöyûsareta Kokuryono Rekishito Bunkaisano meguru Ronsô” (Contests over the shared past and heritages of Koguryö/ Gaogouli). In *Higashi Ajia no Rekishi-Seisaku* (History Policy in East Asia). Edited by Takahasi Kondo, Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, (2008). pp.44-67 (ISBN 978-4-7503-2828-7).
- “Wianbu munje kiök hagi: manggakesö kiöküibumüro (Remembering ‘Comfort Women’: from Oblivion to Memory Boom). *Suheng inmunhak* (The Journal of Performative Humanities) Vol.38 No.1 (May 2008). Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea, pp.61-85 (ISSN 1975-7859).
- “Japan’s ‘Comfort Women’ and Historical Memory: The Neonationalist Counterattack”. In *The Power of Memory in Modern Japan*. Edited by Sven Saaler and Wolfgang Schwentker. London: Global Oriental. (2008), pp.32-53 (ISBN 978-1-905246-38-0).
- “Introduction: Denationalising and Renationalising the Past”. In *Contesting Views on a Common Past: Revisions of History in East Asia*. Edited by Steffi Richter. Berlin: Campus (2008), pp.11-21 (ISBN 978-3-593-38548-8).
- “The Colonial Past in Post-colonial South Korea: Colonialism, Modernity and Gender”. In *Contesting Views on a Common Past: Revisions of History in East Asia*. Edited by Steffi Richter, Berlin: Campus (2008), pp.157-180, (ISBN 978-3-593-38548-8).
- "The Contested Heritage of Koguryo/Gaogouli and China-Korea Conflict". *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, January 11, 2008. <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Yonson-Ahn/2631>
- “China and the Two Koreas Clash Over Mount Paekdu/Changbai: Memory Wars Threaten Regional Accommodation”. *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, July 27, 2007. <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Yonson-Ahn/2483>
- “The Korea-China Textbook War -What's It All About?”, *History News Network*, March 6, 2006, George Mason University, <http://hnn.us/articles/21617.html>
- “Competing Nationalisms: The mobilisation of history and archaeology in the Korea-China wars over Koguryo/Gaogouli”, *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, February 9, 2006, <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Yonson-Ahn/1837>

- “Nationalisms and the Mobilisation of History in East Asia: the ‘War of History’ on Kokuryō/Gaoguo””, *Internationale Schulbuchforschung* (International Textbook Research) Vol. 27 (2005), Hannover, Verlag Hahnsche Buchhandlung, pp.7 – 21 (ISSN 0172-8237).
- “Chikakute tooi Dokdo/Takeshima montaino ichikōsatsu” (Reading the Issue of Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute From Near and Far), *Gendai shisō* (Contemporary Thought), Vol. 33/6, June 2005, Tokyo, Seidosha, pp. 107-111 (ISBN 4-7917-1136-X).
- (Korean version) “Mōlisō kakkaisō Tokdo/Takeshima munje ilki” (Reading the Issue of Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute From Near and Far), *Panil-kwa Tongasia* (Anti-Japan and East Asia), Seoul: Somyōng, (2005), pp.135-142 (ISBN 89-5626-198-9).

BOOKS

- *Sōngnoye-wa pyōngsa mandŭlgi*, (Making Sexual Slaves and Warriors), Samin, Seoul, Korea, 2003, (monograph, ISBN 89-87519-91-0)
http://books.google.co.za/books?id=uUv1AAAACAAJ&dq=안연선&hl=en&sa=X&ei=NUKIT-nnMPGZ0QWOne3JCA&redir_esc=y.

BOOK REVIEW

- Review of *Rethinking Historical Injustice and Reconciliation in Northeast Asia: The Korean Experience* (Gi-Wook Shin, Soon-Won Park, Daqing Yang) New York: Routledge, 2008, H-Soz-u-kult, Reviews for geschichte transnational und H-Soz-u-kult, (March 2010). <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/id=12544>.

PROCEEDINGS

- “Cross-border feminist activism against gender violence and war in Asia and Africa” *Proceedings of the 6th Ewha Global Empowering Program*, Ewha Women’s University (Korea), 2014.
- “Searching for cross-border feminist activism in Asia and Africa”, *Proceedings of the 5th Ewha Global Empowering Program*, Ewha Women’s University (Korea), 2014.
- “Women’s movement and transnationalism in Asia and Africa.” *Proceedings of the 4th Ewha Global Empowering Program*, Ewha Women’s University (Korea), 2013.
- “The Perils and Possibilities of Transnational Feminist Activism”, *Proceedings of the 3th Ewha Global Empowering Program*, Ewha Women’s University (Korea), 2013.
- “Transnational Feminist Activism in ROK and Japan: Focusing on the Comfort Women Redress Campaign”, *Proceedings of the Conference, Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a global context conference*, Central European University, (Budapest), 2013.
- “Gender Politics in East Asia: Case Study of South Korea”, *Proceedings of the 3rd Global COE Program: Reshaping Japan’s Border Studies: Borders in Asia*, Hokkaido University (Japan) 2012.

- “Transnational Activism and Solidarity”, *Proceedings of the 1st Ewha Global Empowering Program*, Ewha Women’s University (Korea) 2012.
- “Yellow Angels: Negotiating Identities of Former Korean Nurses in Germany”, *Proceedings of the Conference, Korean Diaspora: Beyond Colonialism and Cold War*, University of Tübingen (Germany), 2011.
- “Remembering and Forgetting Trauma: ‘Comfort Women’ in South Korea”, *Proceedings of the 25th Biennial Conference of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe*, Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), 2011.
- “The Contested Mount of Paekdu/Changbai and China-Korea Conflict”, *Proceedings of the 24th Biennial Conference of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe*, Leiden University (the Netherlands), 2009.
- “Making ‘Comfort Women’; Femininity and Sexuality of Korean ‘Comfort Women’”, *Proceedings of the 30th Anniversary Conference of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe*, Dourdan (France), 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected):

- “Welfare State for Multicultural Families?: The South Korean Government’s Policy for a Multicultural Society”, *The Making of a Global Economic Player?: Korea in Comparative Perspective Conference*, Central European University, Budapest, 12- 14 June 2014.
- “Negotiating and Reconstructing Gender Identities: Marriage Migrant Women from Asia in the ROK,” *Dynamic Korea in a Transforming Asia: Opportunities and Challenges for South Korean Development*, Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School (Denmark) April 18-20, 2013.
- “History Wars” between Korea and China: The Contested History and Heritage of Koguryo/Gaogouli,” *Focus Asia: Collective Memory, Identity and International Relations in East Asia*. Lund University (Sweden) November 6-7, 2012.
- “Remembering ‘Comfort Women’ in North Korea”, *The 6th International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS)*, Daejeon (Korea), August 6-9, 2009.
- “Remembering Comfort Women in South Korea: Gender and Nation”, *The 10th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Mundos de Mujeres/Women’s Worlds 2008*, Universidad Complutense of Madrid (Spain), July 3-9, 2008.
- “The Colonial Past in Post-colonial South Korea: Colonialism, Modernity and Gender”, *Conference titled “Contesting Views on a Common Past: Revisions of History in East Asia”*, University of Leipzig (Germany), June 8 - 11, 2006.
- “Historical Revisionism and The Issue of “Comfort Women” in Japan”, *11th Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAS)* 2005), University of Vienna, Vienna (Austria), August 31 - September 3, 2005.
- “Making a ‘Fallen’ Woman; Femininity and ‘Comfort Women’”, *Women’s Worlds Conference 2005*, Ewha Women’s University, Seoul (Korea), June 19 - 24, 2005.

- “How the Colonial Past is Remembered in Post-colonial South Korea: A History Debate over Modernity”, The 29th Deutscher Orientalistentag, University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), September 20-24, 2004.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS:

- "Intimacy and Contempt: WWII Comfort Women and Japanese Soldiers", University of Cape Town, South Africa, March 23, 2015.
- “Reflection on Transnational Feminisms”, EGEP 2014 Open Forum “A Better World Women Create: Feminist Activisms in Asia and Africa”, January 15-16, 2014.
- “Korean Guest Workers in Germany: Focusing on Korean Nurses in Germany”, University of Heidelberg, June 7, 2013.
- “Zweimal Korea – Relikte des Kalten Krieges”, Vortragsreihe Geschichte 2012 Der pazifische Raum, Bad Nauheim (Germany), September 24, 2012.
- “Transnationalism in the ‘Comfort Women’ Campaign”, Chao Center for Asia Studies, Rice University, Houston, (USA), February 17, 2011.
- Discussant for Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference, Rice University, Houston (USA), February 18-19, 2011.
- “Competing Nationalisms: The Korea-China Controversy over Koguryo/Gaogouli”, Goethe University of Frankfurt (Germany), November 23, 2010.
- "Whose Comfort? The 'Comfort Women' in Colonial and Subject Discourse and Praxis", Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica (Taiwan), September 5-6, 2008.
- “Disputes over Mount Paekdu/Changbai between China and Two Koreas”, Conference “China and Korea: Competing Images and Contending Issues” Korea Studies Centre of NZ Asia Institute, University of Auckland (New Zealand), November 19 – 20, 2007.
- “Remembering the Comfort Women Issue: From Oblivion to Memory Boom”, Conference entitled “Sexuality in the collective memory of the cooperation: Comparative Studies of Gender History in France and in Korea”, RICH (Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture), Hanyang University (Korea), November 16-17, 2007.
- “Rewriting the History of Colonialism in South Korea” Workshop entitled “Post Cold War Historiography”, University of Vienna (Austria), September 28 - 30, 2006.
- “‘Taming Soldiers’: The Gender Politics of Japanese Soldiers in the Total War”, The Fourth International Conference of Mass Dictatorship, “Mass Dictatorship and Gender Politics”, Pyeongchang (Korea), July 5-7, 2006.
- “The Issue of ‘Comfort Women’ and Historical Revisionism in Japan”, Workshop entitled “Initiatives for Attractive Education in Graduate Schools”, Hokkaido University (Japan), March 24, 2006.

- “Identity Reconstruction of Korean "Comfort Women" and Japanese Soldiers during World War II”, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris (France), January 27, 2006.
- “Masculinity of Japanese Soldiers and Comfort Women in the Japanese Army during World War II”, Seoul National University (Korea), March 30-31, 2004.
- “Making Warriors and Masculinity: Japanese Soldiers during World War II” International conference titled “Gendered Exchanges: Global Perspectives on Sex, Work and Militarisation”, University of Bristol (UK), June 11-12, 2004.
- “Mobilisation of History in East Asia“, Workshop titled “Nationalismen in Ost-Asien“, University of Leipzig (Germany) June, 3, 2004.
- “Nationalist Discourses as Protest to the Revision of Japanese History Textbooks in Korea”, WINC Workshops in Critical Theory, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Japan) February 28, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Association for Korean Studies in Europe (AKSE)
- The International Association of Comparative Korean Studies (IACKS)
- Korean Gender History Association (한국여성사학회)
- The Korean Society of Bilingualism (한국이중언어학회)
- Vereinigung für Koreaforschung (VfK)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Executive Board member of the Korean Society of Bilingualism (이중언어학회, Korea), since 2014.
- Editorial Board of Asian Journal of Women’s Studies (listed in SSCI), since 2013.
- Advisory Board member of Ewha Global Empowerment Program (EGEP), Ewha Women’s University, (Korea), since 2014
- Faculty member of Korea Foundation 'Global E-School in Eurasia' Project, (Budapest), since 2013.
- * Convener, Conference “Contesting Views on a Common Past: Revisions of History in East Asia, University of Leipzig, Germany, June 8 – 11, 2006.
- *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* Associate, since 2004.
- Editorial adviser and co-author for the joint history textbook, “*Yōsōngūi Nunūi robon Hanil ūhyōndesa*” (Gender Perspective on Modern and Contemporary History of Korea and Japan), P’aju: Hanul 2005.
- International Collaborations Committee, Korean Sexual Violence Relief Center (Korea), since 2003.

REFEREEING:

Acted as referee for the following journals:

- The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus
- *Internationale Schulbuchforschung*

- Journal of Educational Media, Memory, and Society
- Asian Journal of Women's Studies
- Korean Women's Studies (한국여성학)
- China Information

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Korean: native language

English: fluent

German: fluent

Japanese: good command (proficient in reading, familiar in speaking)

Hanja (Classical Chinese writing): very good working knowledge