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A very significant half year has passed, with major political and economic developments taking place across the Northeast Asian region in particular. It is wonderful to see the diversity of our activities: some engaging in contemporary political debate, some investigating developments shortly after World War II, during colonial times, and even as far back as the Three Kingdoms Period, and one (my own) completely and utterly irrelevant. I thank all those who have taken the time to send me a little update on their activities. If you did send me a report but do not find it included here, I offer you my sincerest apologies. Some of you sent me the title of publications dating back to September last year, but I have taken the liberty to include here only those that have come out these past six months. Forthcoming publications can wait: I would like to include those in forthcoming Newsletters. I still hope the Newsletter will eventually become more substantial, with photos, stickers (?), announcements, and updates of our wide range of Korean studies activities. Hopefully this issue will plant another row of seedlings towards that steaming bowl of rice (forthcoming)...

Roald Maliangkay
Australian National University

In 2018, by all indications (so with a tiny caveat in place), the ANU will be offering majors and minors in both Korean language and Korean studies.

Cribb, Robert


Following Japan’s surrender in 1945, Allied countries in Asia and the Pacific tried more than 5700 people for war crimes, including waging aggressive war, massacre and torture, withholding food and medical care from prisoners, conducting inhumane medical experience and organizing forced prostitution. Most of the defendants were Japanese soldiers, but Korean and Taiwanese prison guards were also brought to court, were Japanese senior political and military leaders. This book analyses the complex politics of defining war crimes, identifying suspects, managing mass prosecutions and incarcerating convicted war criminals in an era when Pacific War preoccupations were quickly giving way to the preoccupations of the Cold War.

Kim, David

- “Australian Female Volunteerism in Modern Korea (1889–1941): An Enlightenment Campaign”, *Journal of Asian History*.

Maliangkay, Roald

From 2019, Roald will be teaching a new course, Creative Industries in Korea.

You, Jong-Sung

Dr You, Senior Lecturer at ANU’s Department of Political & Social Change, will be a visiting professor at Yonsei University and Keumkang University in Korea during the second semester of 2017.

- “촛불 시민혁명과 조기 대선 (Candlelight Civil Revolution and an Early Presidential Election)” 동향과 전망 (Trends and Prospects) 99 (February), 235–247.
- Don S. Lee (이동성) and Jong-sung You. 2017. “이원정부제의 이론적, 경험적 고찰과 한국적 적용을 위한 사례 예시 (Semi-Presidentialism: Typology, Outcomes and Application to Korea).” 동향과 전망 (Trends and Prospects) 100: 118-151.
**Macquarie University**

Macquarie University and Korea University have reached agreement to renew their Education Cooperation Agreement for the joint delivery of Macquarie’s Master of Translating and Interpreting Studies for a further five years.

Buzo, Adrian

In February 2017 Dr Buzo was a guest speaker at a Sejong Cyber University/ Korean Association of Translators and Interpreters demonstration event titled Human vs Artificial Intelligence in Translation (see photo).

In April 2017 Dr Buzo addressed the Royal Asiatic Society Korea Branch on the topic ‘Do We Learn Nothing from Writing History? Ten Reflections on writing a history of the two Koreas.’

Kim, Sung-Young

Sung-Young reports that two Korea-related units have been approved for teaching next year:

IRPG844: Asia-Pacific Politics (postgraduate)
This unit examines the forces, which have shaped the economic, political and social transformation of East Asia and the region’s growing influence in the global system. We focus on the growth of East Asia’s economies, democratic transitions, implications of growing levels of regional and international integration, and the geopolitical dynamics of the region in the past to the present.

POIR260: East Asia: Development and Democracy (undergraduate)
Unit description: East Asia has undergone dramatic political, economic and social upheaval since the end of World War II. Once a poverty-stricken region with little hope for the future, East Asia is now a major epicentre of global trade and investment and as a result, is assuming a more prominent presence in world affairs. What are the causes and consequences of the region's growth? What is the impact of democratisation throughout the region on economic development? What implications does East Asia's expanding role have for world affairs? We consider these questions in light of the major domestic and international events, which gave shape to the development strategies of the Northeast countries such as Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China and to a lesser degree, the Southeast Asian states. We probe the roles of key actors such as governments and business, civil society, international organisations, and the hegemonic influence of the United States in the makings of East Asia from the past to the present.


University of Canterbury (History)

Wells, Ken
University of New South Wales

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Shin, Seong-Chul

• New Colombo Plan Grant: $115,000
  - UNSW Korean Studies students: In-country training in Korea
  - Period: 2017–2019 (3 years)
  - Program: 15 students (5 each year); 1-semester study + 1-week field trip around the country led by 1 academic.


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**University of Sydney**

Yang, Onjung

• Onjung Yang completed her PhD at the University of Sydney in October 2016. Since then, she has been looking for a job; she is currently taking the online Korean Language Teachers Training Program course provided by Chong-Sin University, Korea.

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**University of Technology, Sydney**

Armstrong, Peter


Dalton, Bronwen

• On Wednesday 26 April, Bronwen Dalton participated in a panel discussion on the Korean Presidential Election organised by the Australia-Korea Business Council.

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**University of Western Australia**

Korean Studies at UWA was established in 2012 (with a pilot language course introduced in Semester 2 in 2011), with the support of Korea Foundation. Korean Studies sits in the Asian Studies Discipline group in the School of Social Sciences (Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education). The Korean Studies undergraduate major has been offered as a first and second major from the academic year 2014. The program is run by two permanent staff (Dr Joanna Elfving-Hwang and Dr Nicola Fraschini) with the assistance of three casual language teaching staff (Mrs Eun-Ki Kim, Ms Dasul Kim and Ms Hyunmi Kim). UWA Korean Studies teaches into the UWA offshore BA Asian Studies program in Hong Kong, which now includes a Korean specialisation stream. The course is coordinated by staff at UWA Crawley Campus and taught in collaboration with local tutors.
Assoc. Prof. Kyu-suk Shin continues to support UWA’s Korean research activities as an Honorary Research Fellow. In addition to this, there are currently two postgraduate PhD students working on Korea-related theses: Caleb Kelso-Marsh (Korean and Japanese Film Noir) and Mimi Shin (Second Generation Koreans in Western Australia).

Seminars, lectures and other activities

Collaborations with Korean Universities: UWA has formed a strategic partnership at an institutional level with Sungkyungwan University in Seoul. In September 2016, SKKU President Dr Chung Kyu-sang and a delegation of 15 scholars from SKKU visited UWA to discuss strategic engagement possibilities with the two Universities in the fields of Medicine, Sciences and Social Sciences, with a planned return visit in September 2017.

Community engagement: With the leadership of Dr Nicola Fraschini Korean studies actively engages with the University’s widening participation programs, such as Aspire and Excellence Camp, to encourage high school students to choose Korean Studies as their major at UWA and to promote the University more broadly. These involve half-day sessions with visiting school groups who are introduced to Hangeul and Korean culture, as well as Open Day activities, and visits to local schools. Korean studies staff has also regularly give guest lectures at local schools on Korean language and culture, both in primary schools and in high schools. Dr Nicola Fraschini is also active in the newly established Korean Language Teacher Association of Western Australia, with the aim of promoting activities for students of Korean language and organising professional workshop for teachers of Korean.

Kelso-Marsh, Caleb


- (seminar presentation) 'Nikkatsu Film Noir as a Lens to Look at Socio-Cultural Change in Postwar Japan', Asian Studies Research Seminar 2017, University of Western Australia, April 2017.

Elfving-Hwang, Joanna

- "What Does an Australian Look Like? Asia-Australian Perceptions of 'Australian Appearance' in Multicultural Australia’, Asian Studies seminar series, April 2017
• ‘Deracialising Korean Bodies under the cosmetic Western Gaze? Media, Global Beauty Aesthetics and Cosmetic Surgery in Contemporary South Korea’, Beauty, Beautification and Social Change in Transnational Asia, Free University Berlin, November 2016.
• ‘The Remasculinisation of the Underdog? Corporate Masculinities in Contemporary South Korean Television Dramas’, Asian Masculinities, University of San Francisco, November 2016.

Nicola Fraschini and Joanna Elfving-Hwang

• (presented by N. Fraschini), ‘Main motivational components of Korean Language Students in an Australian higher education setting’, Conference on Korean language education in Australia, University of Sydney, November 2016.

Fraschini, Nicola

Dr Fraschini recently won a UWA Award for Exceptional Contribution to Education (UWA, 2017).


Shin, Kyu-suk

• ‘Korean Studies in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities’ at the Special Workshop to enhance Australia-Korea relationships and promote Korean Studies in Australia, March 2017, the University of South Australia.

Recent grants:

• (Dr Nicola Fraschini et al) Confronting the Revolution in the Language Classroom: Feedback in Italian, French and Korean, $10,000 (2016-17) funded by the Centre for Education Future at UWA. This research project is a collaboration between Italian, French and Korean language divisions at UWA; it aims to develop tools to give better feedback for foreign language learning.
• Ageing and New Media, UWA Research Collaboration Award, $20,000, 2017. Chief investigator: Loretta Baldassar, with Raelene Wilding, Assoc. Prof. Christopher Etherton-Beer, Dr Judy Esmond, Assoc. Prof. Joanna Elfving-Hwang, Dr Helen Manchester, Dr Ivalyo Vassilev, Prof. Gonzalo Bacigalupe, Dr Sanetta Du Toit, Dr Majella Kilkey, Prof. Hengjin Dong, Prof. Cornelia Schweppe, Prof. Paolo Boccagni,
Dr Jyotsna Kalavar, Assoc. Prof. Leng Thang, Assoc. Prof. Elaine Ho. This is a multi-university international collaboration on the role of media in positive ageing. Assoc. Prof. Elfving-Hwang’s input will include examining media and ageing in Korea.

- (Assoc. Prof. Elfving-Hwang) *Man Made Beautiful: A Qualitative Study of the Social Meanings Attached to Every Day Beauty Practices by Korean Salarymen* (US$15,000) funded by the Academy of Korean Studies competitive research grant scheme, 2017. This research project addresses a significant gap in the current literature on the sociology of the body in South Korea, which has largely ignored middle-aged men’s bodies as an object of study. The study will examine the role that physical attractiveness, grooming and beauty, and the presentation of self plays in the lives and social interactions of middle-aged urban Korean salarymen.

Student achievements:

*Honours*


*Korean Studies Prizes for High Achieving Students: Cha Ung Yu Arirang Prizes.*
There were two new prizes established at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in November 2015 by the family of Mr Young Yu, Chairman of the Australia Korean Business Council of WA. These prestigious awards acknowledge the significant partnership between Australia and Korea and will encourage further participation in studies that foster a greater understanding and engagement between the two nations. The Cha Ung Yu Arirang prizes were presented at the Faculty of Arts Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 7 May 2017 at the Octagon Theatre at UWA to the best performing Korean Studies student with the highest aggregate mark in the second year (Miss Alicia TEO), and the student who achieved the highest aggregate mark for the Korean Studies major core units (Miss Claudia LAM).

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**Victoria University of Wellington**

Victoria University of Wellington has recently hired Dr. Van Jackson, a specialist in East Asian Security who began his career as a Korean linguist and intelligence analyst in the U.S. Air Force before turning to academia. Van will be joining the International Relations Programme as a senior lecturer from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu. For more on Van's work and background, see: https://www.wilsoncenter.org/person/van-jackson

Bukh, Alexander
In 2016, Alexander Bukh published "Korean National Identity, Civic Activism and the Dokdo/Takeshima Territorial Dispute" in *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* 3:2 (August 2016): 183–199. He also produced and co-directed a documentary on Dokdo/Takeshima territorial dispute-related activism in Korea and Japan titled *This Island is Ours* (Contented Production, 52 min.). The documentary was screened at the Association of Asian Studies annual conference in Toronto and numerous academic venues in Japan, Europe and Israel.

Epstein, Stephen

At the end of last year, Stephen Epstein published “From South Korea to the Southern Hemisphere: K-pop Below the Equator,” in *Journal of World Popular Music* 3:2 (December 2016), pp. 197–223. He also presented his documentary Us and Them: Korean Indie Rock in a K-pop World, co-produced with Tim Tangherlini, at the following venues: University of Ljubljana (10/16); University of Bologna (10/16); University of Vienna (10/16); Heidelberg University (10/16); Eberhardt Karls Universität Tübingen (10/16); Korean Cultural Center, Brussels (10/16); Leiden University (11/16), and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (11/16). He also delivered a talk on "K-pop and Gender" at the University of Neuchâtel in October.