

## (Curriculum Vitae)

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### Key research areas

- Transnational migration and Korean diaspora
- Korean popular culture
- Multiculturalism in South Korea
- Gender-based violence during conflicts

### Education

- University of Warwick, Women and Gender Studies, Doctor of Philosophy; July 2000 UK (PhD dissertation title: "Korean 'Comfort Women' and Military Sexual Slavery in World War II")
- Ewha Women's University, Women's Studies, Master of Arts, February 1988, South Korea
- Soongsil University, Bachelor of Science, February 1985, South Korea.

### Positions held

Dec. 2014 - present	Professor (full professorship, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany (tenured in 2019).
Oct. 2012- Nov. 2014	Acting Junior Professor, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany
April – Sept. 2012	Part-time Lecturer, Exzellenzcluster "Asia and Europe", University of Heidelberg, Germany (2 hours per week)
Oct. 2011 – Sept.2012	Part-time Lecturer, Korean Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany (2 hours per week)
May 2010 – Sep. 2011	Korea Foundation Guest Professor, Korean Studies, Goethe University of 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)
July 2000 – Oct.2000	Part-time Lecturer & Research Assistant, East Asian Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany (2 hours per week)
May 1996 – Oct. 1996	Visiting Researcher, Department of Japanese History, University of Tokyo, Japan
Sept.1992 – Sept.1994	Part-time Lecturer, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, South Korea

March 1991 – Aug. 1994	Part-time Lecturer, Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea
March 1989 – Feb.1993	Part-time Lecturer, Ch’angwon National University, Ch’angwon, South Korea

## Research projects

- 01.06.2021 – 31.05.2026

Core University Program for Korean Studies: Empowering Korean Studies through innovative education, research and regional cooperation in Germany, “Cultivating Diversity: The global in Korea, Korea in the global” funded by Academy of Korean Studies, Ministry of Education, South Korea

- 07.01.2015 – 30.05.2021

Seed Program for Korean Studies I & II funded by Academy of Korean Studies, Ministry of Education, South Korea

I. Consolidating Frankfurt Korean Studies Through Teaching and Research on “Identity and Transnational Mobility in and out of Korea”

II. Strengthening the Korean Studies Education Capacity through the Glocalization of Frankfurt Korean Studies

- 01.04.2021 – 31.06.2024 & 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2027

“Cultural Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation in Africa and Asia (CEDITRAA)” funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

- 01.02.2017 – 28.02.2019

“Africa’s Asian Options (AFRASO)” funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

- 01.05.2016 – 31.10.2017

„Transnationale (Rückkehr-)Migration ehemaliger koreanischer Gastarbeiterinnen in Hessen und Südkorea“ funded by Hessisches Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Kunst (HMWK).

## Publications

(JOURNAL ARTICLES)

- “Maternal Practices of Korean Healthcare Workers in Germany.” *European Journal of Korean Studies* 22, no. 2 (2023): 11-43. <https://doi.org/10.33526/ejks.20232202.11>

- “Gradual, Diverse, Complex—and Unnoticed: Korean Migration in Europe.” *European Journal of Korean Studies* 22, no. 2 (2023): 1-10 (co-authored with J. Kim). <https://doi.org/10.33526/EJKS.20232202.1>

- “Unending Journeys’: Migration Trajectories of Korean Im/migrants in South Africa.” *Korea Journal* 62, no. 4 (2022): 137-170. [https://www.aks.ac.kr/cop/bbs/selectBoardList.do?bbsId=BBSMSTR\\_00000000040&listAll=1&menuNo=2010124100&lang=kor](https://www.aks.ac.kr/cop/bbs/selectBoardList.do?bbsId=BBSMSTR_00000000040&listAll=1&menuNo=2010124100&lang=kor)

- “Korean Migration in the Global South: Contextualizing Migration Trajectories and Complexities.” *Korea Journal* 62, no. 4 (2022): 5-17. (co-author with J. Kim). <https://doi.org/10.25024/kj.2022.62.4.5>.
- “Samaritans from the East’: Emotion and Korean nurses in Germany.” *Korean Studies* 45 (2021): 9-35. <https://doi.org/10.1353/ks.2021.0002>.
  - “Yearning for affection: Traumatic bonding between Korean ‘comfort women’ and Japanese soldiers during World War II.” *European Journal of Women’s Studies* 26, no. 4 (2019): 360-374. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1350506818796>
  - „Return visit mobility and identity negotiation of Korean nurse “guest workers” in Germany.” *Ewha Sahak Yon’gu* 53 (2016): 1-36.
  - “Together and Apart: Transnational Women’s Activism and Solidarity in the Comfort Women Redress Campaign in South Korea and Japan.” *Comparative Korean Studies* 23, no. 1 (2015): 93-116. (ISSN 1226-2250).
  - “Wianbu munje kiök hagi: manggakesö kiöküibumüro (Remembering ‘Comfort Women’: from Oblivion to Memory Boom). *Suheng inmunhak* (The Journal of Performative Humanities) 38, no.1 (2008): 61-85. (ISSN 1975-7859).
  - “The Contested Heritage of Koguryö/Gaogouli and China-Korea Conflict.” *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 6, no.1 (2008). <https://apjif.org/yonson-ahn/2631/article>
  - “China and the Two Koreas Clash Over Mount Paekdu/Changbai: Memory Wars Threaten Regional Accommodation.” *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 5, no.7, (2007). <https://apjif.org/yonson-ahn/2483/article>
  - “Competing Nationalisms: The mobilisation of history and archaeology in the Korea-China wars over Koguryö/Gaogouli.” *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 4, no.2 (2006). <https://apjif.org/yonson-ahn/1837/article>.
  - “Nationalisms and the Mobilisation of History in East Asia: the ‘War of History’ on Koguryö/Gaogouli.” *Internationale Schulbuchforschung* (International Textbook Research) 27, no.1 (2005): 15-30. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/43056666>.
  - “Chikakute tooi Dokdo/Takeshima montaino ichikötsatsu” (Reading the Issue of Dokdo/Takeshima Dispute From Near and Far), *Gendai shisö* (Contemporary Thought) 33, no.6, (2005): 107-111. (ISBN 4-7917-1136-X).

#### (BOOK CHAPTERS)

- “From TV to Online Platform Storytelling: Career Women in Korean Dramas.” In *Distributed Productivities: Digital Transcreation and the New World Order of Cultural Production*, edited by V. Hediger et.al. Meson presse 2025 (co-authored with C. A. Chistinean).
- “Navigating Migratory Paths Korean Im/migrants in South Africa.” In *Korean Migration and Mobility in the Global South*, edited by Yonson Ahn & Jihye Kim. 181-204. Lanham: Lexington Books 2025.

- “Korean Migration and Mobility in the Global South: An Introduction.” In *Korean Migration and Mobility in the Global South*, edited by Yonson Ahn & Jihye Kim. 1-14. Lanham: Lexington Books 2025 (co-authored with J. Kim).
- “Introduction.” In *Korea and the Global Society*, edited by Yonson Ahn. 1-14. London: Routledge, 2023.
- “Interactions with Samaritans from the East: Emotion and Korean nurses in Germany.” In *Korea and the Global Society*, edited by Yonson Ahn. 98-119. London: Routledge, 2023.
- “Mothering Practices of Korean Healthcare Workers in Germany.” In *Cross-Border Interactions and Encounters between Germany and Korea*, edited by Yonson Ahn and Jihye Kim. 37-57. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023.
- “Introduction: Cross-Border Interactions and Encounters between Germany and Korea in the New Century.” In *Cross-Border Interactions and Encounters between Germany and Korea*, edited by Yonson Ahn and Jihye Kim. 1-15. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023 (co-authored with J. Kim).
- “Introduction: Transnational Mobility and Korea.” In *Transnational Mobility in and out of Korea*, edited by Yonson Ahn. ix-xix. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020 (ISBN 978-1-319-4985-9332-8).
- “Nursing Care in Contact Zones: Korean Healthcare “Guest Workers” in Germany.” In *Transnational Mobility in and out of Korea*, edited by Yonson Ahn. 39-55. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020 (ISBN 978-1-319-4985-9332-8).
- “Here and there: Return visit experiences of Korean Health care workers in Germany.” In *Diasporic Returns to the Ethnic Homeland: The Korean Diaspora in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Takeyuki Tsuda and Changzoo Song. 161-176. London: Palgrave, 2019 (ISBN 978-3-319-90762-8).
- “Together and Apart: Transnational Feminist Activism and Solidarity in Asia”. In *Asian Feminisms and Transnational Activism*, edited by Pilwha Chang et.al. Seoul: Ewha Womans University Press, 2017 (ISBN-13-979-1158902247).
- „Wianbumunjerül tullössan küllök'al yösöngundong“ (Glocal women’s movement on the issue of comfort women). In *Küllök’öl sidae asia yösöngkakkwa yösöngundongüi chaengjöm* (Issues in Asian Women’s Studies and Women’s Movement in the Glocal Era, edited by Pilwha Chang et.al. Seoul: Hanul, 2016 (ISBN 9788946061897).
- Kyöngje kaebal sigi chendöhwa-doen iju (Gendered migration during the economic development period in Korea). In *Chogukkündae hwa üi chendöjöngch’i* (National Development and Gender Politics: Family, Labor and Sexuality), edited by Jae Kyung Lee et.at. 179-204. Hongch’ön: Arük’e, 2015 (ISBN 978-89-5803-146-8).
- “Resilience: Women in Asia.” In *East Asia Feminism: FANTasia*. 30-35. Seoul Museum of Art, 2015 (ISBN 978-89-94849-60-703600).

- “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. 243-262. 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. 166-187. 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. 109-132. 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. 213-234. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2010 (ISBN 978-0-230-24204-3).
- “Kyôyûsareta Kokuryono Rekishito Bunkaisano meguru Ronsô” (Contests over the shared past and heritages of Koguryô/ Gaogouli). In *Higashi Ajia no Rekishi-Seisaku* (History Policy in East Asia), edited by Takahasi Kondo. 44-67. Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 2008 (ISBN 978-4-7503-2828-7).
- “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. 32-53. London: Global Oriental, 2008 (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. 11-21. Berlin: Campus, 2008 (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. 157-180. Berlin: Campus, 2008 (ISBN 978-3-593-38548-8).

#### (MONOGRAPHS)

- *Whose Comfort?: Body, Sexuality and Identities of Korean ‘Comfort Women’ and Japanese Soldiers during WWII*. Singapore & New Jersey: World Scientific Publishing, 2020 (ISBN 978-981-120-634-4).  
<https://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/11444#t=aboutBook>
- *Sŏngnoye-wa pyŏngsa mandŭlgi*, (Making Sexual Slaves and Warriors), Seoul: Samin, 2003 (ISBN 89-87519-91-0).

#### (EDITED VOLUMES)

- *Korean Migration and Mobility in the Global South*, Lanham: Lexington Books, 2025 (co-edited with J. Kim). <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666963809/Korean-Migration-and-Mobility-in-the-Global-South>.

- *Cross-Border Interactions and Encounters between Germany and Korea*, Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023 (co-edited with J. Kim). <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666938180/Cross-border-Interactions-and-Encounters-between-Germany-and-Korea>

- *Korea and the Global Society: Engagement, Reciprocity, and Tension*. London: Routledge, 2023. <https://www.routledge.com/Korea-and-the-Global-Society/Ahn/p/book/9781032293363>

- *Transnational Mobility in and out of Korea*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020. (ISBN 978-1-4985-9332-8). <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498593328/Transnational-Mobility-and-Identity-in-and-out-of-Korea>

(PROCEEDINGS)

- “Landing of Korean Webtoon in Germany.” Proceedings of the 11th World Congress of Korean Studies: Korean Culture Shared with the World. Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea. 19-21 October 2022.

- “Korean Im/migrants in South Africa: Transnational Links and Practices.” 2017 Biennial Conference of the Korean Studies Association of Australasia. University of Technology Sydney Business School, Sydney, Australia. 15 - 17 November 2017.

- “Mapping Out Connections between Migration and Gender: Korean healthcare migrant workers in Germany.” 2017 Global Korean Convention, Seoul, South Korea. 27 - 29 Juni 2017.

- “History of gendered migration: Korean migrant Nurse in Germany.” *Proceedings of the 2016 International Conference on Women and Their Culture*. Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, South Korea, 2016.

- “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, Seoul, South Korea, 2014.

- “Searching for cross-border feminist activism in Asia and Africa.” *Proceedings of the 5th Ewha Global Empowering Program*. Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, South Korea 2014.

- “Women’s movement and transnationalism in Asia and Africa.” *Proceedings of the 4th Ewha Global Empowering Program*. Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, South Korea, 2013.

- “The Perils and Possibilities of Transnational Feminist Activism.” *Proceedings of the 3rd Ewha Global Empowering Program*. Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, South 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, Hungary 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, Seoul, South 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.

## Conference/workshop presentations

- “Aging in Place or Returning Homeland: Korean Nurse ‘Guestworkers’ in Germany.” 2025 Regional Studies Association Conference. University of Porto, Portugal. 6-9 May 2025.
- “Contradictory Memories: Narratives of Japanese Veterans on the ‘Comfort Women’.” Conference: Remembering ‘Comfort Women’: Politics of Memory and International Perspectives. SOAS, University of London, UK, 3 May 2025.
- “Korean Im/migrants in South Africa’s Rainbow Nation.” The 12th World Congress of Korean Studies. University of Languages and International Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam, 17 – 18 October 2024.
- “해외 (문학)번역교육 운영 현황과 번역원 해외협업 프로그램 성과와 제언” (Current Status of Overseas (Literary) Translation Education and Outcomes and Suggestions for Overseas Collaboration Programs with Translation Institutes). Literary Translation Education Symposium. The Korean Literature Translation Institute, 28 June 2024 (online).
- “Navigating the Migration Im/mobilities: Korean Nurses in Germany.” Global Korea/Asia Pacific, Transnational Koreans/Asians. Jeju, 28 May – 2 June 2024.
- “Cared by ‘yellow angels’: Korean nurse ‘guest workers’ in Germany.” The 15th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography. Seoul, South Korea, 20-22 October 2023.
- “Korean Migration in the Global South, focusing on South Africa.” Keynote, 2023 International Conference on Multiculturalism and Education. Goethe University of Frankfurt, 19-20 July 2023.
- “Cross-Cultural Mothering: Korean Healthcare Workers and Second-Generation Children in Post-War Germany.” Workshop: Re-ethnicization of Newer Generation Asian Immigrant Youths. Osaka, Japan, 24-25 May 2023.
- “Digital ‘contact zones’ and cultural congruence: Korean Webtoon Readers in Germany”, Creative Korea Conference. the University of Bologna, Italy, 4-5 May 2023.

- “Maternal Practices of Korean Healthcare Workers in Germany.” Workshop: Korean-German Encounters and Interactions. Goethe University of Frankfurt, 20-21 January 2023.
- “Ambivalent about the future: South Korean Youth in South Africa.” Workshop: Korean Diasporic Youth in the South. Goethe University of Frankfurt, 4 February 2023.
- “Migrant maternal practices of Korean healthcare workers in Germany.” Korean Migration in Europe: Challenges and Interactions. Goethe University of Frankfurt, 29 January 2022.
- Migration Trajectories of Korean Im/migrants in South Africa, Korean Im/migration in the South. Goethe University of Frankfurt, 4 December 2021.
- “‘Soft and Exotic Angels’ in Contact Zones: Korean Healthcare ‘Guest Workers’ in Germany.” ICAS 12. Kyoto, Japan, 24 – 27 August 2021 (online).
- “The managed hearts of ‘yellow angels’: Korean nurse guest workers in Germany.” 2019 Global Labor Migration Network Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands, 19 -22 June 2019.
- “Mobility and memories of homeland: Korean nurse ‘guest workers’ in Germany.” ICAS 11. University of Leiden, Netherlands, 16-19 July 2019.
- “Korean im/migrants in the Rainbow State, South Africa”, 8. Tagung der Vereinigung für Koreaforschung e.V. im deutschsprachigen Raum (the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association for Korean Studies in German Speaking Countries). Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany, 30 November – 1 December 2018.
- “Korean Im/migrants in South Africa: Transnational Links and Practices.” Biennial Conference of the Korean Studies Association of Australasia. University of Technology Sydney Business School, Sydney, Australia, 15 – 17 November 2017.
- “AKS Seed Program for Korean Studies: Consolidating Frankfurt Korean Studies Through Teaching and Research on Identity and Transnational Mobility in and out of Korea.” Core University workshop. Tübingen University, Germany, 9-11 August 2017.
- "Mapping Out Connections between Migration and Gender: Korean Healthcare Migrant Workers in Germany." Global Korean Convention. Seoul, South Korea, 26-28 June 2017.
- “Negotiating a sense of belonging and ‘home’ of Korean Guestworkers in Germany.” 2017 ICAS (International Convention of Asia Scholars) 10. Chiang Mai, Thailand, 20-23 July 2017.
- “Migration Trajectories of Korean Healthcare Workers”, International Workshop, “Healthcare ‘Guestworkers’ on the Move in Asia and Europe”, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany, 23 June 2017.
- “Migrant Network and Ethnic Community in “Homeland”: The Case of Koryŏ-

Saram in Gwangju, South Korea.” (together with M. Jo), International Workshop Home and Away: Transnational Migration, Remittance and Homeland, Korea. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany, 27 January 2017.

- “Cultural Capital, Education and Social Mobility: A Case Study of Korean Chinese Children in Transnational Families” (together with R. Wei). International Workshop Home and Away: Transnational Migration, Remittance and Homeland, Korea. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany, 27 January 2017.
- “‘Butterfly of Hope’ and ‘Seed of Hope’: Transregional women’s activism against sexual violence in conflict between DRC and ROK.” AFRASO Conference: African-Asian Encounters (III). Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, 28-30 September 2016.
- “Return Visits in Migration Trajectories: From “Home” Visits to Tourism.” KF Global E-School in Eurasia Conference: Global Cities and Urban Studies: Korea in Comparative Perspective. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 16 -18 June 2016.
- “Diasporic mobilities: ‘Home’ visit of Korean nurse ‘guestworkers’ in Germany.” International Conference, Korean Diaspora – Chances and Challenges. Göttingen, Germany, 17 -18 February 2016.
- “Nurses in motion: Korean migrant nurses in Germany”, Conference: Korea's challenges ahead: The Korean Peninsula issues in the world. Bucharest, Rumania, 2-4 September 2015.
- “Family making project” by the state: Marriage migrants of Asian women in South Korea.” the 27th AKSE Conference (the Association for Korean Studies in Europe). Bochum, Germany, 10–13 July 2015.
- “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, Hungary, June 12- 14, 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, 18-20 April 2013.
- “History Wars” between Korea and China: The Contested History and Heritage of Koguryŏ/Gaogouli.” Focus Asia: Collective Memory, Identity and International Relations in East Asia. Lund University, Sweden, 6-7 November 2012.

## **Invited guest lectures**

- “Gender Approach in Korean Studies Research.” Research Methodology Workshop. Malaga University, Spain. 23 May 2025 (online).
- “Diverse Trajectories of Migration: Exploring Im/mobilities of Korean Nurses in Germany.” Indiana University, USA. 21 February 2025 (online).

- “Care with emotion: Korean nurse ‘guest workers’ in Germany.” Charles University, Prague, the Czech Republic. 29 March 2024.
- “Recent Migration Research Trends in Europe.” Inha University, Incheon, South Korea, 17 October 2023.
- “The uncomfortable memory of ‘comfort women’.” University of the Philippines, Philippines, 15 June 2023 (online).
- Book talk “Korea and the Global Society.” University of Central Lancashire, England, 15 February 2023 (online).
- “Caring with Emotion: Korean Nurses in Germany.” QuaMaFa (Qualification and Skill in the Migration Process of Foreign Workers in Asia) Public Lecture Series: Female Skilled Migration across the Globe. Goethe University Frankfurt, 16 January 2023.
- “Emotional labour of Korean migrant nurses in Germany.” Inha University, South Korea, 14 June 2022.
- “The ‘comfort women’ debates: The uncomfortable memory of ‘comfort women’.” Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea, 20 May 2022.
- “‘Samaritans from the Far East’: Korean nurses in Germany.” SOAS, University of London, UK, 28 May 2021.
- Debates on “Comfort Women.” University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK, 12 April 2021 (online).
- “Korean Diaspora in Germany: focusing on former Korean nurses.” Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea, 31 July 2020 (online).
- “Whose Comfort?: Korean ‘Comfort Women’ and Japanese Soldiers.” The Korean Culture Centre, London, UK, 21 February 2020 (online).
- “Korean Studies in Europe.” Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, 9 October 2019.
- “Korean im/migrants in Germany - focusing on former Korean nurse ‘guest workers’.” Chung Ang University, South Korea, 16 September 2019.
- “Memory and Commemoration of ‘Comfort Women’ in Post-war South Korea.” University of Heidelberg, Germany, 22 May 2019.
- “The ‘Comfort Women’s’ Bodies in Nationalism of Korea and Japan.” Koreawissenschaftliche Tage Wien 2018, University of Vienna, Austria, 7 December 2018.
- “The Contested Bodies of Korean “Comfort Women” at Conference entitled “Colonialism and its Reverberations: ‘Comfort Women’ and Historical Revisionism in Korea and Japan.” SOAS, University of London, UK, 3 February 2018.
- “Korean Studies in Europe in the age of globalization.” Ch’ungnam University, Daejeon, South Korea, 7 February 2018.

- “Afrasian women’s solidarity: Korean “comfort women” and Congolese survivors of sexual violence in conflicts.” Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 14 September 2017.
- “‘Family making project’ by state: Marriage migrants of Asian women in South Korea.” Workshop: Migration and East Asian Societies. The German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo, Japan, 28 July 2017.
- “Too foreign for home, too foreign for here: “Home” visit of Korean nurse ‘guest workers’ in Germany.” Convergence Institute for Asian Multicultural Studies (CIAM), Inha University, South Korea, 26 July 2017.
- “Migrant Mothering and Family.” Workshop: Gender and transnational migration. Seoul, South Korea, 30 June 2017.
- “Nursing care work as emotional labor: Korean nurse “guest workers” in Germany.” Copenhagen University, Denmark, 3 March 2017.
- “Korean Migrants in the Rainbow State: Transnational links and practices.” Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 12 August 2016.
- “Searching for Justice for Comfort Women.” University of Cape Town, South Africa, 10 August 2016.
- “Transnational Nurse Migration and Global Care Chain: Korean “Guest Workers” in Germany.” Ludwig-Maxmillian University of Munich, Germany, 6 June 2016.
- “Sexual scripts/instituting of sexual violence in conflict.” Workshop “‘Against our Will’. Forty Years after: Exploring the Field of Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict”. Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Hamburg, Germany, 2 – 4 July 2015.
- “Intimacy and Contempt: WWII Comfort Women and Japanese Soldiers.” University of Cape Town, South Africa, 23 March 2015.
- “Reflection on Transnational Feminisms.” EGEP 2014 Open Forum: A Better World Women Create: Feminist Activisms in Asia and Africa. Seoul, South Korea, 15-16 January 2014.
- “Korean Guest Workers in Germany: Focusing on Korean Nurses in Germany.” University of Heidelberg, Germany, 7 June 2013.

## **Awards**

- The 2024 Commendation from the Ministry of Education of Korea for Outstanding Achievements and Contributions to the (Korean Studies) Research Program, (13 December 2024).
- The 2020 ALSA (The Asian Law & Society Association) Distinguished Article Award for the article “Yearning for affection: Traumatic bonding between Korean ‘comfort women’

and Japanese soldiers during World War II." *European Journal of Women's Studies* 26, no. 4 (2019): 360-374, (12 November 2020).

## **Other professional activities**

- Director of the Frankfurt "AKS Core University Program for Korean Studies" Project (2021-2026).
- Advisory Board member of Crossasia-FID Asien (Beiratmitglied des Crossasia-FID Asien) (since 2019).
- Steering Committee member of SoKEN (Social Sciences Korean Studies European Network) (since 2021).
- President of Vereinigung für Koreaforschung e.V. im deutschsprachigen Raum (VfK, The Association for Korean Studies in German Speaking Countries) (2016 - 2018).
- Deputy Executive Director, Interdisciplinary Centre of East Asian Studies (IZO), Goethe University of Frankfurt (since October 2015).
- Deputy Director, Institute for East Asian Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt (since April 2015).
- Deputy Director, Cornelia Goethe Centrum für Frauenstudien und die Erforschung der Geschlechterverhältnisse (Cornelia Goethe Centre for Women's and Gender Studies), Goethe University of Frankfurt (December 2016 – September 2021).
- Executive board member of the European Association for Korean Language Education (since December 2020).
- Editorial Board of *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* (since 2013).
- Editorial Board of the Korean Association of Women's History (Han'guk yösöng sahakhoe) (since 2021).
- Editorial Board of *Studies in Humanities* (Inmun kwahak yön'gu) (since 2022).
- Advisory Board member of Center for Global Korean and Asian Studies, Inha University, Seoul, South Korea (since 2022).