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## Message from the 12th Director



Since its establishment in 1972, the Institute of East-West Studies has been a linkage between Yonsei University and the world. Through active international exchanges and various researches centering on different regions of the world, we have led the globalization of Yonsei. As a university research institute, we feel pride in having paved the road for other Korean university research institutes. Our efforts to understand and communicate with the world have accumulated through our tradition.

The IEWS has twelve regional research centers that actively carry out research on economics & business, politics, society, culture, and law of different countries and regions of the world. Moreover, we have eight topic-based research centers to lead research in maritime issues, peaceful reunification, comparative culture, sustainability, NPO, information society, RCE, and non-governmental organizations. The Institute of East-West Studies is a world-class research institute that publishes Global Economic Review (GER), an SSCI-registered journal, and that operates Yonsei-SERI EU Centre.

We will strive to become Korea's—and soon, the world's—leading research institute by focusing on further regional studies, environmental studies, resources management, international development & cooperation, and risk management researches.

**Young-Ryeol Park**, Director, Institute of East-West Studies

## The Ninth Korea-Japan Millennium Forum

The Ninth Korea-Japan Millennium Forum was held in Waseda University on October 13 and 14, 2010, with the topic of "Korea and Japan, Visions for the Next 100 Years". The presidents of Yonsei, Korea, Keio, and Waseda universities convened to increase cooperation, revitalize academic exchanges, and discuss the visions for Korea-Japan relations. The IEWS supervises Yonsei University's activities in this forum and will organize the tenth forum at Yonsei University.

## Korean-German International Conference

The IEWS and the Yonsei-SERI EU Centre co-hosted German Unification and EU, and Its Implication for the Korean Peninsula on October 5, 2010 at Shilla Hotel. Experts like Dr Werner Gumpel (University of Munich) and others were invited to discuss German Unification and the Transformation of Economic System, "German Unification and the EU", and "German Unification and the Korean Peninsula".

## The 1st Korea-Nordic Conference

The Nordic Research Program has hosted The First Korea-Nordic Conference in December, 2010. The main focus was mapping the two corners of Eurasia in comparative ideas, societies, and politics. In addition to the Nordic Research Program and the IEWS, organizers include NordForsk, Brain Korea-21 Project, East Asia Foundation, Yonsei-SERI EU Centre, the Academy of Korean Studies, and the National Research Foundation of Korea.



## Yonsei-SERI EU Centre

As part of its outreach program, the EU Centre organized the second annual EU Week from November 22 to 26, 2010. The event consisted of four separate components ranging from EU promotion event, student mock EU summit, student essay contest, and the EU Leadership Student Debate. Many students from across Korea competed in these events by sending in their video casts and essays, and debating as EU heads of state. Numerous dignitaries were also present during the award ceremony, including Professor Il-sun Yang, the Provost of Yonsei University, Mr Uwe Wissenbach, the acting head of delegation of the Delegation of the EU to the Republic of Korea, and Mr Roijen Marcel, a policy officer in the European Commission.

## What's New at IEWS Centers

### NPO Center

In 2007, the NPO Center participated in the drafting of a volunteer measurement handbook that was overseen by the ILO, the UN Volunteers, the Center for Civil Society Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Furthermore, the NPO Center participated in the final approval debate for "Handbook for Volunteer Measurement" in October, 2010, in Geneva ILO headquarters. Further plans for the ILO include distributing ILO Manuals on volunteer measurement to all member states' statistics bureau, so that there is an international standard for surveying volunteers and measuring their economic value in the member states' labor surveys.

### Australia Research Center

As the only research institute for Australia in Korea, the Center has been carrying out researches and events under the vision of "connecting Australia and Korea closer through research, education, and networking". The Seventh Australia Research Center Monthly Seminar was held on July 8, 2010 with Professor Kyung-hee Moon

from Chang-won University speaking on the impact of the resignation of Kevin Rudd and the election of Julia Gillard as the new prime minister on Korea-Australia relations. Moreover, on June 17, *Beyond Armistice: Korea—Australia Cooperation for Peace and Security* was held with the sponsorship of Korea-Australia Foundation. On October 4, a lunch meeting for the Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) board members and further ways of cooperation between the Center and the AKF were discussed.

### **The Second International Environmental Expert Training Program (IEETP)**

Under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Environment, the second IEETP was carried out from July 12 to August 20, in order to train experts who will play a crucial role in international organizations, environment consulting for large corporations, and research institutes. Topics covered include response strategy to climate change, international environmental negotiations and treaties, international environment regulation policies, individual projects and so on. Upon completion of the program, the trainees were sent as interns to UNEP, UN-ESCAP, OECD and other environmental international organizations.

### **Comparative Culture Center**

From October 8 to 10, the Comparative Culture Center co-hosted the *Third Harvard-Yenching Institute-Seoul Conference* on the topic of “Asia without Borders III”, along with the Yonsei University Faculty of English Language and Literature BK21 Taskforce and the Tokyo University Center of Philosophy. Following previous conferences in Guangzhou and New Delhi, the Seoul Conference proposed new interpretations for traditionally Western major social sciences concepts like globalization, territoriality, modernity, and nationality and thereby provided a good opportunity not only to shed new light on the meaning of Asia in pan-global history and political science, but also to shift the focus of anthropological researches from Europe to Asia.

### **Sea Lanes of Communication (SLOC)**

On January 19, 2010, the SLOC Study Group—Korea and the IEWS co-hosted the *2010 International Symposium on Ocean Resources*. Five foreign scholars and three panelists were invited and they discussed about sharing and distributing ocean resources, especially in the South China Sea and continental shelves.

About SLOC Study Group—Korea

Currently, the SLOC Study Group—Korea is under the leadership of the president Jin-hyun Paik, the Dean of the Graduate School of International Studies of Seoul National University and an international maritime law judge.

### **Africa Research Team**

In order to intensify regional studies—a core function of the Institute of East-West Studies—the first “Africa Regional Study” symposium was held on December 3, 2010 at Yonsei campus. The main speaker Mr Yong-cheol Baek, who is the CEO of Taesung Chemical, lectured on the entry strategies for African markets.

### **The Center for American Studies**

The Center for American Studies held the joint conference between the US National War College and Yonsei Graduate School, on May 12, 2010. Ten students from the NWC, who are either US military or government officers, and twenty graduate students from Yonsei University participated in the Joint Conference. Participants discussed the Korean-US alliance, North Korea, and the diplomatic, economic, and military challenges facing South Korea and Northeast Asia.

### **Information on Paper Submission for East and West Studies**

The East and West Studies is a biannual academic journal that is published by the IEWS. It is a candidate for registration at the Korea National Research Foundation. We welcome your submissions and please inform others as well.

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