**GWIKS Summer Travel Grant Recipients’ Presentations**

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Refreshments

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Jisoo Kim**, Summer Travel Grant Information

**Presentations (20-minute presentation and 10-minute Q&A)**

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Kya Palomaki** (MA Candidate, Security Policy)

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm **Soo-Jin Kweon** (MA Candidate, English Literature)

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Huong Dang** (PhD Candidate, Economics)

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Benjamin Young** (PhD Candidate, Korean History)

**Kya Palomaki** was granted a fellowship, co-hosted by the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Education and Research Center (NEREC). Partnered with a Korean nuclear engineer, Kya conducted research and presented on Poland's nuclear power program, attended a series of lectures, and traveled throughout Korea, China, and Japan to engage with leading policy and engineering experts. She hopes to apply her research and experience to her capstone project on nuclear weapons nonproliferation in East Asia.

**Soo-Jin Kweon** traveled to Korea to conduct research on how contemporary Korean queer films utilize and reflect the Westernized concepts of sexuality and identity, as well as to examine how homo-eroticism and queer sexuality were understood throughout Korean history. Soo-Jin utilized resources at the Seoul National University Library and Korean Film Archive, attended the 17th Korea Queer Film Festival, and met with a recent PhD graduate whose dissertation was on the topic of homosexual relationships in contemporary Korean films to facilitate her research. She hopes to incorporate her findings into her MA thesis on queer sexuality in Korean film**.**

**Huong Dang** conducted field research for her doctoral studies on South Korea's industrial policy and economic development, with the hopes of analyzing and applying Korea's lessons for currently developing countries. Huong resided on and utilized resources at Sogang University, corresponded with a number of experts and professionals in the field of economics and development, and attended lectures at the Korean Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management.

**Benjamin Young** conducted research for his dissertation on North Korea's ties to numerous "Third World" countries during the Cold War, analyzing how such a diplomatic strategy expanded North Korea's influence and popularized Kim Il Sung's role as a global revolutionary figure. With the help of the grant, Benjamin was able to access resources from South Korea's National Assembly Library, ROK Foreign Ministry Archive, the University of North Korean Studies Library, and the National Institute of Korean History Archive.