

Premodern Korea Lecture Series

A Unique Relationship: Koryŏ and the Mongol Yuan Empire



Speaker

Kang Hahn Lee, Professor at the Academy of Korean Studies

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m. (EDT)

Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (KST)

Virtual Event via Zoom

◇ **Event Description**

The relationship that Koryŏ had with the Mongol Yuan empire was different from any prior relationships that Koryŏ had established with other China-based dynasties. The Koryŏ-Mongol relationship lasted for nearly two hundred years (1218-1392), and the dynamic between the two entities (Koryŏ and Yuan) shifted fundamentally as time progressed in the 13th and 14th centuries. A phase of military domination, political intervention, and economic pillaging later turned into an era filled with commodity trades, political interaction, and exchanges of thoughts and institutions, leading (and sometimes forcing) the Koryŏ people to come up with new ideas and perspectives to view the empire, the world, and most importantly themselves.

◇ Speaker



Kang Hahn Lee (Ph.D. Seoul National University, 2007) is a Professor in the Korean History Department at the Academy of Korean Studies (Sŏngnam, Korea). He studies and teaches the history of the Koryŏ dynasty (918-1392), and its relationship with the Mongols (Yuan Empire). He is the author of *Koryŏwa Wŏncheguk'ŭi Kyoyŏk'ŭi Yŏksa* [Trade between Koryŏ and Yuan] (2013) and *Koryŏ'ŭi Chagi, Yuan Chegukgwa mannada* [Koryŏ Porcelain in contact with the Mongol Yuan Empire] (2016). Currently he also serves as the Chief Editor for *The Review of Korean Studies*, an English journal published by AKS.

◇ Moderator



Jisoo M. Kim is Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures. She currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Korean Studies and the Co-Director of the East Asia National Resource Center at GW. She also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Korean Studies*. She is a specialist in gender, law, and emotions in Korean history. Her broader research interests include gender and sexuality, crime and justice, forensic medicine, literary representations of the law, history of emotions, vernacular, and gender writing. She is the author of *The Emotions of Justice: Gender, Status, and Legal Performance in Chosŏn Korea* (University of Washington Press, 2015), which was awarded the 2017 James Palais Prize of the Association for Asian Studies. She is also the co-editor of *The Great East Asian War and the Birth of the Korean Nation* by JaHyun Kim Haboush (Columbia University Press, 2016). She is currently working on a book project tentatively entitled *Sexual Desire, Crime, and Gendered Subjects: A History of Adultery Law in Korea*. She received her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University.

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