

THE KOREAN WAR AS LIVED EXPERIENCE:

NEW APPROACHES TO THE CONFLICT AFTER 70 YEARS

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War, the GW Institute of Korean Studies, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, and KDI School of Public Policy and Management will be hosting a virtual international conference on the war bringing together recognized experts from around the globe. The conference will highlight new approaches to the international and social history of the war. Presenters will explore both Great Power decision making and the local impacts of the war with the goal of understanding the complex and multifaceted influence of the war.

PROGRAM

9/10	Introductory Session
6:00 pm - 6:20 pm	<p><u>Congratulatory Remarks</u> Moderator: Jisoo Kim (Director, GW Institute for Korean Studies)</p> <p>Ilana Feldman (Interim Dean, The Elliot School of International Affairs, The George Washington University)</p> <p>Jong-II You (Dean, KDI School of Public Policy and Management)</p> <p>Soo Hyuck Lee (Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the U.S.)</p>
6:20 pm - 6:55 pm	<p><u>Keynote Speech</u> Keun-Sik Jung (Professor, Department of Sociology, Seoul National University)</p> <p>The Legacy of Korean War and Overcoming the Cold war: A Study on Strategic Village</p>
9/10	Session I. The Korean War and Its Impact on Civilians
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<p>Moderator: Gregg Brazinsky (Professor of History and International Affairs, The George Washington University)</p> <p>Jeongmin Kim (Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Manitoba) The Birth of Global Money: Military Payment Certificates and the Sexual Economy of War and Base during the Korean War</p> <p>Janice Kim (Associate Professor of History, York University) Fractured Patriarchy: The Effects of Civilian Displacement during the Korean War</p> <p>HakJae Kim (Humanities Korea Professor, Institute for Unification and Peace Studies, Seoul National University) Once upon a time in Korea: Five Issues about the Korean War</p> <p>Commentator: Gregg Brazinsky (Professor of History and International Affairs, The George Washington University)</p>

9/11	Session II. New Approaches to Studying the Roles of Foreign Powers and POW's
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Moderator: William Stueck (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Georgia)
	<p>Avram Agov (Faculty Member, Asian Studies Department, Langara College) International Politics behind Socialist Humanitarian Aid to North Korea during the Korean War</p> <p>David Chang (Associate Professor of History, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) The Forgotten War or the Hijacked War? How Chinese POWs and Chiang Kai-shek Hijacked the Korean War</p> <p>Commentator: William Stueck (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Georgia)</p>
9/11	Roundtable: The Outlook of the Peace Process in the Korean Peninsula
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Moderator: Jisoo Kim (Director, GW Institute for Korean Studies)
	<p>Keun-Sik Jung (Professor, Department of Sociology, Seoul National University)</p> <p>Gregg Brazinsky (Professor of History and International Affairs, The George Washington University)</p> <p>Christine Ahn (Founder and Executive Director, Women Cross DMZ)</p> <p>Suzy Kim (Associate Professor of Korean History, Rutgers University)</p>

PROFILES

HONORABLE GUEST SPEAKERS



INTERIM DEAN ILANA FELDMAN is a historical anthropologist with regional expertise on the Middle East. She received her PhD in Anthropology and History from the University of Michigan in 2002. She has an MA in Near Eastern Studies from New York University and a BA from the College of Letters at Wesleyan University. She has taught at George Washington University since 2007. Before coming to GW, she was an Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow at the Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at NYU and prior to that a Mellow Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Lecturer in Anthropology at Columbia University. She is active in service to the profession and community. She currently serves on the board of the Middle East Studies

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DEAN JONG-IL YOU graduated from Seoul National University and received his Ph. D in Economics from Harvard University. He taught at University of Cambridge, University of Notre Dame and Ritsumeikan University before taking Professorship at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. He also had Visiting Professor positions at University of California, San Diego and University of Beijing. Dr. You is widely published in such areas as economic growth and income distribution, macroeconomic and development policies, and labor issues. He has been active as a policy advisor and served as a member of the Presidential Committee on Northeast Asia Economic Hub and chaired the Special Committee on Economic Democracy of the Democratic Party. He also served as a member of the Public Funds Management Committee, the Advisory Committee for the Constitutional Revision Committee of the National Assembly, and the Commission on Financial Administration Reform. As a leader in civic movement, he is currently the Head of Knowledge Cooperative for Good Governance, a network of researchers, and the President of Jubilee Bank, an NGO working to help debt-stricken low-income individuals.



AMBASSADOR SOO HYUCK LEE, an experienced Diplomat and former Legislator, Ambassador Lee has served as Korean Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States since October 2019. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Lee served as a Member of the 20th Korean National Assembly, where he was a member of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, an Endowed Chair Professor at Dankook University in Seoul and First Deputy Director of the National Intelligence Service. He was previously the Ambassador to Germany, Deputy Minister for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Minister Counselor at the Korean Embassy in the United States. Ambassador Lee has published multiple works, including *Conversations with Unified Germany* (2006), *Transforming Events – Analysis of North Korea’s Nuclear Issues* (2008) and *North Korea is a Reality* (2011). He has twice been awarded the Order of Service Merit. He received his BA in International Relations from Seoul National University and MA in Political Science from Yonsei University. He is married with two sons.



DIRECTOR JISOO M. KIM is Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures and Director of the Institute for Korean Studies at GW. She is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Korean Studies*. She is a specialist in gender and legal history of early modern Korea. 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 entitled *Sexual Desire and Gendered Subjects: Decriminalization of Adultery Law in Korean History*. She received her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Korean History from Columbia University.

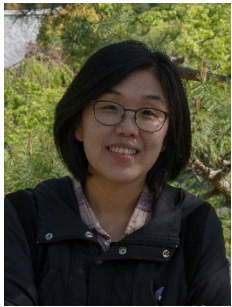
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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project, tentatively titled "The Birth of Global Money: MPC and the Sexual Economy of War and Base in post-WWII World" that examines the global circulation of US military scrip on black market mediated through sexual transactions in and around US overseas bases.

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manuscript on "Refugee Life during the Korean War," which explores the social and economic history of civilian livelihood during and after the Korean War. Plans for future research, by investigating the comparative lack of rights-based, 'second-wave' feminism in East Asia, integrates the methodologies of international relations and women's studies. It is tentatively entitled "Gangnam Style: Education Motherhood in South Korea, 1958-1992." She has been the recipient of grants and fellowships sponsored by foundations including the Academy of Korean Studies, the British Council, the Korea Foundation, the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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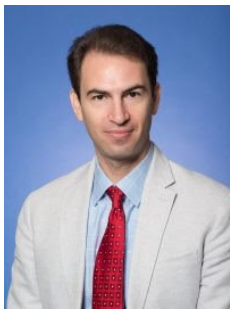


CHRISTINE AHN is Executive Director of Women Cross DMZ, a global movement of women mobilizing to end the Korean War, reunite families, and ensure women's leadership in peace building. In 2015, she led a delegation of 30 international women peacemakers from 15 countries across the DMZ from North to South Korea. They walked with 10,000 Korean women on both sides of the DMZ and held women's peace symposia in Pyongyang and Seoul where they discussed the impact of the unresolved war on women's lives. Ahn is coordinator of the global campaign, [Korea Peace Now! Women Mobilizing to End the War](#), which was launched in 2019 with a coalition of women's organizations. She is the co-founder of the Korea Peace Network, [Korea Policy Institute](#), and [Global Campaign to Save Jeju Island](#). Christine has organized peace and humanitarian aid delegations to North and South Korea, and has addressed the [Congress](#), [United Nations](#), Canadian Parliament, and the [Republic of Korea National Commission on Human Rights](#). Christine's writings have appeared in [The New York Times](#), CNN, *The Washington Post*, *Fortune Magazine*, *TIME*, and *Newsweek*. She has appeared on [Al Jazeera](#), BBC, CNN, [Democracy Now!](#), NBC Today Show, NPR, MSNBC, Voice of America, and the Samantha Bee Show.



SUZY KIM is an Associate Professor of Korean History in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures at Rutgers University. She is a historian and author of the award-winning *Everyday Life in the North Korean Revolution, 1945-1950* published by Cornell University Press. Her work has appeared in *positions: asia critique*, *Journal of Korean Studies*, *Asia-Pacific Journal*, *Cross-Currents*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, and *Gender & History*. She holds a PhD from the University of Chicago, and teaches at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick, USA. She is currently at work on a book about the history of North Korean women during the Cold War.

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