2015 School of Pacific and Asian Studies
Graduate Student Conference

AGAINST THE CURRENT: TRANSFORMING
PERSPECTIVES AND THOUGHT IN ASIA

Center for Korean Studies
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

March 18-20, 2015

Cover art designed by Joshua Caluza

SPAS is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Institution. For disability
accommodations, please contact gradconf@hawaii.edu
**Wednesday, March 18th 2015**

**Registration**  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address**  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

**Welcoming Hula and Oli Chant**

**Welcoming Remarks**  
Teresa Hodges & Hilson Reidpath  
*Co-Directors of 2015 SPAS Graduate Conference*

**Opening Remarks**  
Dr. R. Anderson Sutton  
*Dean, School of Pacific and Asian Studies*

**Keynote Address**  
“*Rethinking Asian Women's Migration: New Paradigms, Different Frameworks*”  
Dr. Rhacel Parrenas  
*Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Chair of the Department of Sociology*  
*University of Southern California*

**Reception**  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 19th 2015

Registration/Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Panel Session 1
10:00 am – 11:30 am

1.1 (Re)Constructing Southeast Asian Identities and Politics
Marimas Mostiller (Uni. of Hawaii), Jarrod Brown (Uni. of Hawaii), Megan DeKievit (Uni. of Hawaii)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

1.2 Framing Korea: Media Culture and Politics of Local and Global Identities
Seung Min Hong (Uni. of Iowa), Kumchong Lee (Uni. of Queensland), Myoung-Sun Song (USC)
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

Lunch
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Panel Session 2
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

2.1 Reconsidering Subjectivity and Power in East Asia
Heather Flemming (Uni. of Hawaii), Lindsay Schaffer (Uni. of Hawaii), Tomoki Kimura (Uni. of Hawaii), Yoshihiro Wada (Yonsei Uni.)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

2.2 Environmental Entanglements
Imelda (Uni. of Hawaii), Nicholas Beaudoin (UC San Diego), Hieu Phung (Uni. of Hawaii)
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

Refreshments
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Panel Session 3
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
3.1 **Comparatives of East Asia**  
Aya Furuhashi (Chung-Ang Uni.), Ji Yun Lee (Sungkyunkwan Uni.), Emily Potosky (Johns Hopkins), Lok-yin Law (Uni. of Hong Kong)  
*Center for Korean Studies Auditorium*

3.2 **From Micro to Macro: Class, Capital and Society**  
Carolyn Choi (USC), Sun Mi Cho (Yonsei Uni.), Ji-won Baek (Yonsei Uni.)  
*Center for Korean Studies Conference Room*

**Friday, March 20th 2015**

**Registration/Breakfast**  
9:00 am – 10:00 am

**Panel Session 1**  
10:00 am – 11:30 am

4.1 **Women and Gender in East Asia**  
Jude Yang (Uni. of Hawaii), Rachel Lee (Uni. of Hawaii), Jennifer Yoo (Uni. of Hawaii), Tomoko Fukushima (Uni. of Hawaii)  
*Center for Korean Studies Auditorium*

4.2 **Rethinking South Asia and East Asia**  
Maharaj Desai (Uni. of Hawaii), Rajiv Mohabir (Uni. of Hawaii), Kathleen Palla (Johns Hopkins)  
*Center for Korean Studies Conference Room*

**Lunch**  
11:30 am – 12:45 pm

**Panel Session 2**  
12:45 – 2:15 pm

5.1 **Constructing Identity, Class and Culture**  
Gippeum Yoon (Kyungpook National Uni.), Qinghua Zhang (Beijing Foreign Studies Uni.), Seong-hwan Gong (Yonsei Uni.), Katrina Navallo (Uni. of the Philippines Diliman)  
*Center for Korean Studies Auditorium*
5.2 **State and Society**  
Wei Zhang (Uni. of Hawaii), Jiwon Lee (Yonsei Uni.), Chaeyoung Lee (Uni. of Toronto)  
*Center for Korean Studies Conference Room*

Panel Session 3  
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

6.1 **International Contestations and Confrontations**  
Kendrick Kuo (Johns Hopkins), Rob York (Uni. of Hawaii), Dylan Beatty (Uni. of Hawaii), Dashdavaa Oyungerel (Kyungpook National Uni.)  
*Center for Korean Studies Auditorium*

6.2 **Theorizing Perceptions of the Self and Identity in East Asia**  
Gregory Brown (Uni. of Hawaii), Jacob Bender (Uni. of Hawaii), Adam Coldren (Uni. of Hawaii)  
*Center for Korean Studies Conference Room*

Closing Remarks  
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Paper Prizes**  
- Best Japan Paper  
- Best Korea Paper  
- Best Philippine Paper  
- Best Southeast Asia Paper