Global Perspective

AEARU Held to Discuss the Future of East Asian Universities

On October 15, 2016, the AEARU (Association of East Asian Research Universities), which is sponsored by Seoul National University, was held for discussion on the future of East Asian Universities. The AEARU is a regional organization established in 1996, with the goal of forming a forum for the presidents of leading research-oriented universities in East Asia. From this year, Nak-in SUNG, President of Seoul National University, will chair the conference for the next two years. Presidents of seventeen universities in the forum agreed that the cooperative system among universities should be expanded to resolve a lot of problems that the East Asian Region is facing. Prof. Haneda Mashasi, vice president of Tokyo University, suggested that the spreading of the epidemic throughout East Asia is not just one nation’s problem. Active cooperation to share research facilities and activate joint research is needed now, more than ever before. In the discussion, all university presidents emphasized that capital support allowing researchers to concentrate and approach the issues from their own perspective for over ten years should be constructed.

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Deputy Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken gave a lecture to the students of GSIS at Socheon Convention Hall on October 28, 2016. During the lecture, he warned that the U.S. could take steps other than the installment of a THAAD battery in South Korea if North Korea continues to threaten world security. Additionally, he mentioned that the United States is open to revisiting the six-party talks on denuclearization while adding that, in his personal opinion, nuclear armament would not make South Korea safer, reference to recent debate in Seoul on acquiring nuclear weapons in response to the North Korea threat. Blinken also emphasized that the U.S. will have to continue to take defensive steps to protect itself and its allies and partners, warning that North Korea’s diplomatic position will become weak, as its behavior invites growing isolation and condemnation around the world. In the question and answer session, Blinken told an audience of South Korean students that if North Korea provocations continue, more measures would be taken that extend beyond the deployment of THAAD, a U.S. missile defense system. Lastly, he concluded that Beijing has a special responsibility in making the North abandon its nuclear weapons program, considering the North’s economy is heavily dependent on China.
GSIS SNU Signed the Dual Degree Program with Peking Univ. and Tokyo Univ.

Policy, Tokyo University, and GSIS, SN, 2012, the agreement finally led to the establishment of a dual degree program including three of Asia’s most prestigious universities.

Following the Pan-Asian Education Cooperation between Korean, Chinese and Japanese governments, the three universities have been exchanging students since 2011 as part of the “Campus Asia” program. However, due to the lack of dual-degree agreement, the participating students didn’t have the chance to receive a degree from Peking University. With the MOU signed, the students can now receive a dual degree, from SNU and one of the partner institutions, after completing a 2.5 year program. One year at SNU, another year at the selected dual degree partner university, and one additional semester as an exchange student at the third university. Professor Cheol-Hee Park, dean of GSIS, SNU; Professor Chung-Ho Cheong, former dean of the Office of International Affairs, SNU; Jia Qingguo, dean of GSIS, Peking University and Fan Shiming, vice-dean of GSIS, Peking University participated in the signing ceremony which took place at the Graduate School of International Studies, Peking University.

Delegation from SESDILU of Indonesia Visits GSIS

The delegation from SESDILU of Indonesia came to GSIS to have a meeting with Prof. Cheol-Hee Park, dean of GSIS on Sept. 29, 2016. Prof. Chong-Sup Kim greeted the delegation together with the dean of GSIS. Dr. Nana Yuliana, director of School of Mid-career Diplomats (SESDILU), Mrs. Meity Sugaruagm, senior diplomat of Indonesia, and Mrs. Yetty Lucida, Mr. Derry Aplianta, third secretary of Indonesian Embassy in Korea came to GSIS to introduce SESDILU, and to discuss mutual cooperation between the two organizations. They discussed and arranged the visit of SESDILU students to GSIS in the coming November.
On Monday, November 21, 2016, GSIS welcomed British Ambassador Charles Hay for a combined faculty seminar and public lecture regarding the UK’s recent decision to leave the European Union and its implications, not only on the domestic or European scale but also from a global perspective. The lecture began with Ambassador Hay's discussions regarding plausible reasons why the UK citizens have voted to leave the European Union. Both positive and negative perception towards the UK's future were at stake as the voting public were both concerned about the rising inflow of foreigners but also excited about the ability of the UK to be a more free, global actor. Ambassador Hay also briefly discussed the legal procedures and politics behind the referendum. In the meantime, despite the decision to leave the Union, Britain will continue to be a strong ally of its friends and continue to protect their mutual interests. The UK and South Korea, for instance, are crucial trade partners whose markets are interdependent and the UK is dedicated to their role as the permanent member in the UN Security Council to protect stable international order. By the end of the lecture, questions were raised regarding Brexit’s implications on the UK’s prestigious higher education system, foreign policies to Africa, racist events occurring in the UK and human rights protection in North Korea.

On November 24th, a Security Scholarship Seminar and Academic Exchange Seminar took place at the Graduate School of National Security Management, Korea National Defense University. A total of over 300 Professors and students attended the seminar at Stanford Hotel in Seoul, where graduate students presented their outstanding academic thesis in a contest. 16 Students from seven different universities (Seoul National University, Korea University, Ewha Woman’s University, Sejong University, Hansung University, Korea Aerospace University Korea National Defense University) competed fiercely for the final prize of KRW 9,000,000, and Captain Seonggon KIM and Biyeon Jo from Seoul National University won the excellence prize.

The 3rd PPP Forum

The 3rd Seoul National University Global PPP Forum was held on Wednesday, 23 November with the topic of “the era of SDGs, New Enterprises are Coming”. The event was organized by GSIS, Chosun Daily Newspaper, the Better Future and Deloitte, and sponsored by Hyundai Construction, Hyundai Engineering and KDPA(Korea Development Policy Association). Experts from corporations and the academia agreed that, “corporations require strategies to overturn crises into opportunities”, and that, corporations’ survival in the future depend on whether they can implement business models incorporating innovation and values.”
The MOU signing between the Graduate School of Int. Studies (GSIS), SNU and POSCO Asia Fellowships took place on Oct. 13, 2016. The mutual agreement was signed between Prof. Cheol-Hee Park, dean of GSIS and Mr. Jaewoon Yang, Executive Director of POSCO Asia Fellowship. Both organization have agreed to promote friendly relationship and discussed the way of supporting the scholarship students. POSCO Asia Fellowship was founded with the goal of mutual understanding through people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between countries, based on the idea that stronger mutual interest between individuals leads to stronger mutual interests between nations and contributes to world peace and mutual prosperity. The Foundation of POSCO Asia Fellowship aims to promote exchanges and cooperation of young talents in scholarship, academic, and cultural fields, improving mutual understanding of Asia, and to increase the understanding of Korea and the intimacy with the country. The Fellowship supports scholarship for Asian students studying in Korea.

**Fall-2016 Orientation for the New Comers**

At the starting of the fall-2016 semester, orientation for the new comers was held at Socheon Convention Hall on September 1, 2016. The Socheon Hall was full of newly registered students of GSIS. Prof. Jiyoun Song announced the beginning of the orientation, Prof. Tae Gyun Park, associate dean of GSIS introduced the professors and staff of GSIS to the newly arrived students. Prof Park also introduced the various kinds of scholarship GSIS is offering to the students. Professor Dukgeun Ahn introduced the FTA Commerce and Strategy Program. For the students’ clear understanding, Ms. Raemi Do, at room 202, bldg.140 is in charge of DCPP and Ms. Sehui Yoon at room 203 is in charge of dual degree and Campus Asia Program.

**Commencement of Fall-2016 International Security Strategy Program**

On November 15, 2016, the International Security Strategy Program of the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) had a commencement for 35 executive students from the Ministry of National Defense and other related public and private organizations. During the event, the vice president for Planning and Communications, Ingyu Hwang, and dean of GSIS Cheol-Hee Park gave congratulatory remarks. The faculty of ISSP, Professor Tae Gyun Park, and Professor Dukgeun Ahn also participated and congratulated the ISSP graduates for the efforts during the 15 weeks of the program. The graduates established an alumni association with Mr. Jong Young Hwang, serving as the first president of the association.

The ISSP is an executive program specialized in international security studies encompassing conventional military security, contemporary human security issues. The program is expected to continue meeting the demand of policy cycles and the students of international security studies. The admission process for the next session is expected to begin in next May.
GSIS Fall-2016 Commencement

Fifty eight (58) masters of International Studies from twenty two (22) different countries have graduated and two (2) Ph.Ds of International Studies, Seoyeon Yoon and Hyunjung Je, were bestowed from GSIS, SNU on September 29, 2016. Many of the graduates have already been hired as researchers, and some of the students are willing to continue their studies.

Matriculation of International Security Strategy Program (ISSP)

On 14th June 2016, the International Security Strategy Program of the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) had a matriculation for 35 executive students from the Ministry of National Defense and other related public and private organizations. During the event, executive vice president & provost Chong-Sup Kim and dean of GSIS Chong-Sup Kim gave opening remarks. The faculty of ISSP, Professor Cheol-Hee Park, Professor Tae Gyun Park, and Professor Seong-Ho Sheen also participated and encouraged active participation of the ISSP students. ISSP is an executive program specialized in international security studies encompassing from conventional military security to contemporary human security issues. Inaugurated in May, ISSP is expected to meet the demand of policy cycles and the students of international security studies.

[Center for Korean Studies]
The 12th World Korean Centers Consorium Workshop

The 12th Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centers Workshop was held on June 23-25, 2016, at GSIS building, co-hosted by Socheon Center for Korean Studies and International Center for Korean Studies at Kyujanggak Institute. This year’s Consortium workshop was attended by more than 40 Directors/Chairs of Korean Studies and graduate students from esteemed universities around the world. The participating universities were Korea University, Seoul National University, Yonsei University, Kyushu University, Peking University, Fudan University, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, UCLA, the University of British Columbia, Harvard University, the Australian National University, SOAS at University of London, Freie Universitat Berlin, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Far Eastern Federal University, USC, Leiden University, University of Central Lancashire and Ateneo de Manila University.

The presentations were divided into five sessions, which were Korean literature, Social Science, Joseon Dynasty, Modern Korean history and North Korea. Participating students gave presentations on topics of their choice in each related session, sharing their research and receiving feedback from peers and professors. And in the Director’s meeting, professors responsible for Korean Studies of each university brought up concerns or questions regarding the place of Korean Studies, shared ideas and information and discussed ways to strengthen the current network and to promote exchanges in diverse levels.
Distinguished Lectures and Symposia

A Critique of International Aid Practices: Central Asia in Transition

On July 18th, 2016, the Yulchon-GSIS Center for Emerging Economies held its second special lecture with Dr. Ozcan from Royal Holloway, University of London. As the reader in international business and entrepreneurship, she studies the areas of SMEs, business-politics relations and internationalization of firms. For this special event, she presented on the topic: “A critique of international aid practices: Central Asia in Transition”. In details, she explored international aid in aspect of entrepreneurship-building.

Analysis on Structural Issues of Targeted Dumping: Focusing on US-Washing Machines (DS464) Case

On October 13, 2016, Kyounghwa Kim, a researcher of Center for International Commerce & Strategy, GSIS of Seoul National University, gave a lecture to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program under the topic, "Analysis on Structural Issues of Targeted Dumping: Focusing on US-Washing Machines (DS464) Case." Kim explained what the target dumping is and overviewed the historical development of the target dumping. She showed the findings from Panel and the Appellate Body, with the legal analysis in 6 parts. Lastly, she concluded with the implications from the result and the possibility of allowing zeroing under the W-T comparison methodology.

‘Turbulent US and Japan and Asia’
A special lecture by Prof. Gerald Curtis

On May 23rd, 2016 Professor Gerald Curtis gave a special lecture on "Turbulent US and Japan and Asia" at International Conference Hall, GSIS bldg. 140-2. First, the professor talked about domestic politics in the US, and then that of Japan. The conversation was followed by Professor Curtis sharing some thoughts about what is going on in the U.S. and mentioned that Trump phenomena and Sanders phenomena are important in looking at how the US people think and see their society. Professor also mentioned that the US has divided views over the establishment: Division of the inequality in the income and opportunity, division over immigrant issue, division on the foreign policies, especially regarding alliances and mega-FTAs. This anti-establishment sense will continue, regardless of Trump and the US is being allied with other countries, for the US. Professor Curtis also mentioned about Domestic politics of Japan: Abe’s politics; Abenomics with three arrows. He said, “Japan’s defense strengthening is coming from the fear of entanglement in war from the US.”
On October 11, 2016, Hye Min Lee, G20 Sherpa & Ambassador for International Economic Affairs of the Republic of Korea, gave a lecture not only to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program, but also to the other students of the Graduate School of International Studies under the topic, “G20: Global Leadership.” Ambassador Lee overviewed the history and roles of the global governance and emphasized the changes in the world economy after the collapse of Lehman Brothers. With some inside stories between leaders and the background of slow progress of multilateralism, he explained about the new phase and role of the G20 by showing some global challenges, which it is facing these days.

Syposium on FTA Issues at Cheongnamdae

The FTA Commerce and Strategy Program had a symposium on FTA issues in Cheongnamdae, Presidential Villa, in Cheongju on September 30th, 2016. Professor Dukgeun Ahn and twenty (20) FTA Commerce & Strategy Program participants went to Cheongnamdae to hold the symposium. In the first session Mr. Wanki Kim, a chief of FTA Policy Planning Division at MOTIE, gave a lecture about the FTA policies and its direction from the government perspective. In the second session, Ms. Minjung Kim, Ph.D., from KDI School of Public Policy gave a lecture under the topic of “TBT Issues and its Implication.” Dr. Hyo-young Lee from KIEP gave a presentation with the topic of “New & Renewable Energy-related Environmental Standards and its Reconciliation with Trade Standards. Dr. Jooyoung Yang, from KIET gave a lecture under the topic of “Features of the Advanced Global Value Chain and its Challenges.” The event provided an excellent opportunity for the FTA Commerce & Strategy Program participants to learn about the latest issues in FTAs and to think about its implications.

GSIS-NBR Dialogue for Next Generation National Security Leaders

On December 6th, 2016, SNU GSIS was pleased to welcome 10 Next Generation National Security Leaders from Washington, D.C., US, visiting on behalf of the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), sponsored by Korea Foundation (KF). Headed by Dr. John S. Park at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, the visiting members were composed of incumbent researchers specializing on East Asian regional affairs at renowned research institutes located in Washington, D.C.: RAND, Brookings, AEI, Project2049, Center for Advanced Defense Studies(C4ADS), Center for a New American Security (CNAS) and others. Format of the discussion designed by our Dean, Professor Cheol-Hee Park, 10 GSIS PhD Candidates and MA Candidates were invited to the program to carry out lively discussion and debate with the NBR counterparts.
Enrico Letta, Former Prime Minister of Italy, “Future of EU Integration between Brexit and Grexit.”

On May 30th, 2016, dean of Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) of Sciences Po and a former Prime Minister of Italy, Enrico Letta gave a lecture to SNU students on the timely topic of “Future of EU Integration between Brexit and Grexit.” Following Prof. Tae-Ho Bark’s introductory remarks, Professor Letta began the lecture by introducing the paths of European integration in various aspects as political, social, and economic development. He mentioned that big values are shared by the European integration and the Asian community which calls for more active cooperation between Europe and Asia. Along with this message, Professor Letta also shed a light on many challenges faced by Europe as one can infer from the Brexit debate and upcoming referendum. After sharing his thoughts on the future of European integration, he concluded with a strong message: trust formation through multilateralism and abandonment of nationalism is most important in order to solve the roots of these issues and global challenges faced by today’s world.

Professor Joseph Kaboski, “Skill-biased Structural Changes”

On May 31st, 2016: Professor Joseph Kaboski, who is the David F. and Erin M. Seng Foundation Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at the University of Nortre Dame, visited GSIS to give a special lecture on his latest research on “Skill-biased Structural Changes”. This paper has two other authors, Francisco J. Buera and Richard Rogerson, and was published in the National Bureau of Economic Research in 2015. Main findings and implications of this research are the following: Given the fact that development is associated with increase in relative demand for high-skill workers, they built a two-sector model to assess the contribution of skill-biased structural changes to the rise of the skill premium in these advanced economies including U.S. As a result, they find that technological change overall increased the skill premium by almost 100 percentage points and that between 25 and 30 percent of this change is caused by compositional changes from technological change. This finding implies that even in the absence of further skill-biased technological changes, skill premium would continue to grow under the influence of compositional changes.
Commerce Issues in Health & Welfare

On September 20, 2016, the 7th FTA Commerce & Strategy Seminar Series, which was the 1st seminar of this semester, was held and Jung Ki Hong from the Ministry of Health & Welfare, gave a lecture to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program under the topic, “Commerce Issues in Health and Welfare Sector.” Mr. Hong explained several commerce-related health issues like price setting of the new drug in FTA negotiations, intellectual property right/patent of new drug and even the labeling issues of the cosmetics. Lastly, he explained how important it is to set the legal criteria in health and welfare sector by showing KORUS FTA and Korea-EU FTA.

Won-Dollar Exchange Rate and the Trade Pressure of US

On May 24th, 2016, senior researcher Dongsoo Kang from KDI gave a lecture to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program under the topic, “Won-Dollar Exchange Rate and the Trade Pressure of the US.” Senior researcher Kang shortly explained what exchange rate is and how exchange rate trend changes over time. By showing Korea’s balance of trade by each country and by introducing “Bennet-Hatch-Carper”, he explained how the Department of the Treasury of the US imposes trade pressure to countries using these methods. Along with the assessment for the exchange rate, he concluded with three advices: the need of transparency improvement, trust formation by securing macro-prudential, and enlargement of foreign-exchange market.

The 2nd Research Seminar held by Yulchon-GSIS Center

On May 27th of 2016, the Yulchon-GSIS Center for Emerging Economies had held its second research seminar at the Yulchon llc. Although event was held off-campus, many of the GSIS students showed up to participate in this seminar. In number, total of 42 lawyers, students, and professors attended the seminar. Constituting of six country reports—on Indonesia, Myanmar, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Ecuador and Kenya—each team had exposited on political, social, economic, cultural aspects of each assigned country. Following each presentation, the practicing lawyers of the Yulchon llc. provided feedback for further research on each topic. Having successfully concluded the second seminar, the Yulchon-GSIS Center for Emerging Economies is looking forward to another successful year of fruitful researches.
Amb. Seok Young Choi’s FTA Negotiation Note

On May 23rd, 2016, former Ambassador Seok Young Choi from Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University gave a lecture not only to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program but also to other students of the Graduate School of International Studies under the topic, “Seok Young Choi’s FTA Negotiation Note,” which is his recently-published book. Ambassador Choi introduced about the overview and general contents of the book. Also 3 specialists from each field were on the penal: Professor Yoon Heo from the Graduate School of International Studies, Sogang University, Professor Byung-il Choi from the Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, and Professor Jung-bin Lim from College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Seoul National University. Each specialist shared how they viewed the book and asked some questions to Ambassador Choi, which were mainly about the US Beef Protest in South Korea and agriculture protection in FTA Negotiations. After answering the questions, he concluded that negotiation is hard, but very important and interrelated to the welfare of the nation.

Commerce Issues and Responses of Korea Steel Industry

On October 25th, 2016, Byungwoo Lee, an executive director from Korea Iron & Steel Association (KOSA), gave a lecture to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program under the topic, “Commerce Issues and Responses of Korea Steel Industry.” Director Lee introduced about Korean steel industry, which is the nation’s key industry, and showed the general trend of the world steel industry nowadays. He emphasized that the main commerce issue in Korean steel industry comes from the high imports despite sufficient domestic supply, which results in the increase of lawsuits regarding Chinese steel imports. Lastly, he concluded with the further implications for the Korean steel industry and the role of government.

The 23rd Diagnosing Japan Seminar

The 23rd Diagnosing Japan Seminar was held on July 28th, 2016 at GL Room, GSIS Bldg., 140. under the title, “Space of Japanese Politics, and Leadership”. Three (3) presenters and two (2) debaters had participated having discussion after each presentation. Prof. Izuru Makihara from RCAST (Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology), Tokyo University made the first presentation under the topic “Territory of Modern Japan and Politician’s east-west movement: west-falling and east-raising” The second presentation was made by assistant professor Sato Shin on “ Politic and space of Modern Japan”. The presentation comparing the place for demonstration was very interesting. In Japan’s case, when demonstrating over important issues like nation’s security, they will demonstrate in front of the National Assembly, while in Korea, the location would be Seoul Station, Kwanghwamoon, City Hall, or the Blue House. This is symbolic, meaning in Japan, the National Assembly is stronger, while in Korea, the president or the administration government are stronger. Professor mentioned that there is specific activity which can be shown only in a certain location. The third presenter was assistant professor at Tokyo School of Law, Sasaki Ryuichi. Professor Ryuichi made a presentation about “The systems, image, the reality of Japan’s political leadership, pre-war and postwar.”
The 28th International Development Policy Seminar: Overview of Development Finance Statistics

On 27th of October officer of EDCF Planning and Coordination Department of The Export-Import Bank of Korea Mr. Jea Hyung Jeong gave a lecture for the GSIS students regarding overview of Development Finance Statistics. The premise of the lecture was to acquaint with the history and working tools of EDCF and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development’s (OECD) through DFIs for achieving Sustainable Development Goals in the developing countries. As well as he presented an actual information on priority spheres and data in ODA sphere.

As pointed out by the speaker, the OECD is an international economic organization with 35 member countries to stimulate economic progress and world trade promote development in the developing countries. In OECD there is a Development Assistance Committee (DAC) with 29 member states. DAC is a forum to discuss issues surrounding aid, development and poverty reduction in developing countries. Candidate countries are assessed in terms of the several criteria like appropriate strategies, policies and institutional frameworks that ensure capacity to deliver a development cooperation program and a system of performance monitoring and evaluation.

While mentioning the procedure regarding disbursement of loan to the developing countries, the speaker identified two areas viz-a-viz sovereign loans and private sector instruments (PSIs). Additionally, he mentioned that ODA loans are disbursed through respective DFIs of all the member states. The purpose of this loans is to help to developing countries in achieving sustainable development goals like energy, transportation infrastructure, ICT services, healthcare, education, rural and urban development. Presented information on statistical tools of EDCF and actual information in the sphere of ODA will help students to understand the scope of activities and use it in the academic researches.

Workshop for the Second Half of 2016

Institute of Japan Studies had the Workshop for second half of 2016 from August 29th ~ 31st, 2016 at Kyungju Hilton Hotel. Total of 22 participants were there, including the newly appointed director of IJS, Professor Hyun-Chul Kim, former director of IJS, Prof. Cheol-Hee Park, as well as HK professors, HK research professors, staff and assistant administrative professors. On 29th, the key topic was mainly about the research subjects and participating researchers of the 3rd level HK Project, 3rd to 4th year. Issues related to management preparations for the second half of 2016, such as carrying out a reshuffle, change of dates for publication of English newsletter, securing suitable assistant on expert Inviting seminars were also discussed. On August 30th, the main discussion focused on checking the detailed progress plan and preparing for <The East Asia-Japan Researchers Meeting>, planned to be held from November 30th ~December 2nd, 2016.

[FTA Commerce & Strategy Seminar Series]

Global Value Chains and Trade Policy

On November 8th, 2016, Sebastien Miroudot, a senior trade policy analyst from OECD Trade and Agriculture of Trade in Services Division and also a visiting professor of Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, gave a lecture to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy program under the topic, “Global Value Chains and Trade Policy."Professor Miroudot explained the definition of Global Value Chains and how GVCs influence trade policy and trade negotiations. He also emphasized that in terms of GVCs, multilateral approach in trade policy is more preferred than the bilateral approach, since the trade agreements have to cover all partners in the value chain, and along with this, the final text of TPP contains some provisions related to GVCs. Lastly, he concluded that trade negotiations need to catch up with the reality of business, but also simply to resume the process of trade liberalization.
SNU GSIS was pleased to welcome New Zealand Trade Commissioner Mr. Ryan Freer and Mr. Jack Stenhouse, Business Development Manager from New Zealand Trade and Enterprise for a special seminar on Korea - New Zealand 1st Anniversary FTA Assessment. The session began with a light discussion between Mr. Freer and GSIS’s Professor Dukgeun Ahn on New Zealand’s recent trade developments and overall trade strategies before moving to an assessment of the Korea-NZ FTA. Mr. Freer gave an informative overview of how the FTA has affected the trade flows and overall net welfare of both countries, and also gave an inside look at how the FTA has been implemented on the ground. Business Development Manager at the New Zealand Embassy, Mr. Stenhouse also provides us the firsthand experience of how the embassy connects small to medium businesses to Korean markets. The session concluded with a New Zealand trivia game for students, with New Zealand goodies back prize for the winner. A reception with New Zealand wine and cheese, where students could mingle with the guest speakers followed. New Zealand Trade Commissioner, Mr. Ryan Freer is also an alumni of GSIS, SNU in 2006.

On November 23rd, 2016, Edwin Vermulst, a founding partner of VVGB Advocaten and also the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of World Trade, gave a lecture not only to the students of the FTA Commerce and Strategy Program, but also to the entire GSIS students under the topic, “Recent Development in EU Trade Remedies Law and Practice and Brexit.” Lawyer Vermulst lectured the position of the EU regarding several trade remedies like Anti-dumping and subsidy measures by showing relevant legal cases. Also, he specifically explained the proposed new methodology for calculating China’s normal value and how it is implemented by the EU. Lastly, he concluded with the impact of Brexit on future trade policy of the EU and the UK, and some implications for Korea regarding commerce issues after Brexit.
FTA Trade Policy Symposium: Crisis and Policy Initiatives of the World Trade System

On November 25th, 2016, SNU GSIS was pleased to host the FTA Trade Policy Symposium by inviting 12 trade experts to debate under the topic, “Crisis and Policy Initiatives of the World Trade System.”

Session I began with the overview of the sub-topic, “Crisis and Problem of the World Trade System” by Dukgeun Ahn, a professor of GSIS, Seoul National University and a moderator of Session I. After that, the debate about the given sub-topic was further discussed by 5 other panelists: Tae-Ho Bark, a former trade minister and a professor of GSIS, Seoul National University, Se Young Ahn, a professor of GSIS, Sogang University, Jaemin Lee, a professor of School of Law, Seoul National University, Byung-Rin Yoo, a visiting professor of College of Life and Science, Kyungpook National University, and Seokyoung Choi, a visiting professor of GSIS, Seoul National University. Panelists mainly talked about the challenges of the WTO system, the role of G20 and the other multilateral trading systems. Session II was followed with the overview of the sub-topic, “Trade Policy Initiatives of the Korean Government” by Yoon Heo, the Dean and a professor of GSIS, Sogang University and a moderator of Session II. Then, the debate about the given sub-topic was continuously discussed by another panel: Jong-Hoon Kim, a former trade minister, Byung-il Choi, a professor of Ewha Womans University, Inkyo Cheong, a professor of Inha University, Jeong-Bin Im, a professor of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Seoul National University, and Chul Chung, a visiting professor of GSIS, Seoul National University. The panel mainly talked about the current issues and direction of trade policy, and the strategy to enhance trade negotiating capacity.

Silver Tsunami in Japan and Korea: Impact of Aging Demography on Economy

On November 29th, 2016, Kosuke Motani, a chief senior economist in Japan Research Institute and also the senior advisor regarding on regional planning in the Development Bank of Japan, gave an inspiring lecture to lots of students both from GSIS and other department and also to many of school members. His lecture overviewed current situation both in Japan and Korea regarding the problem of superaged society combined with lower fertility rate issue. He described historical and economic background that behind this current situation has caused a paradoxical economic problem in Japan, which is not inflation with less production but deflation with less demand. Lastly, he brought up the problem about the increasing tempo of Korea society now showing in this problematic population structure that in near future Korea could face similar but severe problem than of Japan.
On November 24th, Professor Tae-Yong Jung from Yonsei University visited to give a special lecture on "Sustainable Development & Environmental Policy" as a 30th International Development Policy Seminar. The main purpose of this seminar was to discuss about sustainable long-term environmental policies from diverse perspectives. He strongly delivered the message that in order for all of us to improve our economic conditions in a long-term, it is absolutely necessary to carefully consider the importance of protecting environment. In other words, it is our responsibilities to further take in charge to establish sustainable environmental policy. Nonetheless, he also emphasized that mere protective measure is not appropriate rather we need more active measure to address environmental issues.

On December 1, 2016, Mi-Hyung Park, Manager of IOM (International Organization for Migration) Korean Branch, was invited to Professor Jeong Hyeok's Studies of International Development Cooperation Policy and System class as a special guest lecturer. The topic of the lecture was "IOM and Forced Migration". She began by explaining the concept of "Forced Migration" to elaborate on current status of international migration and problems of human trafficking and smuggling. One of the main responsibilities of IOM is to keep a record of people's migration paths as well as their reasons behind such movements. In addition, she discussed about the issues related to refugee. Although thousands of people attempt to flee from their own countries' danger, extremely small portion of people gain their status as refugee. To tackle political and economic challenges of refugee, IOM has been putting effort to address the issue as an international challenge. This particular lecture provided new insight on migration and our challenge as a whole world.
As a new dean, I have a lot of responsibilities. To upgrade GSIS, I will rebuild the framework of GSIS upon the basis of what has been done so far. My dream is to make GSIS an internationally recognized premier academic institution. Previous deans have made a lot of efforts to help prepare that. They did make sure that GSIS is visible, both on campus and more generally to the off campus. My responsibility would be to make it more internationally known, not just as an academic institution, but also as a think-tank. I believe that is very important, but it is also very challenging. Much easier said than done. And the first step to achieve that goal would be changing the mindset of the community, making it more globally oriented and regionally active.

As more detailed plans and goals, I’m thinking of a few programs. Internal reorganization of the programs at GSIS is one of my priorities. I am trying to set up a new major – “International Development”. There are many students coming to GSIS to learn about Korean development and success, but also interested in passing the knowledge on to developing countries. It encompasses the DCPP, Development Cooperation Policy Program, a program we have available now, but it would be different from the existing program. It should be open to all students, both Korean and international, and focusing on international development and cooperation, combining studies in developing countries and emerging markets. We have to set a new frontline. I am also trying to set up more premium seminars and distinguished lectures. So far, we have already had many great speakers and distinguished lecturers, but I want to upgrade the program, so that we can hear from globally recognized and renowned leaders, thinkers, scholars and practitioners. I am planning to take advantage of the Toyota program and other programs to invite distinguished speakers and expose them not just to the GSIS students, but to the entire SNU community. I would also like to promote seminars and symposiums on international issues, so that GSIS can be recognized as “a think-tank” for Korea’s international and regional strategies. It is important not just to do research and education, but to also present our views to the academic community and more broadly, to the society. I believe this is one of the roles that GSIS has neglected so far. I would like to put more emphasis on intellectual social responsibility in the future.

I am very happy to see the growing interest in GSIS from in and out of Korea. We are becoming more competitive with many more talented incoming students. With 45% of international students as members of GSIS, the student body of GSIS has been changed a lot over the last two decades. One thing I wish for, is that students have more of a community spirit. Students are performing generally well on campus, but they seem to be more and more individually focused. It is important to think more about contribution to the community. So, I would like to see more group activities and collective discussions to create a collective vision. I would hope that students become more active in student council activities. Also, with the increasing number of foreign students, it is a challenge for all of us to reach optimal fusion and level of cultural diversity. How to make foreign students more local and how to make Korean students more global might be the main mission for the school.

To make my vision of the school come true, close collaboration between students, faculties and staffs is very important. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of communication. We should observe something new and if you see anything important, it should be reported. The same way, if you’re not sure about something, or don’t know anything, you should ask questions and consult with others. This spirit, communicate-report-consult, is a gateway to a solid community. I want to see that happening daily at GSIS. Internal solidarity is a foundation for external growth. That’s another reason why I want to make all decision making at GSIS transparent, easy to understand, and open. I am trying to disclose all the information I have to all of the GSIS community so that there are no misunderstandings and misperceptions. By way of exercising this guiding spirit, everyone can be committed to the goal of making the GSIS better.

There is no doubt that GSIS stands at the frontline of globalizing SNU. We have students from 47 countries, with almost half of all students coming from
abroad. Almost all the classes are conducted in English – this can serve as a living example for all SNU. But it’s also a challenge, with other departments having their own routines and faculties. I am trying to make the 20th anniversary of GSIS next year as a cornerstone for stepping forward and making GSIS more global. Many events will be prepared. Most notably there will be a first official full scale home-coming day. We’re inviting all the GSIS alumni to their home institution. Over those 20 years, we have had many distinguished alumni and we want to use this opportunity so that they can come and visit their alma mater, say, “I studied here,” and share their advice and experience. I am establishing May 30th, 2017 as the GSIS day. We will celebrate the GSIS Day each year, not just next year, but from then onwards. And each and every year we will have a home-coming day so that alumni can visit the school and create a friendly community. There is an alumni association, but at the moment it is working very informally. I will formalize and institutionalize it. It can hold more activities and create a stronger feeling of a harmonized community, strengthening the ties between the past, present, and future GSIS students.

Interview with the New Representative of the Student Council

My motivation to become a president of the Council was that I wished GSIS to be a place that all students can be proud and grateful to be a part of and it became the vision and the reason of my presidency. In my first semester, I met a number of great people from all over the world who shared incredible stories of their life. These valuable relationships did not only widen my vision and deepen my understanding of the world, but it also gave me a strong desire to let every student realize the value of these gems that you can acquire only in GSIS. This led me to decide to join Student Council and work with a group of activists who are full of passion and dedication to making positive changes in the GSIS community.

Above all, it’s my great honor to serve the school as a new president of GSIS Student Council, and I am very grateful to all of you for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I already feel the positive energy our Student Council members are bringing in and have no doubt that this great change will build up an amazing vibe among students. Obviously, I feel a huge sense of duty and responsibility as well. Working in Student Council requires a big commitment, and leading a team or making decisions sometimes exerts an enormous pressure. However, these burdens cannot be larger than the joy that comes from serving the community with our great game changers. We’re ready to go through this exciting journey, and expect to see amazing changes that we will make altogether.

OT and MT were the most memorable moments while doing Student Council activities. We had OT and MT consecutively in the first three days of the semester, and Student Council spent whole August preparing for these events. Through numerous meetings, we as Student Council first set up our own system and structure, and exchanged ideas to give the new-coming students a good first impression of GSIS on this occasion. Arranging events where more than a hundred people are invited required lots of time and energy. But after all the hardship, we finally saw people truly enjoying their first days at GSIS, and a sense of achievement filled our heart. A month of hard work finally paid off. Especially for me as president, there’s no greater reward than seeing the Student Council members fully satisfied with their contribution and watching our students being cheerful.

I want Student Council to be very close and easily approachable to all GSIS students. To diversify the way of communication, we newly opened our Facebook Page and Kakao Talk ID, and increased the number of channels for a more candid interactive communication between students and Student Council. We also have reorganized the structure of the Student Council room and kept the open-door policy, in the hope that more students come to the room and take a rest. With these efforts, we want our students to feel closer to Student Council and get the benefits of academic and social events more naturally.

The special events we will be having is Sports Day & Picnic, which is coming soon! It will be a great opportunity for all students, professors, and staffs at GSIS to promote a sense of pride and belonging. We also have the 2nd round of Thesis Workshop in November. This time, PhD students who have already submitted their Master Thesis at GSIS will share their vivid two-year experience at the graduate school from A to Z. Many other different social events are being planned as well, so please stay tuned for updates about upcoming Student Council events!

I believe that the beauty of GSIS comes from diversity. The one who lived a life that you cannot even imagine is sitting right next you. Do not miss this precious opportunity! Introduce yourself first, and ask for sharing his or her great insights originated from totally different cultural, social, academic, and career background. GSIS is the best place where you can expand your horizon. Get out of your comfort zone, and seize the chance! I have no doubt that your life changing moment is waiting for you, right here!
2016 Fall Student Council Members

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vice representative (9th batch)
Interview with Bobae Lee, the Best Dissertation Awardee of International Regional Studies

The title of my dissertation is, “Revival of Bureaucratic Maneuvering under the Noda Cabinet: Who Pulled the Strings on Consumption Tax Hike in 2012?” As the title itself explains, this study aims to dissect Japan’s consumption tax hike in 2012 from a political perspective and analyze the influence of the Ministry of Finance (MOF), their own capability, rationality, strategies of approach and persuasion that were the key influences in this case. This thesis further examines how MOF’s bureaucrats have actually obtained more influence in the policy-making processes under the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) despite its initial manifesto.

I gained my interest in learning Japanese politics, particularly on Japanese bureaucrats, through Professor Cheol-Hee Park's “Theories and Issues in Contemporary Japanese Politics” course in my very first semester at SNU and later through classes back at the University of Tokyo as a Campus Asia student. Professor Park, as my thesis advisor, motivated my study in Japanese politics and guided me throughout the Master's program and dissertation. As I make jokes to my friends, I feel my academic life is divided before and after my dissertation. Before accomplishing my Master's degree, I considered learning as something that I have to do like a duty. Through the program, however, I came to know how to enjoy and appreciate the meaning of learning, which I value greater than studying itself.

My major is in Japanese area studies, but I consider myself more as Campus Asian Major. Through the Campus Asia program, I was able to take one of the best classes under some of the best instructors in Asia. Much more than the academic opportunity and degrees itself, by living in China and Japan I have learned how important it is to exchange information and the values of each nation in order to build intimacy. As a result, I have conducted significant analysis on the role of soft power in tearing down socio-cultural and political boundaries. Moreover, through cooperation and discussion, I came to realize that this program not only provides a concrete base to share three nations’ cultural, social, and political differences, but that it has played a fundamental role for me to realize that building mutual understanding and a feeling of closeness are the key for the future of the three nations.

It is great honor for me to receive the Best Dissertation Award. My advice for juniors regarding the dissertation, based on my own experience, is rather than holding on to it for lengthy period time, try to focus on research depth and when writing, make it precise. Try to value quality in order to keep the point on the track and avoid unnecessary information. In general, the only thing I regret throughout my time at SNU is that I did not bother to be an active member in terms of participating in social events or being part of a student group. GSIS provides amazing opportunities, be part of it now, take the chance.

I loved every moment at school. I met some of the best people in my life, Eungyoung, Kyuri, Hwayoung, Misato, Ahram and Keunyoung. I believe that the unforgettable memories and incredible experiences at each school (SNU, University of Tokyo and Peking University) will work as a foundation for furthering my study and fueling me for rest of my life.

Eric Paulmateer, the Best Dissertation Awardee in Korean Studies

The title of my dissertation was, “The Evolution of North Korean Physicists Collaboration Activities after the Soviet Collapse” (소련연방 해체 이후 한국 물리학자들의 공동연구 행위). I have had an interest in North Korean science for my entire adult life. Additionally, I love data and network. So, studying North Korean physicists’ co-authorship activities was fun for me. Some day in the distant future, I would like to use my data and network analysis skills to research the history of acupuncture in East Asia. However, since I can't find someone to pay me to collect that data and analyze acupuncture from a network perspective, I have just returned to the job that I did before coming to Seoul National University. After graduation, I went back to work on policy analysis. Korean studies broadened my horizons and enriched my life in such a profound way that is impossible for me to fully explain.

To our juniors, your family and friends are counting on you to do your best at school. The worst thing wouldn't be failing at your studies. The worst thing would be to fail because you didn't give everything you have. Just remember, your loved ones believe in you so don't let this opportunity slip away.
Interview with Kyu Ri KIM, the Highest Honor and the Best Dissertation in International Cooperation

I was surprised to get the highest honor, but was also proud of my work! What brought me to the highest honor? I tried to work consistently and plan out my assignments throughout the semester. Also, I took classes that would give synergy effect. The advantages of studying International Cooperation that I get to take classes that range from security to domestic politics. It is an advantage to be exposed to such and then be able to decide on one’s focus. After graduating GSIS, I am applying to JD and PHD programs. I hope to continue my studies! The most memorable event during my studying at GSIS? I was one of the staff members on the day that President Xi Jin Ping visited SNU. I got to listen to his speech in person. The way he framed China-ROK-Japan relationship was intriguing and feeling his aura in the auditorium was an amazing experience! My two best classes during studying in GSIS were Professor Cheol-Hee Park's International Relations in East Asia class and Professor Seong-Ho Sheen’s East Asian National Security Strategy. Both classes focused on subjects that I am the most interested in. The two professors also encouraged and pushed me to form ideas and question them. To our juniors, other than the obvious component of working hard in classes, I suggest that you attend many speaker events in GSIS and SNU!

The title of my dissertation is, “China Increasingly Assertive Towards South Korea?: South Korea Caught in Between the US-Japan Alliance and Rising China.” What led me to write the dissertation in this title? I took a class by professor Seong-Ho Sheen East Asian National Security Strategy and was inspired to research my topic. Especially, a journal article “How New and Assertive Is China’s New Assertiveness?” by Alastair Iain Johnston sparked my questions regarding the assertive China narrative. I also took professor Cheol-Hee Park’s International Relations in East Asia class, which helped me to expand my topic and case studies, writing about Air Defense Identification Zone in Northeast Asia.

The advantages of International Cooperation major are that I get to take classes that range from security to domestic politics. It is an advantage to be exposed to such and then decide one’s focus. To our juniors, If you can, I suggest that you develop your topic while taking classes and try to write a short paper for the class related to the thesis topic. It really helps to do your preliminary research that way and to further develop the topic.

The Best Dissertation in International Commerce, Kyounghwa KIM

The title of my thesis is “analysis on structural issues of targeted dumping: focusing on US – Washing Machines case (DS464). Under the trend in the rise of trade protectionism, it is notable that our major trading partners have increasingly invoked a number of trade remedies in recent years. Particularly, I noted that the US attempt to apply a new methodology for targeted dumping was one of the factors which led to higher level of protectionism. Considering the importance of the topic, ‘targeted dumping’, in the field of trade remedies, I wanted to analyze structural issues of targeted dumping provision in ant-dumping agreement. Fortunately, the result of US – Washing Machines case, the first WTO dispute to address targeted dumping, has been released during the last semester at GSIS, so I was able to write a thesis on this topic, especially focusing on this specific case. I am quite interested in the system of so-called ‘trade remedies’ which means anti-dumping, countervailing, and safeguard measures intended to counter unfair trade or unexpected increase in imports. Trade remedies hold a very exceptional and special position in the WTO system which seeks to achieve free trade and non-discriminatory treatment in international trade relations. I am currently in the first semester of Ph.D at SNU, GSIS and aim to deepen my research on trade remedies. And finally, I want to contribute to research which is practically useful to Korean industries as well as academics.

As a student in international commerce major, it was good that I could learn the framework of world trading system profoundly in both legal and economic perspectives. Especially, considering that classes like ‘understanding international trade law’ closely relate to actual practice you may encounter at work, I believe that GSIS will help you to have requisite knowledge and ability to work in the field of international trade. Also, I would like to mention how lucky I was to learn from great scholars who have warm personality as well as academic excellence.

As one professor said in a thesis advice session, studying at GSIS would be likely the culmination of your academic work. In this regard, it would be an invaluable asset throughout your whole life to find out one interesting topic, to delve deeper into it, and finally to maximize your academic capacity. Good luck for all of junior colleagues who join the GSIS. Thank you.
Interview with Jiwon NA, the Highest Honor Awardee in International Commerce

I feel much honored about getting the highest honor in International Commerce, but also feel obligated to work harder to move beyond what I have achieved. I love academic activities, a certain degree of seclusion, and study-life balance. That might have brought me to the highest honor.

Studying International Commerce is highly interdisciplinary and has a great deal of potential for further development, and for job opportunities. After graduating GSIS, I hope to keep on pursuing an academic career. For me, all the time I have spent with classmates and other students are the memorable events. My best subject was Professor Seong-Ho Sheen’s the Understanding International Security. It was a turning point for my research interest and thesis draft. To our juniors, Immerse yourself in all the opportunities and every moment of life. All we can do is to decide what to do with the time that is given to us.

The Highest Honor Awardee in Regional Studies, Mahar NIRMALA

The title of my thesis is: Abe’s Proactive Engagement in Southeast Asia: The Pattern of Security Capacity Building and Cooperation. My minor since undergraduate was about Japanese politics and society. Therefore, I wrote about Japan’s foreign policy for my master’s thesis. In this thesis, I would like to know why Abe is readdressing Southeast Asia more proactively than his predecessors and how Abe has attempted to engage different countries in the region to achieve Japan’s strategic goals. My future plan is to continue my study to PhD and become a researcher. Studying in the International Area Studies major helped me understand the role of states, NGOs, and other political actors on the national and international affairs. Furthermore, by studying in GSIS SNU, I became more aware of the South-North Korea relations and found some interesting insights and new knowledge during the class. To our juniors, joining the GSIS round table is interesting and it will help you update your knowledge and learn the others’ point of view, besides making some new friends.

Interview with Benjamin Edward Forney, The Highest Honor in Regional Studies

My secret to be the highest honor awardee is never getting stressed or bothered by any of the tests or presentations. I always paced myself when I studied, so when it was time to take an exam, I always felt prepared and confident. I am currently working at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies, where the knowledge I learned at GSIS applies directly to the research I conduct and reports I write about North Korea and international relations in Asia.

To our juniors, knowing all the details of the assigned readings is less important than knowing how to connect them with events in the real world. Use the texts and your own knowledge to form a unique opinion about an issue and be prepared to defend it. But also remain open minded and receptive to new ideas and new evidence. In short, think critically, question common knowledge, and always look for better solutions to problems. Also, when you do a presentation, please do not just read what is written on your PPT slides. It is very boring for the listener.
GSIS Events
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■ Activities by Student Council
MT for GSIS Students

After the official welcome at the Orientation on the 1st September 2016, our MT for this year was held from the 2nd to 3rd September at the Gubongsan Resort in Yongin. Over 70 students participated and turned it into a lively and fun event. With much food, talking and yes, drinking, we got to know each other and started the Fall Semester 2016. Although games and talkative groups reached well into the night, we got up early the next day and returned together after a collective breakfast. All in all, we hope everyone got to know each other a little bit more and is off to a great Fall 2016!

The Sports Day by Student Council

On Friday November 4th, it was time for our annual GSIS Sports Day. The participants included the Dean, Professor Park Cheol-Hee, the Vice Dean, Professor Park Tae Gyun, as well as many of the faculties staff and of course the GSIS students. Although the weather was still slightly chilly at the morning it soon turned into a beautiful and mild autumn day. With games, such as Dodgeball or Tug of War everyone felt warm in no time. With the enthusiastic participation of the professors, the faculty staff and the GSIS students we were able to experience a lovely and fun day full of exciting games and laughter. The following Picnic gave way to casual chats which brought the day to a relaxed finish.
Thirsty Thursday

Thursdays mark the beginning of the weekend for most students at the GSIS. Up until recently there was little opportunity to just hang out with fellow students with whom one had little contact so far. That was about to change. At the beginning of September, the so-called “Thirsty Thursday” was brought to life. Meant to be a casual get together it is nothing more and nothing less than exactly that. Held at a nearby bar around SNU station it gives students the opportunity to start their weekend in a casual and fun manner while at the same time getting to know other students. With five Thirsty Thursdays held so far and one more to come we would like to encourage all students to take some time off their busy studies and give themselves some room to breathe, relax and enjoy an evening with friends.

“Midterm Snacks” by Student Council

Mid-Term – together with the words “Finals” and “Term Paper” it is probably one of the most dreaded words in our everyday student life. To make this period of the semester at least somewhat more enjoyable, the Student Council had “Midterm Snacks” on the 18th and 24th of October, the mornings of the two major Mid-Term exams “International Economic Relations” and “International Cooperation”. The arriving students could pick from an array of sweets, cookies and chocolate and warm up with some tea or coffee before heading on to take their exams. The student council hoped our students could regenerate some of the energies and show off your knowledge in the respective tests. Now that the Mid Term period is over we hope you can relax a bit before Finals and Term Papers deadline draw close again.

Thesis Workshops

The Master Thesis which is probably one of the greatest worries the students at the GSIS are struggling with. In order to ease at least some of these fears the Student Council organized major specific thesis workshops where the professors from the respective majors could introduce their area of specialization, talk about their expectations and answer questions which the students were able to submit prior to the sessions as well as a Thesis Workshop driven by Ph.D
candidates on the more technical aspects of writing a thesis and their personal experiences. Starting with the Thesis Workshop in International Area Studies on the October 7th with Professor Chong-Sup Kim and Jong-Ho Jeong, we continued with the workshops on International Commerce and International Cooperation under the kind support of Professor Dukgeun Ahn, Hwy-Chang Moon and Yeonseop Rhee as well as Professor Taekyo Kim and Jiyeoun Song respectively. Finishing with the Thesis Workshop for Korean Studies on October 24th with Professor JeongHun Han and Tae Gyun Park a wide variety of questions, starting with the choice of the topics up to structural details, were addressed. With up to over 60 attending students per workshop and the active participation, the high interest in this topic was evident. The Thesis Workshops for this semester ended on November 15th with the two Ph.D candidates Jeongjoon Park and Yeonwoo Lee presenting and talking about the more technical aspects of writing a thesis, like how to conduct a literature review and how to research for the thesis topic. We sincerely hope our students feel a bit more confident in preparing for and finally writing their thesis and once again reach out in thanks to all the participating professors, presenters and students.

The Campus Asia Field Trip to DMZ

Campus Asia Program went on a field trip to DMZ, and the 3rd Underground Tunnel. Total of fourteen (14) students, seven (7) from Peking University, two (2) from Tokyo University, three (3) from SNU, Campus Asia including two Asia Coordinators joined the visit. The students were very much interested knowing in detail, what the DMZ means to Korea geographically, and how the Republic of Korea have been maintained tension confronted relationship with the North Korea. Being at the 3rd tunnel, and seeing the circumstances around, the students now learned why Korea is so emphasizing the importance of security problem and how much the cooperation between Korea, China, and Japan is needed. When the members arrived at Ganghwa Island, they were pleased to see the sun set at the countryside, which is so different from the view in the city. Even after the field trip was over, they stayed till late and exchanged their thoughts and promoted their friendship. The students were pleased to taste various kinds of seafood from Ganghwa Island. In spite of tight squeezed schedule, they were satisfied with the trip which led them to know more about Korea in a different point of view. After staying for a night at Gangwha Island, they also visited 정족산성 (Jungjog Mountain Fortress) and 전등사 (Jeondung Temple).
2016- Campus Asia Workshop: Experiencing the K-Pop Culture

In order to enhance the understanding of the Korean wave and K-pop, Campus Asia Program held the workshop of watching the live show on October 2, 2016. The Chinese and Japanese visiting students experienced the Korean Cultural Industry by visiting Seoul Broadcasting Systems. The students experienced the K-Pop by watching the K-Pop, “SBS Popular Songs”. Eight (8) students from Campus Asia program and two (2) student supporters had participated. After watching the show, the students had enhanced their interest on Korea Wave by having a discussion over the issue.

Campus Asia Final Presentation Day

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016, Korean, Japanese and Chinese students of CAMPUS Asia Program had a Final Presentation Day in Socheon Hall to finish the semester. In the event, Prof. Young Hae Han, director of CAMPUS Asia Program gave opening remarks and Prof. Chong-Sup Kim, Dean of GSIS, Prof. Seong-Ho Sheen, Vice president of Office of International Affairs, and Prof. Cheol-Hee Park, former director of CAMPUS Asia made speeches giving word of encouragement. Students had Korean dance performance as an opening ceremony. During the presentation, students dealt with political, historical, social and cultural issues between China-Japan-Korea. After each presentation, interacting discussion was held freely.
Field Trip to Sejong city and Saemangeum and Jeonju Hanok Village

Twenty four (24) members from the 8th and 9th batch of DCPP went on a field trip to Sejong city, Saemangeum and Jeonju Korean Folk Village for three (3) days from September 9th to 11th, 2016. The tour to Sejong city visit was planned so that the participants can experience the function of Korean government administration and culture. The students commented that the Sejong Government Building’s roof top garden is likely to become a role model for future city developing projects. The roof top garden being socially, economically, and eco-friendly, serves as a symbol for the future city.

Saemangeum Reclamation Project is a government project aimed to activate the green growth and regional economy. It aims to become an economical hub in agriculture, industry, research, environment protection and tourism, including leisure business, not only for the surrounding regions in Korea, but also to the East Asian countries. The project is future and scientific technology-oriented, suitable for the future generation.

A lecture was given by Professor Kyung Yeon Moon of Jeonbuk University about Korea’s economy plans and developing processes. It helped students understand how the country evolved from a developing country to developed one. At Jeonju Hanok Village, students participated in a traditional tea ceremony and learned how to cook Bibimbab (mixed vegetable rice). It was a very special and meaningful event.

Gapyong Information Network Village (Firefly Smart Village) Tour

Total of 19 students from DCPP 8th and 9th batch visited the Gapyong Information Network Village on Friday, October 7, 2016. The aim of this field trip was to understand the ‘Information Village’ initiative, where sustainable development of rural villages is lead by reducing the gap between rural and urban areas, and encouraging regional development through e-commerce.

Students learned that government is attempting to reduce the gap between the urban and rural villages by training the “information village” inhabitants (who are mostly over 60 years old) how to effectively use the internet. Participating students were surprised to learn that the policy was future-oriented and at the same time, reducing the gap between undeveloped and urbanized area.
The 3rd CHAMP has started as of August 31, 2016. The program's comprehensive and systematic curriculum composed of economy, business, politics, diplomacy, history and Chinese culture. The program is composed of the best faculty members, based on academic theoretical lectures with abundant field experience from China. The program is composed for the students and faculty to search for how to make opportunity to create a business in China and how business can be created effectively through mutual cooperation. More information can be found at www.champsnu.org.

The forty-one (41) registered members of the 2nd CHAMP(China Advanced Management Program) of GSIS, SNU have completed the course. The Program, composed of a comprehensive systematic curriculum including economy, business, politics and diplomacy, history and culture of China, the 2nd CHAMP had commenced on March 2nd, 2016. Many of the graduates mentioned that the program was very helpful in recognizing the business opportunities in China and accomplishing efficient mutual cooperation. CHAMP also includes round tables, workshops both within the country, and abroad to enhance the friendly relations. Moreover, some of the group activities will continue even after the course has been completed, enhancing the relationships among participants. The 3rd CHAMP has commenced as of August 31, 2016. More information can be found at www.champsnu.org.
The 9th batch of DCPP went on a field trip to the Saemaul Undong Central Training Institute, located at Bundang, Sungnam city, where thirteen (13) students had participated. Saemaul Movement (New Community Movement) is recognized as the driving force of Korea’s Economic Development in 1970’s by many developing countries and international organizations as developing model to overcome poverty. It is meaningful to share the experience with many DCPP students, who are mostly government officers of developing countries.

The content of the lecture is that Saemaul Movement was the driving force of Korea to successfully switch over to become a member of OECD. The Korean government has played a considerable role as to diffuse the thought of independent, and is contributing in spreading its spirit to many other developing countries. The spirit of Saemaul Movement will show remarkable effect in many developing countries where most of the population is engaged in farming. The movement has already been successful in Myanmar, Uganda and Cambodia and has seriously affected to its people’s living standard.

The 8th batch of DCPP went on a field trip to Incheon Harbor Site and Incheon Bridge Memorial Hall on Friday, November 18, 2016. The group seized the opportunity to recognize the Korea’s high standard of construction technology at the Incheon Harbor Site where Hyundai Construction showed off. The students learned about the history and the aesthetic structure of the oldest cable stayed girder bridge in Korea, which also showed off its development of high efficiency, high performance of strategical based facility. The nine (9) participants from the DCPP were pleased to visit the sites.

Skill Training by SMEs: The Case of Korea

Professor Kye Woo Lee from KDI School of Public Policy and Management gave special lecture on “Skill Training by SMEs: The Case of Korea” at GSIS GL room on November 17, 2016. Professor emphasized on how important it is to invigorate job training and made mention of Korea’s technical training of small and medium industries. Professor Lee discussed on advantage and disadvantage of the job training in Korea, and how to set a task and challenge henceforth. He also mentioned the role of government related to job training. Students from various countries discussed over the job training of their own countries and effectiveness of the job training provided by the small and medium industries. The lecture was a perfect opportunity to agonize over the job training needed for the future Korea’s economic development and to get exact information on job training status and career development provided by the small and medium industries of Korea.
GSIS 34th GLP Matriculation

The 34th GSIS Global Leadership Program (GLP) had its matriculation on September 8th, 2016 at Moogunghwa Hall, Hoam Faculty House. The 34th GLP is composed of forty seven (47) CEOs from major firms, public enterprises and minor enterprisers, as well as experts from various business fields. The GLP was originally established in November, 1999 and has been running for 17 years.

GLP is SNU GSIS’s advanced management program, which aims at sustained growth and empowerment for 21st century global management and health care. GLP provides Korea’s top leaders and professionals with a theoretical and practical perspective on the most current Korean trade environment and business trends. For this purpose, the program combines various areas of study, like functional academics, international regional studies, cultural and educational programs with a focus on a complete and dynamic view of the recent management environment.

In order to enhance the participant’s capabilities as world executives, the GLP lectures include topics like 21st Century global management environment and leadership, global management strategy and increasing sales power, global trends research and market creating strategy, and 21st century global Korea’s strategy. In addition, domestic and foreign workshops, as well as special programs for fellowship activities are also included. Especially at Seoul National University GSIS, where the program is linked to the functional academic fields such as international commerce, international cooperation and international regional studies, focused on Asia, America, Europe, Central and South America, with world known expert lecturers, the program is dynamically blossoming. Hence, we expect many CEOs and executives from private companies, educators, politicians, government officials, journalists, judicial officers as well as medical doctors and accountants will be able to foster global leadership through the GLP curriculum at GSIS, SNU. We hope to foster students who will be able to cope with the newly spreading world economic environment. More information on GLP can be found at www.glpceo.org.

The GLP Homecoming Day

SNU GSIS GLP (Global Leadership Program) had a homecoming day with the graduates of the GLP on October 13, 2016 at Socheon Convention Hall, GSIS. The GLP has been holding the Homecoming Day each year to encourage frequent communication among the graduates. In the event, Prof. Cheol-Hee Park, dean of GSIS, gave a welcoming speech for all the participants and Prof. Hyun-Chul Kim gave a lecture under the title “How to resolve the problems of low-growth era?”. During the lecture, participants agreed with the current economic circumstances of Korea and shared their opinions to overcome the present crisis. The GLP program was established in November, 1999 and has been running for 17 years. The GLP has focused on cultivating talented global leaders who can contribute to innovative development strategies of the society. The 34th class is on going now. More detailed information can be found at www.glpceo.org.
Campus Asia First Field Trip to War Memorial, National Assembly, and KBS ON.

Campus Asia students went on a field trip to War Memorial, National Assembly, Constitutional Government Memorial Hall, and KBS ON, on September 30, 2016. A group of eleven (11), nine (9) Campus Asia students and two (2) supporters went together. The students were interested to learn about the Korean War and how twenty six countries had sacrificed for this land. Viewing the surrounding area of Yeoido, which is the center of media and Korea’s politics, they felt the culture and politics dynamic. The students enjoyed the various activities and exhibitions in the Korea Broadcasting System. The students exchanged their suggestions, and discussed public transportation, comparing the system with their own countries. The event was a nice opportunity to build friendships, as they talked freely even when the schedule was over. In spite of a tight schedule, they all felt the culture and the atmosphere of Seoul, and they were very much satisfied with the field trip.

The 5th Campus Asia Field Trip to Busan

The 5th Campus Asia Field Trip took place at the end of November, 2016. The students participating in the program visited the second largest city in Korea—Busan. They left Seoul in the morning on Friday 25th, and after checking in at the lodging facilities they visited the Dongbaek Island and APEC Nurimaru House. This helped them fully understand the importance of the cooperation among countries. Before dinner they also went to see the Yonggungsa Temple, and the students really enjoyed the beautiful sceneries. They were quite surprised to see how different Busan is from Seoul. They especially appreciated the night view of Guangan University and the beach nearby. In the evening, students had free time to discuss their experiences and exchange opinions. The schedule on Saturday included visiting the Gamcheon Cultural Village and International Market. During the trip, students had a chance to appreciate the beauty of Busan, as well as trying many delicious dishes, especially the sea foods. Although the schedule was tight and quite tiring the students really enjoyed the experience and were very satisfied with the field trip.
International Library has installed the private space desk

International Library has open space for the students to make best use of library materials and studying. Now, International Library has installed the bounded desk for one. Students shall have more quiet and undisturbed small private space so that they can concentrate more on making the best use of the library. The new desk has extended plug installation in each box, considering the convenience of laptop computer users. The system is also practical for long term users.
In the history of Korean liberation, the assassinations of five main political leaders stand out. Joon-Hyeok Hyun, Jin-Woo SONG, Woon-Hyung LYUH, Deok-Soo CHANG and Gu KIM, all had different views and followed different political ideologies, but without a doubt they all played an important part in the history of Korean struggle for liberty and democracy. “The Assassination” by Tae Gyun Park explains why they became assassinated and what it meant for the historical development at the time.

### Papers

- **Professor Jiyoun Song**

- **Professor Duk Keun Ahn**

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