

Korea-related activities at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies between mid-2008 and mid-2009

General Information:

In October 2008 the second edition of the ***Korea Yearbook – Politics, Society, Economy*** was published by Leiden and Boston-based Brill Publishers. The *Korea Yearbook* is co-edited by Rüdiger Frank (University of Vienna), Patrick Köllner (IAS) and London-based James Hoare and Susan Pares. The yearbook consists of regular overview articles and refereed articles on Korean politics, economy, and society. The 355-pages-strong 2009 edition of the yearbook is scheduled for publication in September 2009. *Korea Yearbook 2009*, whose publication has been supported by a grant from the Academy of Korean Studies, offers the following contents:

- Chronology of Events in the Korean Peninsula 2008
- Köllner, Patrick: ‘South Korea in 2008: Domestic Politics and Economy’
- Frank, Rüdiger: ‘North Korea in 2008: Domestic Politics and Economy’
- Hoare, James and Sabine Burghardt: ‘Relations Between the Two Koreas in 2008’
- Hoare, James: ‘Foreign Relations of the Two Koreas in 2008’
- Bae, Joonbum, ‘The South Korean Left’s “Northern Question”’

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- DiMoia, John, 'Atoms for Sale? From 'Atoms for Peace' (South Korea) to 'Weaponized' Plutonium (North Korea), 1955-2009'
- Klöpping, Peter, 'Dynamics of Korean Industrial Relations: Challenges for Foreign Invested Companies in the Metal Sector'
- Mühl, Jürgen, 'Cheju Island as Medical Tourism Hub in Northeast Asia'
- Polley, Katharina, 'Scapegoat, Beggar and President for the Economy: The Image of Lee Myung-bak as Seen Through Political Cartoons'
- Kern, Thomas and Nam Sang-hui, 'The Korean Comfort Women Movement and the Formation of a Public Sphere in East Asia'
- Kim, Mikyoung, 'The Social Construction of North Korean's Women's Identity: Victimization, Romanticization, and Villification'
- Schwekendiek, Daniel, 'Statistical Explorations in Terra Incognita: How Reliable are North Korean Survey Data?'
- Chang, Yoonok, Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland, 'Migration Experiences of North Korea Refugees: Survey Evidence from China'
- Bridges, Brian, 'Playing the Game?: Sport and the Two Koreas'

For his contribution, Joonbum Bae received in July 2009 the prize for the best paper published by a graduate student in the *Korea Yearbook*. The prize, worth 750 euros, was awarded for the first time.

More information about the *Korea Yearbook*, including reviews, can be found at <http://www.brill.nl/koyb>

A call for papers for the refereed-articles section of *Korea Yearbook 2010* will be disseminated in August or September 2009. Interested scholars can also directly contact Patrick Köllner at koellner@giga-hamburg.de.

As of July 2009, three **Ph.D. candidates** with Korea-related dissertation topics attended the doctoral programme of the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies. Martin Schulz, LL.M., graduated in spring 2009 with distinction in Korean studies from the University of Hamburg and also received his second law degree (*Zweites Staatsexamen*) from the same university. He now concentrates on his Ph.D. thesis on the role of the Constitutional Court in South Korea's political system. (He is co-supervised by Patrick Köllner.) Also part of the GIGA's doctoral programme are Ryōma Sakaeda, M.A., who works on a Ph.D. thesis in political science on Japan's security policy vis-à-vis North Korea, and David Shim, M.A., who focuses in his political science Ph.D. thesis on the Six Party Process. From September to November 2008 David Shim worked as a short-term consultant for the United Nations World Food Programme in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He acted as a food aid monitor in the South Pyongan province and in the northeastern provinces North Hamgyong and Ryanggang. Both Ph.D candidates are co-supervised by IAS Senior Research Fellow Dirk Nabers. Two other Ph.D. candidates moved to Berlin to continue their doctoral studies there. Diplom-Kulturwirt Johannes Gerschewski, M.A., until August 2008 recipient of an IAS junior research fellowship, joined the newly-founded Berlin Graduate School for the Social Sciences at Humboldt University of Berlin in September 2008 as a fully-funded doctoral candidate. His Ph.D. thesis analyses the durability of authoritarian regimes in East Asia. Johannes remains affiliated with the IAS as an associate research fellow. Ms Mascha Peters, M.A., who works on the role of journalists in South Korea's political systems, joined Free

University of Berlin in April 2009 as a research fellow at the chair of Korean studies.

As in the years before, information on Korean studies in Germany and beyond were disseminated on a regular basis via an **e-mail list** run by Patrick Köllner. The network encompasses approx. 120 persons, mostly academics residing in Germany and South Korea. Admission to the network is open to every interested person (contact: koellner@giga-hamburg.de).

Scholars's Reports:

Dipl. Kulturwirt. Johannes Gerschewski M.A., IAS associate research fellow, gave the following Korea-related presentations between mid-2008 and mid-2009:

- 'An Analysis of North Korea's Historical Development from the Viewpoint of a New Ideology-Oriented Framework of Totalitarianism', 2008 conference of the British Association of Korean Studies, Clare College, University of Cambridge, 9 September 2008.
- 'Denuclearizing - or Destabilizing North Korea? On the Effects and Limits of External Pressure on North Korea', 50th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York, 16 February 2009 (poster presentation).
- (together with Patrick Köllner) 'Hyper-Presidentialism Meets Parties' Hypo-Institutionalization: A Dilemma for South Korea's Democratic Consolidation?', 24th Biennial Conference, AKSE, Leiden, 20 June 2009.

Prof. Dr Thomas Kern, IAS associate senior research fellow, who had moved to the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies in Erfurt in April 2008, served in the winter term of 2008/09 as temporary chair in cultural sociology at Viadrina University in Frankfurt/Oder. In April 2009 he became professor of sociology at the University of Heidelberg (within the newly-established excellence cluster on cultural flows between Asia and Europe).

PD Dr Patrick Köllner, IAS acting director, visited South Korea in September 2008 to participate in the 2008 Korea-EU Next Generation Leaders Programme and to attend the annual meeting of the German-Korean Forum, a bilateral dialogue forum composed of policy-makers, businesspeople, diplomats, journalists, and academics from Germany and the ROK, held this time in Busan. In early May 2009, he gave presentations on 'Election campaigning in Japan and South Korea' and 'Government-media relations in South Korea under Lee Myung-bak' in undergraduate and graduate classes at Sciences Po in Paris, courtesy of the Korea Foundation-funded lecturers' exchange programme in Korean studies. For the 24th AKSE conference in Leiden in June 2009, he organised a panel entitled 'Probing Democratic Consolidation in South Korea' and presented together with Johannes Gerschewski a paper on 'Hyper-Presidentialism Meets Parties' Hypo-Institutionalization: A Dilemma for South Korea's Democratic Consolidation?' within that panel. He also acted as chair and discussant in a panel on politics and society in South Korea. Dr Köllner again gave numerous interviews in 2008/2009 to radio stations and newspapers on current events on the Korean peninsula.

Dr Sang-hui Nam, IAS research fellow until October 2008, finalised a VolkswagenStiftung-funded project on innovations in protest movements in South Korea. Findings of the project were,

inter alia, presented by Dr Nam and Thomas Kern at a conference on Korean civil society, taking place in October 2008 at Stanford University.

Ryōma Sakaeda, M.A., IAS research fellow, acted as rapporteur in a session on 'The Korean security dilemma and its impact on the geopolitics of North East Asia' at the workshop 'Japan (still) Matters: What Role in the World?', co-sponsored by the National Institute of Japanese Studies (White Rose East Asia Centre), the University of Sheffield, and the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Sheffield, 30 April – 1 May 2009.

David Shim, M.A., IAS research assistant, presented a paper entitled 'Signifying Practices Constituting Food (In)security: The Case of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea' at the 4th International Conference in Interpretive Policy Analysis, University of Kassel, Germany, 26 June 2009.

Publications since mid-2008:

Gerschewski, Johannes (with Martin Beck) 'On the Fringes of the International Community. The Making and Survival of "Rogue States"', in: *Peace and Security* 27 (2009), 2, pp. 84-89.

----- (with Patrick Köllner) 'Nordkorea und kein Ende? Zum Wandel innenpolitischer Legitimation und externer Stützung der DVRK', in: Hanns W. Maull and Martin Wagener (eds.), *Ostasien in der Globalisierung*, Baden-Baden: Nomos 2009, pp. 167-188.

----- (with Hanns Günther Hilpert) 'Südkorea – auf dem Weg zu einer nordostasiatischen Mittelmachtrolle und auf der Suche nach außenpolitischer

Eigenständigkeit', in: Jörg Husar, Günther Maihold and Stefan Mair (eds.), *Führungsmächte als Partner deutscher Außenpolitik*, Baden-Baden: Nomos 2008, pp. 122-140.

Kern, Thomas 'Cultural Performance and Political Regime Change. The Democratic Transition of South Korea in 1987', in: *Sociological Theory* 27 (2009) (forthcoming).

----- (with **Sang-hui Nam**) 'The Making of a Social Movement: Citizen Journalism in South Korea', in: *Current Sociology* 57 (2009), 6 (forthcoming).

----- 'Citizen Journalism: The Transformation of the Democratic Media Movement', in: Gi-wook Shin and Paul Chang (eds.), *From Democracy to Civil Society*, Stanford University Press: Palo Alto (forthcoming).

----- 'The Korean Comfort Women Movement and the Formation of a Public Sphere in East Asia', in: Rüdiger Frank, James E. Hoare, Patrick Köllner and Susan Pares (eds.), *Korea Yearbook 2009 – Politics, Economy and Society*, Leiden and Boston: Brill 2009, pp. 227-252.

----- 'Der neue demokratische Medienaktivismus in Südkorea: Entwicklung, Handlungsformen und Akteure', in: *ASIEN*, No. 111 (April 2009), pp. 12-34.

Köllner, Patrick 'South Korea: Domestic Politics and Economy 2007-2008', in: Rüdiger Frank, James Hoare, Patrick Köllner, and Susan Pares (eds.), *Korea Yearbook 2008 – Politics, Economy, Society*, Leiden and Boston: Brill 2008, pp. 13-26.

----- 'Korea, Republik', in: Ostasiatischer Verein (ed.), *Wirtschaftshandbuch Asien-Pazifik 2008/2009*, Hamburg: OAV 2008, pp. 257-272.

----- (with Johannes Gerschewski) 'Nordkorea und kein Ende? Zum Wandel innenpolitischer Legitimation und externer Stützung der DVRK', in: Hanns W. Maull and Martin Wagener (eds.), *Ostasien in der Globalisierung*, Baden-Baden: Nomos 2009, pp. 167-188.

----- (with Rüdiger Frank, James Hoare, Susan Pares) (eds.) *Korea Yearbook 2008 – Politics, Economy, Society*, Leiden and Boston: Brill 2008, 275 pages.

Sakaeda, Ryoma (with Nadine Godehardt and Melanie Hanif), 'Sicherheitspolitische Herausforderungen der Regierung Obama in Asien', *GIGA Focus Asien*, Nr. 1/2009, Hamburg: GIGA.

Shim, David, 'A Shrimp amongst Whales? Assessing South Korea's Regional Power Status', GIGA Working Paper Series, No. 107, Hamburg: GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies (forthcoming), <http://www.giga-hamburg.de/publikationen>.

----- (with Margot Schüller), 'Korea: Innovation System and Innovation Policy', in: Fraunhofer ISI, GIGA and STIP (eds.), *New Challenges Facing Germany in Innovation Competition*, final report to the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Karlsruhe, Hamburg and Atlanta 2009, pp. 243-288.