From Democracy to Civil Society:
The Evolution of Korean Social Movements

The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center
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Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:00AM-9:15AM  Welcoming Remarks by Gi-Wook Shin, Stanford University
9:15AM-9:30AM  Introduction by Paul Y. Chang, Singapore Management University

9:30AM-11:30AM  Session I

South Korea’s Democracy Movement and Democratic Transition

Panelists:

P1: Jung-eun Lee, Stanford University
   South Korea’s Democracy Movement: An Overview

P2: Sun-Chul Kim, Columbia University and Barnard College
   The Origins of Political Instability in Post-transition South Korea

P3: Namhee Lee, University of California, Los Angeles
   Reflections on the Paradigm Shift from the Minjung to the Simin in South Korea

P4: Yooil Bae, Singapore Management University
   Breaking Down the Strong State? Decentralization, Local Democratization, and Civil Society in Korea

Discussants:

Seil Park, Shorenstein APARC-Stanford University and Seoul National University
David Straub, Shorenstein APARC-Stanford University

11:30AM-1:00PM  Lunch
1:00PM-2:45PM  
**Session II**

**Institutionalization of Democracy and Human Rights Organizations**

Panelists:

**P5: Jeong Woo Koo**, Sungkyunkwan University

Origins of the Korean Human Rights Commission

**P6: Joon Seok Hong**, University of California, Berkeley

PSPD’s Legal Strategy and the Institutionalization of Social Movements in South Korea

**P7: Chang Bum Ju**, University of Southern California

The Evolution of Environmental NGOs in Korea

Discussants:

**Yumi Moon**, Stanford University
**Jong-Seok Lee**, Shorenstein APARC-Stanford University

2:45PM-3:00PM  
Break

3:00PM-4:45PM  
**Session III**

**Political Institutionalization and Changing Repressive Strategy**

Panelists:

**P8: Sookyung Kim**, Stanford University

The Consequences of Activist Past on Political Present: Anti-Americanism and the Entry of Radical Politicians into the South Korean National Assembly

**P9: Chan Suk Suh**, Cornell University  
**Eun-Sil Oh**, Yonsei University

Causes and Consequences of Movement Institutionalization: The Case of the Women’s Movements in South Korea

**P10: Jong Bum Kwon**, Willamette University

Exorcising the Ghosts of Kwangju: Violence and the Democratic Imaginary in Post-Authoritarian South Korea

Discussant:
Susan Olzak, Stanford University

6:30PM-8:00PM Dinner (discussants and participants are invited)

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9:00AM-10:45AM Session IV

Spin Off Movements and Diffusion Processes Part 1

Panelists:

P11: Thomas Kern, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies
Sang-hui Nam, Institute of Asian Studies and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies

The Transformation of the Democratic Media Movement and the Institutionalization of Citizen Journalism

P12: Young-a Park, Knox College

New Activist Cultural Production: Independent Filmmakers, the Post-Authoritarian State, and New Capital Flows in South Korea

P13: Alice Kim, University of California, Berkeley

“From Democracy Beyond Civil Society” – The Evolution of the South Korean ‘New Left’ Social Movement against Neoliberalism: ‘People’s Solidarity for Social Progress’

Discussants:

Hagen Koo, University of Hawaii

10:45AM-11:00AM Break

11:00AM-12:15PM Session V

Spin Off Movements and Diffusion Processes Part 2

Panelists:

P14: Doowon Suh, Korea University

Democratization and White-Collar Labor Movements in Korea

P15: John Cho, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Korean Gay and Lesbian Movement 1993-2008: From “Identity” and “Community” to “Human Rights”

Discussant:

**Dan Sneider**, Shorenstein APARC-Stanford University

12:15PM-12:45PM  **Session VI**

**Plans for Paper Revision and Publication**

Gi-Wook Shin and Paul Y. Chang

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