

November 4^(Tue)
- November 6^(Thu),
2025

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The 8th WORLD HUMANITIES FORUM 2025

Forum Information

Hosts |  Ministry of Education  GYEONGSANGBUK-DO  ANDONG CITY

Organizer |  NRF National Research
Foundation of Korea

Implementing Organization |  Soongsil University

Partner Organization |  GYEONGJU
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Invitation

“Come and Study the Humanities Together”

Greetings,

The world—Korea included—is undergoing a profound and accelerated transformation. Only a few years ago, the global community came to a sudden standstill in the wake of COVID-19, a moment that compelled us to view life with rare depth and contemplation. Yet, as quickly as that silence descended, the lessons of reflection and introspection have faded, replaced once more by turbulence and haste.



Wars continue unabated. The climate crisis intensifies at a pace that threatens our very survival, revealing itself in floods, droughts, and the disruption of marine ecosystems. Artificial intelligence advances at an unprecedented speed, embedding itself into our daily lives and reshaping how we think, work, and interact.

In such an era of disruption, wisdom emerges not in perpetual motion but in deliberate pause. It is in this pause that the humanities reside. The humanities ask questions of the most fundamental kind. At times, such inquiries may appear abstract, detached from reality, or even impractical. Yet within the words and legacies of humanists lie the clues to guide us with clarity and discernment through the challenges of our time.

The 8th World Humanities Forum will convene in Andong this year over the course of two and a half days. We warmly invite you to step away from the immediacy of daily life and join us in this endeavor. More than one hundred humanists from Korea and across the globe will gather to share their insights on the themes of Coexistence and AI and the Humanities. In their exchange, wisdom will reveal itself—wisdom that cannot be handed down, but can be sought, pursued, and learned.

This Forum is open to all. We welcome every participant to listen, to question, and to join in the collective pursuit of understanding.

Let us study the humanities together.

2025 Autumn

Seon-Wook Kim

Chair, Organizing Committee
The 8th World Humanities Forum

A Three-Day Journey
with Over 150 Humanists from 21 Countries

The 8th WORLD HUMANITIES FORUM 2025

The World Humanities Forum serves as a vital platform for intellectual exchange, where scholars have engaged in deep reflection on the challenges confronting humanity in the 21st century through the lens of the humanities.

“The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation”
“Exploring Paths to Coexistence”

Program

Time	Day 1 November 4 (Tue)	Day 2 November 5 (Wed)	Day 3 November 6 (Thu)
09:00 - 09:30	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:30 - 10:10	Parallel Sessions 1	Parallel Sessions 2	Special Lecture on Andong Studies
10:10 - 11:10	AI 4 Themes	AI 4 Themes	Keynote Speech 3
11:10 - 12:00	Coexistence 4 Themes	Coexistence 4 Themes	Closing Ceremony
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00 - 13:30	Opening Ceremony		
13:30 - 15:00	Keynote Speech 1 AI	Keynote Speech 2 Coexistence	
15:00 - 15:30	Break	Break	
15:30 - 17:30	Symposium 1 AI	Symposium 3 AI	
	Symposium 2 Coexistence	Symposium 4 Coexistence	
17:30 - 18:30	Break	Break	
18:30 - 20:00	Global Networking Dinner 1	Global Networking Dinner 2	



Program Committee Members

Seon-Wook Kim (Soongsil Univ.), Woohyun Chun (Hanyang Univ.), Chankyu Lee (Chung-Ang Univ.), Wonsup Jung (Kyungnam Univ.), Jin Y. Park (American Univ.), Taeyong Kim (Soongsil Univ.), Hyunggon Kim (Konyang Univ.), Eunkyung Park (Dong-A Univ.), Jinseok Song (Chungnam National Univ.), Cindy Siyeon RIM (UNESCO), Myeonghui Cheon (Gyeongkuk National Univ.), Hobin Choi (Gyeongkuk National Univ.), Younghee Chae (Pukyong National Univ.), Byoungjun Park (Sogang Univ.), Mahnwoo Kwon (Kyungsung Univ.), Sooyeon Im (Soongsil Univ.)

Program

Keynote Speech

Keynote Speech 1

“Artificial Intelligence and the Challenges of Human Conversation”

November 4 ^(Tue)
13:30~15:00



Moderator **Seon-Wook Kim** Professor Emeritus, Soongsil University

Discussant **Heisook Kim** President, International Federation of Philosophical Societies

Presenter

Mohammed Ali Benmakloul

Professor, University of Mohammed VI Polytechnique, Morocco (UM6P)

Speaker Profile

- Professor Emeritus, Université Paris-Est Créteil
- Member of the French National Academy of Pharmacy and the Moroccan Royal Academy
- Director of the Africa Research Center (CAS)

Introduction

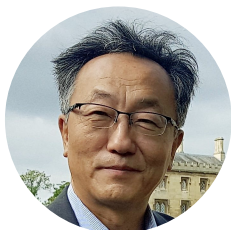
Grounded in philosophical insights into human society and reason, this session offers a profound examination of the role of the humanities in the age of AI.

Key Areas: Logic, Classical Arabic Philosophy, Medical Ethics, Philosophical Dialogue

Keynote Speech 2

“Rethinking Social Intelligence”

November 5 ^(Wed)
13:30~15:00



Moderator **Seon-Wook Kim** Professor Emeritus, Soongsil University

Discussant **Myunglim Park** Professor, Yonsei University

Presenter

Heonik Kwon

Chair Professor, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Speaker Profile

- Fellow of the British Academy
- Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Clifford Geertz Prize, American Anthropological Association (2007)

Introduction

• Through original reflections on cultural trauma and healing, this session presents the wisdom of coexistence in an age of polarization and conflict.

• Key Areas: Asian Cold War History, Vietnam War, Legacies of the Korean War, Political Culture of North Korea

Keynote Speech 3

“Humanity in the Age of AI: Co-Evolution of Humans and AI”

November 6 ^(Thu)
10:10~11:10



Presenter

Jaeho Yeom

President, Taejae University

Speaker Profile

- Vice-Chair, Presidential Committee on AI
- President (19th), Korea University
- Professor, Department of Public Administration, Korea University

Introduction

• As an educator leading innovations in higher education and as the founding president of Taejae University—the first AI-focused university in Korea—he presents a new paradigm for the university of the future.

• Key Areas: Public Administration, Political Science, AI-Based Higher Education

Program

Symposium

• November 4 ^(Tue) 15:30~17:30 •

1. AI Governance

"Whose rules should govern AI?"
Examining the conditions for new governance at the intersection of technological speed and social norms.

Moderator	Chankyu Lee Professor, Chung-Ang University
Presenters	Taewoong Park Chairman, Green Paper Forum - Chairman of the Board, Hanbit Media - Recipient of the Order of Industrial Service Merit, Bronze Tower (2021) - Author of 『Overnight, We Became an Advanced Nation』
Discussants	Jungwon Lee Professor Emeritus, University of Seoul Kwangho Lee Professor, Korea National University of Education

2. Coexistence in the Middle East

"How was coexistence possible in lands marked by religion and conflict?"
Exploring the political and cultural foundations of coexistence through the history and contemporary realities of the Middle East.

Moderator	Ilkwang Seong Professor, Sogang University
Presenters	Ahmed Nassim Barqawi Dean, Philosophy House, Fujairah, UAE - Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Damascus - Academic Director, Orient Research Center
	Heesoo Lee Professor Emeritus, Hanyang University Chair Professor, SungKongHoe University

• November 5 ^(Wed) 15:30~17:30 •

3. AI Bias

"Is AI truly objective?"
Uncovering the biases embedded in data and algorithms, while seeking pathways toward fairer artificial intelligence.

Moderator	Jin Y. Park Chair Professor, American University
Presenters	Phinith Chanthalangsy Regional Advisor for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Bangkok Office - Unit Head for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Harare Office - Programme Specialist for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Rabat Office
	Bongrae Seok Professor, Alvernia University - International Advisory Committee, AI Society Institute, Academy of Korean Studies - Vice President of NAKPA (North American Korean Philosophy Association)

4. Coexistence in East Asia

"Is East Asia a region of competition or coexistence?"
Reimagining new orders of coexistence through the interplay of ideas and institutions.

Moderator	Ilmo Yang Professor, Seoul National University
Presenters	Yumi Moon Professor, Stanford University Professor, Department of History, Stanford University
	Jun-Hyeok Kwak Professor, Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai) - General Editor, Routledge Series of Political Theories in East Asian Context - Co-Editor, Journal of Social and Political Philosophy

Special Lecture
on Andong Studies

"A Brief History of Andong and Its Notable Figures"

November 6 ^(Thu)
9:30~10:10

Presenter **Eonjong Kim** Director, Institute for the Translation of Korean Classics

Introduction

- As President of the Institute for the Translation of Korean Classics, he has played a pivotal role in the research, organization, translation, dissemination, and popularization of classical texts, as well as in the training of future scholars.
- Key Areas: Korean Confucian Studies, with a focus on Dasan (Jeong Yak-yong) and Toegye (Yi Hwang)

Speaker Profile

- Honorable Andongin Award (2024)
- Professor, Department of Sinographic Literatures, Korea University
- Professor, Department of Chinese Language & Literature, Kyung Hee University

Parallel Sessions

DAY 1 November 4 (Tue)

AI 9:30~12:00

01. AI Ethics

Moderator **Whachul Son** Professor, Handong Global University

Presenters **Barbara Janusz-Pohl** Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University

Ho Manh Tung Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

Sunghoon Jung Professor, Incheon National University

Eusun Heo Professor, Kyungnam University

Discussants **Insok Ko** Professor, Inha University

Michał Wawrzyniak Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University, University of Bologna

02. AI and Humanities Research

Moderator **Geonwoo Park** Professor, Changwon National University

Presenters **Tony Veale** Professor, University College Dublin

Marcin Galiński Professor, The Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski

Baro Kim Professor, The academy of Korean Studies

June Jeon Professor, KAIST

Discussant **Sunghyon Myaeng** Professor, Taejae University

03. Education in the Age of AI (Roundtable)

Moderator **Chankyu Lee** Professor, Chung-Ang University

Presenters **Seonghoon Do** Governor, Incheon Metropolitan city office Professor of Education

Sungwoo Um Professor, Seoul National University

Hyeoncheol Kim Professor, Korea University

Wonjoong Kim Professor, Dankook University

04. AI and Translation

Moderator **Hobin Choi** Professor, Gyeongguk National University

Presenters **Ke Hu** Professor, The University of Melbourne

Muhammet Emre Korkmaz Professor, Ankara University

Younggil Yim Professor, Sungkyunkwan University

Yohan Jang Professor, Keimyung University

Coexistence 9:30~12:00

05. Museums as Inclusive Spaces

Moderator **Eunkyung Park** Professor, Dong-A University

Presenters **Vicki Sungyeon Kwon** Curator, Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

Masao Oi Professor, Doshisha University

Seongil Park Curator, Kyujanggak Institute, Seoul National University

Younghee Kim Curator, National Museum of Korea

Discussant **Byoungchan Min** Professor, Chungbuk National University

06. Korean Literature and the World

Moderator **Taeyong Kim** Professor, Soongsil University

Presenters **Jean-Claude de Crescenzo** Professor, Aix-Marseille Université

Seungwoo Lee Novelist, Magazine 'Korean Literature'

Yongjoon Jeong Professor, Seoul Institute of The Arts

07. Books and Libraries in the Digital Age

Moderator **Kyunghoon Moon** Professor, Gyeongsang National University

Presenters **Guillaume Fau** Book Curator, Bibliothèque Nationale de France

Rafael Olea Franco Professor, El Colegio de México

Younguk Kim Professor, Seoul National University

Discussants **Sukkyun Woo** Professor, Seoul National University

Jiyeon Cha Professor, Chungnam National University

08. Encountering the Other

Moderator **Segeun Jeong** Professor, Chungbuk National University

Presenters **Aditi Singh** Professor, Seoul National University

Suk Gabriel Choi Professor, Towson University

Youngjin Yim Professor, Chonnam National University

Mingyu Seo Professor, Konyang University

Discussant **Namho Cho** Professor, University of Brain Education

Parallel Sessions

DAY 2 November 5 (Wed)

AI 9:30~12:00

09. AI and Humanity

Moderator **Gilsan Lee** Professor, Kyungnam University

Presenters **Balaganapathi Devarakonda** Professor, University of Delhi
Johnson Thomaskutty Professor, The United Theological College (UTC), Bengaluru
Jongwoo Bang Professor, The Catholic University of Korea Songsin Campus
Boil Director, AI Buddhism Research Institute

Discussant **Seongho Choi** Senior Researcher, Seoul National University Asia Center

10. AI and the Arts

Moderator **Pyungjong Park** Professor, Chung-Ang University

Presenters **Alice Barale** Professor, University of Milan
Seohyon Jung Professor, KAIST
Jinwan Park Professor, Chung-Ang University

Discussant **Wang Jiaqi** Korea University Ph.D. Candidate

11. AI and Korean Language Education

Moderator **Younghee Chae** Professor, Pukyong National University

Presenters **Srivastava Satyanshu** Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Jieun Joe Kiaer Professor, University of Oxford
Junghee Lee Professor, Kyung Hee University
Yongjin Kwak CEO, IIR TECH

Discussant **Hyounhwa Kang** Professor, Yonsei University

12. AI and Language

Moderator **Mahnwoo Kwon** Professor, Kyungsung University

Presenters **Jean-Louis Vaxelaire** Professor, Université de Namur
Seok Kang Professor, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Yumi Yi Professor, Chung-Ang University
Jeongweon Park Professor, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Discussant **Jinho Park** Professor, Seoul National University

Coexistence 9:30~12:00

13. War and Coexistence

Moderator **Hyunggon Kim** Professor, Konyang University

Presenters **Miklós Zeidler** Professor, University of Budapest
Linda Sunarti Professor, University of Indonesia
Kyengho Son Professor, Korea National Defense University
Jiyoung Kim Professor, Soongsil University

Discussant **Jaegwang Park** Chief Curator, Konkuk University Museum

14. Crises and Resilience

Moderator **Gibong Kim** Professor Emeritus, Kyonggi University

Presenters **Frank Uekötter** Professor, Ruhr University Bochum
Yoshiyuki Yama Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University
Hyejeong Park Research Fellow, Yonsei University
Sejin Lee Professor, Hoseo University

15. Post-Colonial Culture and National Literature

Moderator **Taeyong Kim** Professor, Soongsil University

Presenters **Melina Balcázar** Professor, El Colegio de México
Kuwada Kohei Professor, The University of Tokyo
Sungwoong Choi Ph.D., Itta Publishing (Director)

16. Co-Existence in the Age of "The New Normal" (Roundtable)

Moderator **Wonsup Jung** Professor, Kyungnam University

Presenters **Hoon Choi** Professor, Kangwon National University
Sanghyuk Park Professor, Dong-A University
Shinhyung Seong Professor, Soongsil University
Wonsup Jung Professor, Kyungnam University



Global Networking

The Forum offers two days of global networking opportunities designed to foster sustained exchange and collaboration among participants.



Hybrid Format

All sessions will be live-streamed in real time, connecting onsite and online audiences. AI-generated simultaneous interpreting subtitles in English, Japanese, French and other languages will be provided throughout the entire program.



Participation of Future Generations

In every parallel session, early-career scholars selected through an open call will join as designated questioners, ensuring the meaningful engagement of the next generation.

Participation Information

Pre-Registration

To ensure the smooth operation of the Forum, all participants are kindly requested to complete advance pre-registration.

- Registration is available through the official website: **whf.kr**
- After registering, please check your email for confirmation and further information.

Participant Support Provisions

Complimentary Lunch

Lunch will be provided to all registered participants.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle buses will operate between Andong Station/Bus Terminal and the Convention Center. (Routes and schedules for the shuttle service will be announced later.)

Certificate of Participation

Official certificates or supporting documents for Forum participation will be issued upon request. (Requests can be made by email after registration.)

Inquiries

- **Secretariat, Soongsil University** 2025whf@gmail.com (For international speakers)
- **Website** whf.kr > Contact

Venue & Directions

Seoul-Capital Region

- **KTX** Seoul Station / Cheongnyangni Station → Andong Station (approx. 2h)
- **Express Bus** Seoul Express Bus Terminal / Dong Seoul Bus Terminal → Andong Terminal (approx. 2h 40m)

*Information on individual airport transfers and transportation schedules will be communicated in due course via 2025whf@gmail.com

Forum Shuttle Buses

During the Forum period, shuttle buses will operate between
Andong Station/Bus Terminal and the Andong International Convention Center
(approx. 40 minutes).
Details on routes and schedules will be announced on the official website (whf.kr).

*Additional nationwide transport information can be accessed via QR code.



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Why Andong?

Andong is a city that symbolizes Korea's spiritual and cultural heritage. It is home to both UNESCO World Heritage Sites and Documentary Heritage, embodying the coexistence of tangible and intangible cultural assets. Hosting the World Humanities Forum in Andong reflects a meaningful choice: to connect the accumulated wisdom of humanity with the present, and to share it with future generations.

Cultural Programs

Dosan Seowon Tour

November 6 (Thu)

A group tour guided by professional cultural interpreters.
(Optional program)

Chukseosa Temple Stay /

Andong Cultural Experience

November 6 (Thu) – 7 (Fri), 1 night, 2 days

Open to invited international speakers

*Details of the two-day, one-night tour program schedule will be communicated in due course via 2025whf@gmail.com

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**We look forward to
welcoming you to the Forum.**

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