2020 JANUARY-APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

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January 9 | 3 PM
Korea in 2020: Politics, Policy and Unification Dialogue Insights
ROK Presidential Adviser and Yonsei University Distinguished Professor Chung-in Moon shares roundtable insights on the year ahead in Korean politics, policy and unification dialogue with select policy and corporate members.

This event is by-invitation only at policy@koreasociety.org

January 16 - May 21
Ik-Joong Kang
Moon Jar/Longing for Home
Internationally acclaimed artist Ik-Joong Kang’s new site-specific installation “Floating Dreams to the Moon” premiers at the Korea Society. Featuring over 6,000 drawings from Korean refugees along with several new paintings by the artist, Kang’s artistic practice provides a platform for humanity’s aspiration for achieving what appears to be impossible.

January 27 - April 18
Korean Language Program Winter Session
The Korea Society’s Korean language classes are a great way to learn Korean in a small-class setting from university affiliated and native-speaking instructors. Join language classes at all levels, from Introductory to Advanced Reading and Discussion.

In addition, we are delighted to announce a slate of new classes this semester, including: Advanced Conversational Korean, Beginner Intensive Korean 1 and Survival Korean.
January 30 | 12 PM
Covering North Korea
North Korea challenges reporters’ efforts at providing clarity and revealing hidden dynamics given information gaps and a lack of access. Korea Risk Group CEO Chad O’Carroll, NK News Podcast host Jacco Zwetsloot and freelance journalist and outgoing Asian American Journalist Association New York President Hannah Bae speak with Society Policy Director Jonathan Corrado on how reporters overcome these obstacles to gain credible and durable insight.

January 30 | 1 PM
Changes in the North Korean Economy Roundtable
This public roundtable dialogue explores recent changes and pathways for reform in the North Korean economy, with special focus on transitions and lessons learned in Cuba. Jaime Reusche, Vice President and Senior Credit Officer for the Sovereign Risk Group at Moody’s Investors Service and Peter Ward, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Vienna and NK Pro analyst, join Korea Society President Tom Byrne to share insights and analyses.

January 30 | 6:30 PM
Annual Membership Appreciation Party 2020
Year of the Rat
Celebrate the New Year with The Korea Society as we welcome the Year of the Rat with greater advancements to come! Meet fellow members, supporters, and friends and enjoy Korean-themed drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and entertainment.
February 6 | 6 PM
32nd Street: Then & Now
Dr. Jinwon Kim, Assistant Professor at CityTech CUNY, presents a comprehensive study of Koreatown in Manhattan as a transnational space for consumption, leisure and entertainment.

February 7 | 12 PM
Korea-Japan Relations: Looking Back, Looking Forward
University of Connecticut History Professor Alexis Dudden explores recent history and possible overtures in Korea-Japan relations in conversation with Korea Society Senior Director Stephen Noerper. Exploring trade and historical disputes, as well as Washington’s past and potential involvement, Dudden, author of *Troubled Apologies Among Japan, Korea and the United States*, as well as a recent *New York Times* piece, examines signs of progress, possible offramps and continuing challenges.

February 27 | 6 PM
Beyond 32nd Street: “Korean” Restaurants of the Moment
Three of the most acclaimed restaurateurs in New York talk about the past, present and future of “Korean” restaurants in the city and beyond. Panelists are: Simon Kim of Cote; Jenny Kwak of Haenyeo; and Ellia Park of Atoboy & Atomix.
March 3
Deadline for Applications:
Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture Series
The Korea Society welcomes applications from individuals at the Ph.D. through non-tenure track professorship levels, and nonprofit, public service or private sector equivalents, in its effort to foster new thought leadership on Korea. This annual prize recognizes an emerging scholar leading in her or his field on Korea and affords the recipient both an award and opportunity to lecture at the Society. More information at koreasociety.org.

March 13 | 6 PM
Artist Talk: Ik-Joong Kang with Dr. Katherine Anne Paul
Internationally acclaimed artist Ik-Joong Kang in conversation about his art and career with Dr. Katherine Anne Paul, Curator of Asian Art, the Birmingham Museum of Art. © Photo by An Woongchul.

March 19 | 6 PM
Happy Hour @ YSP Gallery
An intimate tour of YSP Gallery in Chelsea, which showcases the incredible legacy of Young Sook Park, who has dedicated her life to recapturing lost ceramic methods and techniques of the Joseon Dynasty.

April 2 | 6 PM
Traditional Jewelry of Korea: Social Meanings and Fashion
A compendious overview of traditional Korean jewelry over various dynasties, presented by Dr. Minjee Kim.
April 3 | 12 PM
China’s Foreign Policy and Relations on the Korean Peninsula

Writer and scholar Orville Schell, Arthur Ross Director of the Center on US-China Relations at the Asia Society, and Yun Sun, Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the East Asia Program and Director of the China Program at the Stimson Center, examine developments in China’s foreign policy toward the Korean Peninsula. In conversation with Society Senior Director and Columbia Adjunct Professor Stephen Noerper, the two examine China’s commitment on denuclearization, orientation toward Pyongyang and Seoul, and views on unification.

April 5 - 15
Project Bridge Youth Ambassador Republic of Korea Study Tour

This intercultural youth leadership program for junior and senior public high school students undertakes a ten-day study tour to the Republic of Korea. Youth Ambassadors from New York City, Missoula and Los Angeles visit schools, corporations, ministries, temples, museums and cultural institutions as part of this academic year program. The Program aims to “bridge” the gap among cultures through cultural awareness and leadership training and to introduce students to US-Korea relations, with an emphasis on cultural and racial sensitivity and a firm understanding of Korea.

April 17 | 12 PM
Korean Election Analysis

Stanford University Professor Gi-Wook Shin joins Korea Society Senior Director Stephen Noerper for a timely breakdown of the April 15 Korean legislative elections. Professor Shin, Director of the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Director of Korean
Studies, and William J. Perry Professor of Contemporary Korea, examines the voice of the electorate and impact of the National Assembly election results for the Moon administration and Korean politics.

April 23, April 30 and May 7 | 4 PM
Kim Koo Professional Series
The Korea Society celebrates the launch of its tenth class joining senior professionals from corporate, media and United Nations circles with nationally renowned thought leaders on Korea and Northeast Asia. The spring 2020 “best-of” series features Fletcher School Professor and Kim Koo Foundation board member Sung-Yoon Lee, Heritage Foundation Senior Research Fellow for Northeast Asia Bruce Klingner, and Center for Strategic and International Studies Fellow and MSNBC commentator Sue Mi Terry. Enrollment is limited and by invitation.

Coming in May
May 1 | 12 PM
US-Korea Relations: Defining the Alliance Anew
University of Southern California Professor and Director of the USC Korean Studies Institute David Kang joins Korea Society Senior Director Stephen Noerper for a discussion of progress and challenges in Korea-US relations. The two weigh the fallout from the host-nation support debate, shifts in joint military exercises, and evolution of policies and priorities in South Korea and the United States, with an eye toward invigorating and defining the alliance anew as it marks seventy years since the start of the Korean War.

UN Dialogues at the Korea Society
The Korea Society seeks to educate decision makers from the Hill, business and halls of the United Nations. Since December 2018, the Society has hosted a dozen expert-level discussions for senior UN personnel and mission representatives on engagement, confidence-building and preventive diplomacy on and around the Korean Peninsula.
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