

Call for Proposals

Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC)

The Association of Korean Political Studies ([AKPS](#)) is launching the fourth Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC) building on its success of the past three rounds. KPSC aims to bring together scholars working on Korean politics for virtual workshops that can help promising projects in the field move forward through productive intellectual conversations and nurture a network of emerging scholars in the field.

We invite paper proposals from scholars working on issues related to Korean politics (broadly defined), including scholars based outside the U.S. and those who examine Korea from a comparative perspective. We also welcome scholars from across subfields, with diverse methodological approaches. Preference will be given to junior scholars (ABD, pre- and post-doc, and pre-tenure), but we welcome papers from all scholars of Korean politics. Submissions from other disciplinary backgrounds will also be considered, but discussions in the colloquium will be centered around political science aspects of the project.

The Colloquium will run from September 2025 to May 2026, with one workshop per month. We will maintain the ‘cohort’ system that has proven successful in offering scholars a safe space to bring their in-progress projects to constructive discussions. Successful applicants, therefore, will attend all the monthly workshops, one of them as a presenter and the others as participants, to form a small cohort of emerging Korean politics scholars.

The workshops will run on Zoom for an hour. Each presenter will be matched with two discussants. One of the discussant will be a scholar outside of the Colloquium whose expertise falls in the topic area presented and recruited by the co-conveners. The workshop format is as follows: the presenter will begin with a short introduction (~3 minutes) and the assigned discussants will provide feedback (~20 minutes). The remaining time will be dedicated to a discussion among the participants of the colloquium. In principle, all sessions are expected to take place in one of the following time slots, though perhaps with some possible changes: 8-9AM, 9-10AM, 6-7PM, or 7-8PM (all EST).

Applications will be reviewed by the co-conveners of the workshop. Applicants should submit their application by uploading a file to this anonymous OneDrive folder: [Click!](#)

The uploaded file should be a single PDF containing:

- A one-paragraph bio (Note: please indicate your main time zone)
- A two-paragraph paper abstract (500 words max)
- A curriculum vitae

The deadline for submission is **July 15, 2025 (EST)**. Applicants will be notified by August 1. Questions can be sent to bson3@gmu.edu (Ben Son).

- Jenna Gibson (University of Chicago), Co-Convener
- Edward Goldring (University of Melbourne), Co-Convener
- Eun A Jo (Dartmouth College), Co-Convener
- HM Kim (University of Houston), Co-Convener
- Edward Kwon (Northern Kentucky University, AKPS president), Co-Convener
- Hyerin Seo (Michigan State University), Co-Convener
- Byunghwan Ben Son (George Mason University, AKPS vice-president), Co-Convener