

Call for Proposals

Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC)

The Association of Korean Political Studies ([AKPS](#)) is launching the fifth Korean Political Studies Colloquium (KPSC) building on the success of the past four 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. Papers shared in KPSC have been consistently published in leading peer-reviewed outlets.

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, or 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 2026 to May 2027, with one workshop per month in principle. 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 monthly workshops, one of them as a presenter and the others as participants, to form a small cohort of emerging Korean politics scholars.

Several co-convenors (established scholars in the field) will also be in the workshops, providing comprehensive feedback on the paper as well as potential mentoring opportunities. In addition, for each paper, KPSC will recruit a field-leading scholar outside of the Colloquium whose expertise falls in the topic area. In the end, the paper-giver will receive an unusually large amount of feedback carefully customized to the paper—a feature that distinguishes the Colloquium from others.

The workshops will run on Zoom for an hour. 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. 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-convenors 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 midnight, **August 1, 2026 (EST)**. Applicants will be notified by August 15. Questions can be sent to bson3@gmu.edu (Ben Son). If there is a problem with the OneDrive submission link, the file can be sent to this email, too.

KPSC Steering Committee