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ISUS Newsletter

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

Cover Story

<New Graduate Admissions recruited & Summer Vacation>

New Graduate Admissions recruited 13 students, Department of Global Construction & Sustainable Urban. They will be enrolled on September 1st. This Summer Vacation period is until August 31st and Fall Semester starts from September 1st.

<New Faculty Introduction Interview >

Starting 2021, Prof. Wang-jin SEO has joined ISUS as a visiting professor. We have interviewed him as this month's interview. He has specialized in the research, lecture, and policy advisory work focusing on climate change, carbon neutrality, urban environmental policy, and urban regeneration.

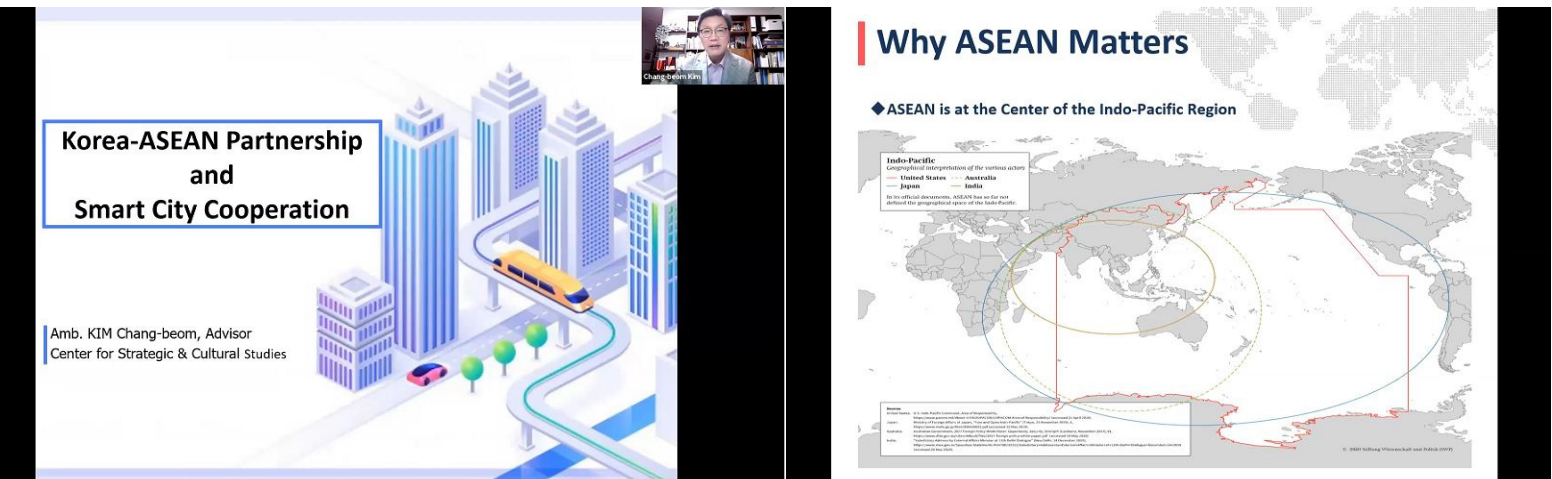
<2021 ISUS Global Project Development Fair >

ISUS is planning to hold "2021 ISUS Global Project Development Fair", on 10th of August to share a selection of projects produced from GPD with organizations in cooperation with ISUS. However, due to Social Distancing Level 4, we need to keep checking the situation for this event.

<Delta variant of COVID-19 and Social Distancing Level 4>

Delta variant of COVID-19 spreads out all over the world including Korea and new confirmed cases in Korea are rapidly growing on July. Starting 12th of July, the social distancing level 4 starts in Seoul metropolitan area and it limits private gatherings after 6 PM to 2 people.

ISUS 65th Urban Infra Forum



The ISUS 65th Urban Infra Forum (UIF), which marked the fourth UIF for 2021 Spring Semester, is held Wednesday, June 9th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom, with the topic, “Korea–ASEAN Partnership and Smart City Cooperation”, delivered by Chang-beom KIM, former Korean Ambassador to Indonesia.

The participants were granted a valuable opportunity to listen to the story about “How Korea and ASEAN countries have cooperated for the development as Smart City”.

UIF is discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers. Participants are mainly ISUS members who consist of Foreign Public Officials and Domestic Practitioners with a combination of their expertise, the forum has served as a platform for international networking and mutual learning.

You can find the lecture materials of UIF on the website below.

http://isus.uos.ac.kr/freeTC/list.do?list_id=50018C7

ISUS homepage > community > Urban Infra Forum

New Faculty Introduction

Interview for Prof. Seo

For the newsletter of July, we interviewed one of our new faculty. Starting in 2021, Professor Wang-jin Seo has joined the ISUS as a visiting professor. Please welcome our new professor Seo.



Their interviews provided as below:

Q1. Can you introduce yourself?

Wang-jin Seo: I majored in Energy and Environmental Policy at the University of Delaware, United States, and now I am working on research, lecture, and policy advisory work focusing on climate change, carbon neutrality, urban environmental policy, and urban regeneration. Before the degree courses, I had worked for 10 years as an environmental activist especially in the area of terrestrial eco-system preservation and atmosphere preservation. From 2011 to 2016, I served as a special adviser and chief secretary to the Mayor of Seoul. And my most recent work was serving as a president at the Seoul Institute, a think-tank affiliated with Seoul Metropolitan Government from 2017 to 2021. As the president, I was involved in policy advisory work on the overall administration of Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Q2. Can you explain your previous work and the organization you belonged to?

Wang-jin Seo: I had served as a president at the Seoul Institute for the last four years. The Seoul Institute, a think-tank of Seoul Metropolitan Government, conducts professional research and suggests social policies on welfare, culture, education, and industries and urban management policies on city planning, transportation, safety, and the environment.

As the president, I managed the overall administration of the institute and worked on reflecting main policies developed by researchers on the administration of Seoul Metropolitan Government. Also, I primarily connected a researcher to the administration of Seoul to support active policy development.

Q3. Do you have any words you want to deliver to ISUS, and ISUS members?

Wang-jin Seo: I believe the Republic of Korea has achieved rapid economic growth with unique wisdom and diligence while learning from previous experiences of developed countries over the past few decades. However, following the advanced countries is reaching the limit for preparing a future of Korea, but rather a number of examples indicate that the experience and achievement of Korea would lead the world. Hallyu, the Korean Wave, and Korea's response to Covid-19 would be representative examples.

I believe ISUS holds an important position in leading the future of Korea in terms of the background of its establishment, history of operation, and accumulated human and intellectual assets. ISUS contributes to other countries' development by sharing Korean development experiences and conducting research together as Korea did in the past. Also, I believe this could be an opportunity to find a clue of further growth and development of Korea. I look forward to the ISUS playing a leading role in this significant process.

MGELP 6 Mapo Resource Recovery Facility Field Trip



The MGLEP batch 6 students visited Mapo Resource Recovery Facility to learn about the resource recovery system in Seoul on July 4th, 2021.

Students learned about the history of the mega city's waste treatment and learn about how the current resource recovery system works. All the students were interested because an employee of the Seoul explained the recovery system in great detail. In particular, the students were surprised to see the size of facility, especially the exhaust tower.

After finishing their schedule at the facility, the students moved to Nanji island. All the students were surprised that Nanji island was originally a landfill site. They take pictures in the beautiful scenery of the park.

MGELP 5,6 NIFOS Field Trip



The MGLEP batch 5 and 6 students visited the National Institute of Forest Science to learn about Urban Forest (NIFOS) in Seoul City on July 11, 2021. The students took a lecture on the importance and effectiveness of urban forests in city. The lecturer said that urban forests enrich the lives of urban residents.

After the lecture, students took a walk-in the forest in NIFOS. Looking at the various plants in the forest, the students recognized the importance of urban forests

MGELP 5 Yeosu, Suncheon Field Trip



The MGLEP batch 5 students visited Yeosu and Suncheon Region, to see Korea's representative ecotourism site from June 23rd– 25th 2021 with their program director, Professor Chunho Yeom and coordinators.

First day, students visited Suncheon Bay Wetland and National Garden. Students learned how the ecological park is operated.

Second day, students visited Hyangil heritage and Odong Island. This place has the most beautiful scenery in Yeosu. Also, students learned about the history of Yeosu area, while looking around Yeosu Bay on a cruise ship.

Last day, Students visited Yeosu Aqua planet. Students watched various aquatic animals here.

It was a fun and rewarding time for all the students to know about Yeosu and Suncheon.

UOS Campus in July



Enjoy the Hot Summer!



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