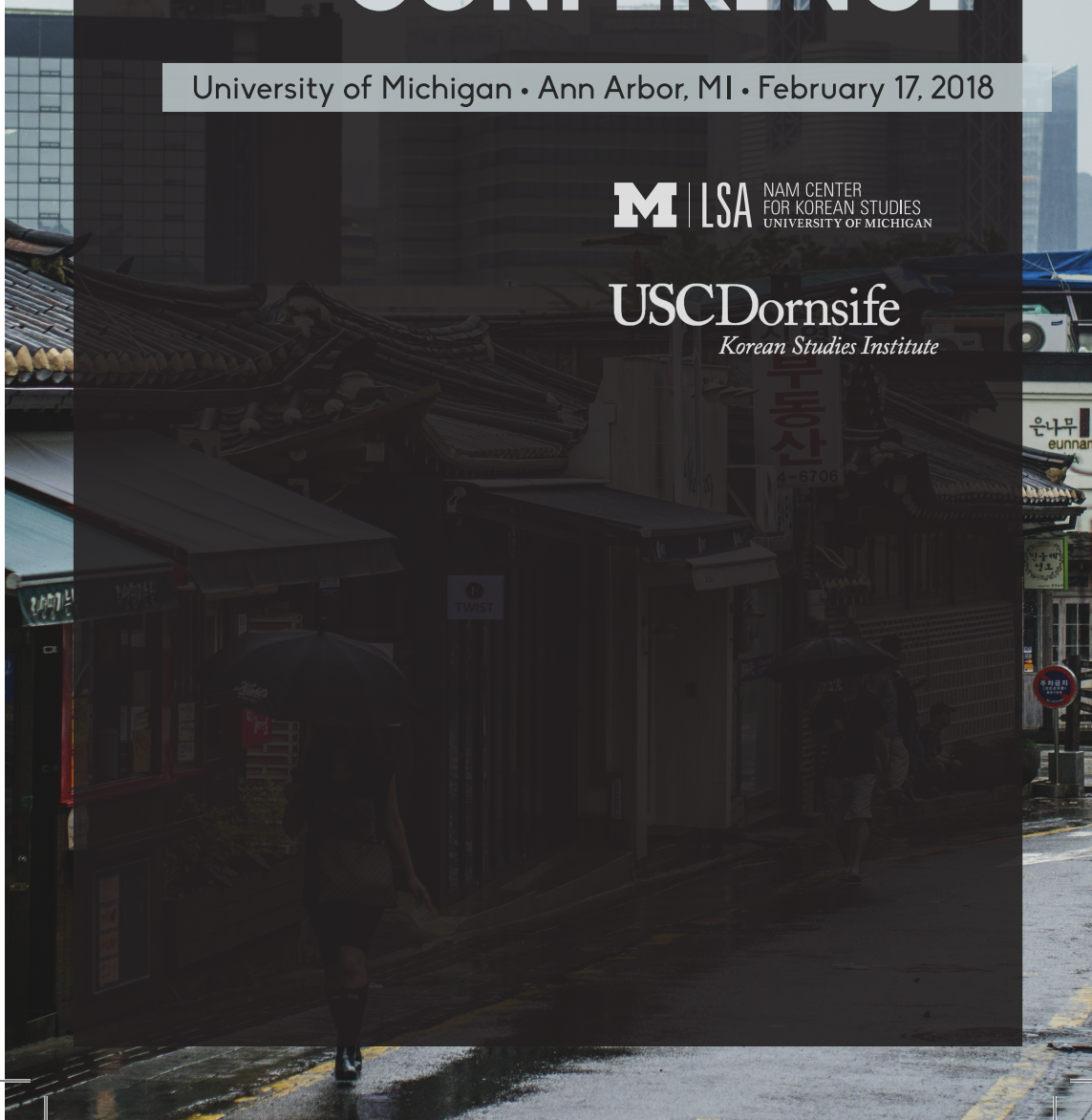


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Welcome Remarks by Nojin Kwak & David Kang

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

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Panel 1: Korean Youth: Contemporary Challenges in the Educational & Political Domains

Kevin Liu (U-M)

Paradoxical Advancement: Youth Unemployment Rate as a Result of Societal Norms in South Korea

Jackie Kim (USC)

From the Voices of Students: Assessing Public Education in South Korea

Elaine Che (USC)

Reevaluating the Disparity: Bullies and Victims in South Korean Schools

Hunter Zhao (U-M) "If I Had Enough Free Time I Would Rather Spend It on Myself": North Korea-Related Activism and Reunification

Discussants: Jiun Bang (U-M) & Jon Kief (USC)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Panel 2: Within & Beyond: Gender and Racial Dynamics

Marisa Fuse (USC)

The LA Riots in Retrospect: The Systematic Effects of Racism, Racial Hostility, and Cultural Misunderstanding

Julienne Dawidoff (USC)

South Korean Beauty Standards: A History, and an Exploration of Their Understanding and Practices in the United States

Danielle Kim (U-M) How Pride, Silence, and a Feedback Loop Constrain South Korea from Uprooting Prostitution

Kawthar Mohamud (U-M)

Distorted Obsession: Exploring the Stalking Phenomenon in South Korea through the Lens of Celebrity Stalkers

Discussants: Irhe Sohn (U-M) & Jae Kyun Kim (USC)

LUNCH (Weiser Hall, 10th floor) & campus tour

Panel 3: Domestic Contestation & Resilient Foreign Policy Issues

2:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Sophie Lee (U-M)

Income Tax Controversy: Capturing Religious Influence on Korean Politics

Sumin Kim (USC)

Old Zombies in Farmland?: Making Sense of the Voting Behavior in Seongju, Korea, 2007-2017

Diana Singh (USC)

Domestic Movement to International Policy: The 2015 Agreement over Comfort Women in the Context of Regime Consolidation

Ryan Beringer (USC)

Staunch Defender to Prime Negotiator: China's Evolution in the North Korean Dilemma

Jamie Kwong (USC)

Cold War and Post-Cold War Rogues: U.S. Foreign Policy Responses to China's and North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Programs

Discussants: Jae Kyun Kim (USC) & Jiun Bang (U-M)

Panel 4: Across Media and National Borders: Imagination, Identity, Critique

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Abigail Koh (USC)

The Wages of South-Koreanization: Effects of Disciplinary Power in Hanawon Settlement Program

Sooyeon Lee (U-M)

Vigil to Revolution: Examining Political Engagement in Korean Candlelight Protests

Ursula Collins-Laine (USC)

Film Industries in a Global World: Time-Warner and CJ E&M's Structurally Different Approaches to the International Market

Max Kapur (USC)

"Where I Turn Into a Leaf and Empty Myself": Trees, Transcendence, and the Ecopetic Imagination

Discussants: Irhe Sohn (U-M) & Jon Kief (USC)

DINNER RECEPTION (Weiser Hall, 10th floor)

The **Korean Studies Undergraduate Exchange Conference** is a partnership between the University of Michigan Nam Center for Korean Studies and the University of Southern California Korean Studies Institute. It seeks to encourage original research in Korean studies by undergraduate students and foster networking between the two campuses.

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The Nam Center for Korean Studies at the University of Michigan International Institute encourages economic, political, and cultural understanding of Korea in the U-M community and beyond. Through its student and faculty support and ambitious public programming, the center seeks to increase the depth and breadth of resources devoted to Korean studies. The Nam Center provides a historical context for the campus community and public to better understand current social and political challenges in Korea. With a history spanning more than 5,000 years, Korea boasts one of the world's oldest cultures. The Nam Center works to raise interest and awareness about this fascinating and ancient civilization. The center supports student and faculty research and recruitment, new curriculum development, and an active colloquium series at the university, bringing eminent Korean Studies scholars from around the world to speak on diverse and complex issues. Additionally, the center provides funding for public programs such as art exhibitions, film festivals, lectures, and conferences.

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