The International Association for Comparative Mythology 18th Annual Conference

Communicating with Spirits: Beyond the Human World

June 2-5, 2025

Center for Folkculture Studies, Institute of Humanities, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

Practical Information for the Participants

http://www.compmyth.org

CONFERENCE VENUE

Shinyang Humanities Hall Gwanak Campus Bldg 4, Room 302 (3rd floor)

Seoul National University

1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Korea

INTERACTIVE MAP

An interactive map with the conference venue, hotels (including hotels' websites and addresses), restaurants, and various places of interest can be found <u>here</u>.

Also on our website.

The map will be updated on a regular basis to include all the important locations.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration for the presenters and audience is open. Please register here or on our website.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference program with abstracts will be published on our <u>website</u> in May. We will also print the program for those who participate in person. All in-person sessions will be held in a hybrid format. The registered participants will receive Zoom links to all the sessions before the beginning of the conference.

HOTELS

The hotels close to the main conference venue can be found on the <u>conference map</u>. Most of these hotels can be booked directly or via such services as <u>hotels.com</u> <u>expedia.com</u> or <u>booking.com</u>.

CONFERENCE DINNER AND RECEPTION

Conference Opening Reception is planned for Monday, June 2.

Conference Banquet is planned for Thursday, June 5.

Locations and details TBA.

NB!

If your partner/accompanying person is attending the conference dinner, we are asking you to pay a reduced fee (\$75 = KRW 108.000) on their behalf. If they are attending the conference, they need to register and pay the full fee (\$150 = KRW 216.000).

EXCURSION

We are planning an after-conference excursion on Thursday, June 5. Details TBA during the conference.

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee can be paid by the following means:

- 1. Via PayPal on our <u>website</u> (major credit cards accepted).
- 2. Onsite in cash during the registration. If you pay onsite, we would very much prefer a payment in the Korean Won (KRW). Full fee in this case is **KRW 216.000**, a reduced fee is **KRW 108.000**.

TRAVELING TO KOREA AND SEOUL

VISAS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please check if you need a visa to enter Korea at your local consulate. General information on the visa requirements is available here.

NB! Most of the visa-exempt travelers require a Korea Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA). Please check if you need K-ETA to enter Korea and, if needed, apply for it here.

TRANSPORTATION

How to Get to Seoul and how to Get Around

Seoul can be reached by various international flights to <u>Incheon International Airport</u> and by several flights from Japan and China and domestic flights to <u>Gimpo Airport</u>.

On the transportation between **Incheon** and **Seoul** see here:

https://www.airport.kr/ap_en/1499/subview.do

Between **Gimpo** and **Seoul**:

https://www.airport.co.kr/gimpoeng/cms/frCon/index.do?MENU ID=270

Korea Rail (KORAIL):

[Official railway site with information on subway, airport railroad, and high-speed rail services]

https://www.letskorail.com/ebizbf/EbizBfIndex_eng.do

Seoul Transport Operation & Information Service (TOPIS):

https://topis.seoul.go.kr/eng/english.jsp

Seoul Metro:

http://www.seoulmetro.co.kr/en/index.do?device=PC

Seoul metro map.

Korea Tourism Organization:

[Official tourism site with detailed transportation guides for Seoul and connections to other parts of Korea]

https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/svc/planYourTravel/travelInfo/subTransportation.do?menuSn=179

MONEY

The South Korean Won (KRW or ₩) is the national currency of Korea.

In April 2025, the approximate exchange rates are:

EUR1 = 1636 KRW USD1 = 1421.7 KRW GBP1 = 1900.6 KRW JPY100 = 1010.2 KRW You can check current rates here:

https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=KRW

TRAVEL RESOURCES ON SEOUL AND KOREA

Seoul Travel Guides:

https://english.visitseoul.net/

https://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south-korea/seoul

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/destination/seoul

https://migrationology.com/travel-guides/seoul-korea/

https://en.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Seoul

https://wikitravel.org/en/Seoul

Restaurants in Seoul:

https://www.eater.com/maps/best-seoul-restaurants-38

https://www.theworlds50best.com/discovery/sitemap/south%20korea/seoul

https://english.visitseoul.net/restaurants

 $\frac{https://www.willflyforfood.net/seoul-food-guide-25-must-eat-restaurants-in-seoul-south-korea/}{}$

Michelin Guide (also useful for the hotels):

https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/seoul-capital-area/restaurants

General Information and Tips on Travel to South Korea:

https://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south-korea

https://www.audleytravel.com/ca/south-korea/country-guides/south-korea-for-the-first-time-visitor

https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/svc/main/index.do

 $\frac{https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/a-practical-guide-to-travelling-insouth-korea}{}$

MOBILE TRAVEL RESOURCES

A list of different mobile travel resources can be found here:

https://english.visitseoul.net/safe-travel

Looking forward to seeing you in Seoul!

Yours, 18th Conference Organizing Committee, IACM