

## Tübingen Korean Studies Lecture Series

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## Are Korean Women Shaman, mudang, feminist?

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This lecture starts with the questions "What is the relationship between Korean Women Shamans and feminism?", "Do shamans work actively for gender equality?" and "Did shamans play an active role in women's liberation from a patriarchal society?" While answering these questions, it will deal with the topic of Korean women shaman and their role as "feminists" in Korean society. It will discuss if *mudangs* through their role among Korean women and their rituals have contributed to the creation of a more equal and inclusive society. In the end, it will discuss how Korean shamans have contributed to the development of a feminist spirituality.



