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The Experience of "House" and "Home" in Colonial Korea

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Abstract: In this presentation I trace the genealogies of the idea and image of the “modern home” in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Korea. It focuses on the role that Western Protestant missionaries, enlightenment-oriented social reformers and foreign-educated intellectuals played in fashioning the ideal home, which came to be reflected in images associated with the “missionary home,” the “sweet home” and “a doll’s house.” The analysis in this presentation attempts to go beyond the simple binary framework of the colonizer and the colonized by situating the concept and images of “home” at the center of a network of ideas and people that reached beyond the geographical borders of the nation. In doing so, the presentation demonstrates the ways in which modern domesticity has emerged from the complex interplay of the local, the national and the global, between desire for and anxiety about the modern and between imagined ideals and naked realities.

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