



Tübingen Korean Studies Lecture Series

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What's in a Name: Kims in Seoul, Pyongyang, and New York

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This lecture investigates the utilization of surnames in the context of ethnic studies, specifically focusing on the cultural conventions related to gender-specific naming practices in South Korea. The research conducts a comparative analysis to evaluate the prevalence of the surname Kim among individuals in both North and South Korea, as well as within ethnic Korean immigrant groups in the United States. The research aims to determine the viability of using individuals with the surname Kim from publicly available directories as a representative sample to gain insights into the ethnic Korean population in a particular region.