



Tübingen Korean Studies Lecture Series

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"2030 Women in South Korea 'Into the New World'? Reading the Generational and Periodic Context through the Lens of Feminism"

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Dr. Hye-min Oh is a feminist scholar, writer, retired filmmaker, and educator. She holds a PhD in Women's Studies from Ewha Women's University in Seoul and an MA in Gender and Diversity from the Freie Universität Berlin. As a part of the Global Encounters Fellowship at the University of Tübingen, she is currently researching responses to the alt-right politics from a transnational perspective, with a particular focus on resilience and institutionalisation. Her dissertation, entitled 'Epistemic Vulnerability of Korean Budding Feminists in the Era of Post-Feminism Reboot,' focused on the contemporary and generational context, examining the impact of feminism and anti-feminism backlash on the younger generation.



Following the emergence of the #MeToo movement in the arts sector, she has taught mandatory feminist courses at the Korea National University of Arts in Seoul for six years. In an educational environment characterised by both acceptance and resistance, she cultivated her interest in feminist pedagogy. She has participated in numerous educational content development projects and published academic papers and books.

This lecture examines the generational and cyclical context of women in their 20s and 30s, who are newly recognized as key actors in the 2024 impeachment rallies. What generational characteristics have been shaped by growing up with the feminism reboot - the popularisation of feminism - and #SchoolMeToo? How did they realise their place in the social structure, when it was widely believed that everything they achieved depended on their hard work? How has society scrutinised their stories and what setbacks and challenges have they faced?