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Growing as a Korea Expert in Europe

Diverse Paths and Perspectives

Online event (Zoom) · Thursday, 3 December 2026, 17:00–19:00 CET

Are you a BA, MA or PhD student with a keen interest in Korea, and wondering where it could take you? Perhaps you have spent years learning the language and know the region well, but the paths built on that expertise still look vague from where you stand.

This webinar is a chance to think about how your interest in Korea can shape your future, and to meet other peers asking the same questions. In a moderated discussion, three speakers who work on Korea in academia, policy research and diplomacy will share how they got to where they are, which skills mattered most, and what they would recommend to those starting out.

Following the discussion, three "career corners" will give you the opportunity to put your questions directly to the speaker of your choice, connect with fellow students with similar interests from across Europe and compare notes on where all this can take you in your career.

Who should join: BA, MA and PhD students in Korean Studies, East Asian Studies and related disciplines across Europe.

Registration

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Speakers

- **Hans Horan**, Strategic Analyst, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
- **Hendrik Johannemann**, Attaché, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Prof. Youngeun Koo**, Assistant Professor, Korea Studies, Lund University

Moderated by Alexander Lipke, Policy Fellow, Asia Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)



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Hendrik Johannemann studied political science and Portuguese in Freiburg, Berlin, Lisbon, and Seoul. He completed his PhD on the South Korean anti-LGBT movement. Prior to beginning his diplomatic training at the German Foreign Service Academy, he worked as a researcher at Freie Universität Berlin and as a desk officer responsible for Japan, South Korea, and Mongolia at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.



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Youngeun Koo is Assistant Professor of Korean Studies at Lund University. A historian of modern Korea, she studies the transnational politics of care, from international adoption to medical aid. She trained at Korea University, Oxford and Tübingen, with postdocs at UC Irvine and Harvard. At Lund she teaches, coordinates MA theses, and founded the NEST Program for early-career Korea scholars.