

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT FORUM 2026

IN KOREAN STUDIES



EVENT PROGRAM

May 8, 2026 | 01:00 PM – 05:00 PM
Erika-Weinzierl-Saal (University Main Building)
Staircase 1, 1st floor | Universtitätsring 1, 1010 Wien

01:00 PM Registration

01:30 PM Welcome speech

02:00 PM **Panel 1 – incl. Q&A**

- **César Puchol Barcina (Complutense University of Madrid & University of Málaga, Spain):** "Korean Shamanism in Deutsch: the life and hard times of a German Mudang"
- **Viktoria Georgieva (Sofia University, Bulgaria):** "Digital Intimacies in an Era of Singledom. AI Idols und Parasocial Relationships in South Korea"

03:00 PM Break & Networking

04:00 PM **Panel 2 – incl. Q&A**

- **Ana-Felicia Lungu (University of Bucharest, Romania):** "Sensory Memory as a form of reconstructing collective trauma in Human Acts by Hang Kang"
- **Francisco Javier Roderer Herrero (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain):** "The role of political leadership and the exploitation of the "window of autonomy" in the trilateral relationship of South Korea with Japan and the United States (2016–2023), through the lens of Neoclassical Realism and Agency Theory"

05:00 PM Buffet for all

DAY 2

EVENT PROGRAM

May 9, 2026 | 09:30 AM – 01:00 PM
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09:30 AM Networking Brunch

10:00 AM

Panel – incl. Q&A

- **Jan Schindler (University of Vienna, Austria):** “Voices of Exclusion: How North Korea-affiliated Media Shape Wedge Narratives in Japan”
 - **Diana Ioana Budeanu (University of Bucharest, Romania):** “Oppressive Care: Gender, Family, and the Female Body in Concerning My Daughter”
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11:00 AM

City Tour & Culture Program

Visiting the Korean Kulturhaus
(K-Flea Market & K-Food Market,
Hanbok Experience & Traditional
Game)
