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### EDUCATION

**PhD in Human and Environmental Studies** **March 2023**

Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

*Dissertation title:* “Self-negating Subject: Ideological Mediation Between “Japan” and “Korea” in the 1930s”

**MA in Human and Environmental Studies** **March 2020**

Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

**BA in Chinese Language and Literature** **February 2016**

Korea University, Seoul, Korea

### TEACHING

**Senior Lecturer** **2023-present**

*Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University*

• Be in charge of the course “Trans-East Asian Thought and Culture” and teach a wide range of East Asian thought and culture through lectures and seminars.

**Part-Time Lecturer** **2023-present**

*Doshisha Woman’s University*

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**JSPS Research Fellow PD** **2023-2023**

*Research topic:* “Colonial Korea and Kyoto School”

**JSPS Research Fellow DC2** **2022-2023**

### PUBLICATIONS

**Minseok Kwak** “The meaning of *Choseon* in Yokomitsu Riichi and Yi Sang’s consciousness of confrontation.” *Comparative Civilization*, Vol.39, 2023.

**Minseok Kwak** “The Adventure of Anxiety: Propagation of Anxiety and Questioning of Reality in Imperial Japan in the 1930s.” *Cahiers Léon Chestov (The Lev Shestov Journal)*, Vol.22, 2023.

**Minseok Kwak** “Ethnic self-awareness in the philosophy of Park Chonghong’s *Uri*: on the acceptance of Miki’s philosophy.” *Kyushin*, Vol.28, 2023.

**Minseok Kwak** “The meaning of *Choseon* and ontology of *death* in Kawabata Yasunari in the early Showa period.” *Social System Research*, Vol.26, 2023.

- Minseok Kwak** “Mandate of Heaven as negativity and the search for national subjectivity: Park Chonghong’s philosophy of subjectivity.” *Nature and Jitsugaku*, Vol.7, 2022.
- Minseok Kwak** “Empire of Anxiety: The Discourse of Anxiety of 1930’s Imperial Japan and the Problem of Reality.” *Comparative Civilization*, Vol.38, 2022.
- Minseok Kwak** “Colonial Korea and Tanabe Hajime: Focusing on comparison with Park Chonghong” in *Times of Crisis and Tanabe philosophy*. Hosei University Press., 2022.
- Minseok Kwak** “The Meaning of Tokyo in Yi Sang’s Literature: Zero Degree of Value.” *Comparative Civilization*, Vol.37, 2022.
- Minseok Kwak** “Ethnic self-recognition of Imperial Japan in Tanabe Hajime’s *logic of species*.” *Tetsugaku*, Vol.73, 2022.
- Minseok Kwak** “*Choson and Japan in Yasuda Yojuro in the 1930s: From ruins to bloodline*.” *Social System Research*, Vol.24, 2021.
- Minseok Kwak** “Challenges surrounding the creation of norms in East Asia: Karatani Kojin and Li Zehou’s theory on transcendental.” *Yako*, Vol.5, 2021.
- Minseok Kwak** “The idea of *annihilation of individuality* and Imperialism in Choi Jaeseo’s criticism.” *Modern Korean Studies*, Vol.20, 2020.
- Minseok Kwak** “Moving East Asia: Mediation in *East Asia Cooperative Community*.” *Comparative Civilization*, Vol.35, 2019.
- Minseok Kwak** “Reorganization of the Public and Civil Society in *Outline of Civilization Theory*: Fukuzawa Yukichi, Habermas, Hegel.” *Social System Research*, Vol.22, 2019.
- Minseok Kwak** “The dialectic of evolution in modern East Asia: Reading *Diary of a Madman* and *Heartlessness as allegories*.” *Yako*, Vol.4, 2019.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Minseok Kwak** “Shinran’s Sadness and Joy,” International Academic Symposium “Ritual, Emotion, and Ethics: Japanese Philosophy from an International Perspective,” Taiwan National University, Taipei, Taiwan, November 2023.
- Minseok Kwak** “Two Ways of Overcoming Hegel: The Dialectical Logic of Tanabe Hajime and Park Chonghong,” 3rd Annual Conference of the International Society of East Asian Philosophy, Edinburgh, UK, September 2023.
- Minseok Kwak**, Norihito NAKAMURA, Nobuyuki MATSUI “Re/Decontextualizing Miki Kiyoshi’s Philosophy,” 7th Annual Conference of the European Network of Japanese Philosophy, Cork, Ireland, September 2023.
- Minseok Kwak** “The self-negating Subject, the challenge of East Asian philosophy: Tanabe Hajime, Mou Zongsan, and Park Chonghong,” Kyoto University Research Institute Joint Research Group, Kyoto, Japan, August 2023.

**Minseok Kwak** “Creation of postwar subjects in Japan and Korea: Tanabe Hajime’s *subject of confession* and Park Chonghong’s *subject of creation*,” Comparative Thought Society 50th Anniversary Conference, Tokyo, Japan, July 2023.

**Minseok Kwak** “Exploration of *Mandate of Heaven* as Negativity and *Creative Subjectivity*: Theory of Subjectivity in Park Chonghong’s Philosophy,” Japan East Asia Jitsugaku Research Society Annual Conference, Online, July 2022.

**Minseok Kwak** “Colonial Korea and Miki Kiyoshi: Focusing on the relationship with Park Chonghong,” International Workshop “Kiyoshi Miki: History and Imagination,” Kyoto, Japan, April 2022.

**Minseok Kwak** “Colonial Korea and Tanabe Hajime: Through Park Chonghong and Odaka Tomoo,” Symposium commemorating the 60th anniversary of Tanabe Hajime’s death, Online, September 2021.

**Minseok Kwak** “Japan repenting, Korea creating,” Spirituality and Peace Study Group Regular Meeting, Online, January 2021.

**Minseok Kwak** “Culture as a paradigm: Comparative cultural theory based on Thomas Kuhn’s *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*,” Comparative Civilization Society 38th Conference, Online, November 2020.

**Minseok Kwak** “The meaning of *Tokyo* in Yi Sang,” 21st Conference of Modern Korean Studies Association, Online, November 2020.

**Minseok Kwak** “Kawabata Yasunari’s ontology of *death* in the early Showa period,” Japan Society of Social Literature Research Meeting, Online, November 2020.

**Minseok Kwak** “A methodological proposal for ideological research on Japan-Korea relations: A case study of ideological mediation in the *East Asia Cooperative Community*,” Kyoto Korean Studies Consortium 63rd Seminar, Online, July 2020.

**Minseok Kwak** “Mediation of Thought in East Asia in the 1930s: *Nothingness, Crisis, and Reality*,” Comparative Civilization Society 37th Conference, Tokyo, Japan, November 2019.

**Minseok Kwak** “A comparative study of Tanabe Hajime’s *Species* and Park Chonghong’s *We*: The origins of Japanese and Korean political thought,” The 24th Regular Research Meeting of the Modern Korean Studies Association, May 2019.

**Minseok Kwak** “Mutual understanding based on *Hatred* and *suffering*: The case of Japan and South Korea,” Voices for Reconciliation and Peace in East Asia Japan Branch Study Group, Kyoto, Japan, March 2019.