The Evolution of Rights in Korea

Conference Day 2: Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Lindner Commons Room, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University
1957 E Street NW, Room 602, Washington, DC 20052

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM    Coffee and Breakfast

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  Panel IV: Shaping Rights for New and Non-Citizens
Discussant: Hae Yeon Choo (University of Toronto)

The Rights of Non-Citizenship: Migrant Rights and Hierarchies in South Korea
Erin Chung (Johns Hopkins University)

Human Rights or Citizen Rights? Explaining Global Policies toward North Korean Refugee Resettlement
Sheena Chestnut Greitens (University of Missouri)

How North Koreans Understand the Rights and Responsibilities of Democratic Citizenship: Implications for Political Integration
Aram Hur (New York University)

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM   Coffee & Wrap Up

Erin Aeran Chung, Johns Hopkins University
The Rights of Non-Citizenship: Migrant Hierarchies in South Korea
Erin Aeran Chung is the Charles D. Miller Associate Professor of East Asian Politics in the Department of Political Science and the Co-Director of the Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship (RIC) Program at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. She specializes in East Asian political economy, international migration, and comparative racial politics. She has been a Mansfield Foundation U.S.-Japan Network for the Future Program Scholar, an SSRC Abe Fellow at the University of Tokyo and Korea University, an Advanced Research Fellow at Harvard University’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, and a Japan Foundation Fellow at Saitama University. Her first book, Immigration and Citizenship in Japan, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2010 and translated into Japanese and published by Akashi Shoten in 2012. She is currently completing her second book, Immigrant Incorporation in East Asian Democracies, under contract at Cambridge University Press.

Sheena Chestnut Greitens, University of Missouri
Human Rights or Citizen Rights? Explaining Global Policies toward North Korean Refugee Resettlement
Sheena Chestnut Greitens is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri. Her research focuses on East Asia, security, and the politics of democracy and dictatorship. Her first book, Dictators and Their Secret Police (Cambridge 2016), won the Best Book Award from the International Studies Association and several other awards. She is currently working on a second book about the migration and resettlement of North Korean defectors and refugees. Dr. Greitens holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University; an M.Phil. from Oxford University, where she studied as a Marshall Scholar, and a B.A. from Stanford University.

Aram Hur, New York University
How North Koreans Understand the Rights and Responsibilities of Democratic Citizenship: Implications for Political Integration
Aram Hur is a Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University. She researches how the politics of identity shapes the success and survival of democracy in East Asia and other contentious contexts. Her current projects look at how nationalism and group ethics explain why individuals support, withdraw, or oppose their democracies in cases of compliance, participation, and the integration of new citizens, such as immigrants and North Korean defectors. She is currently finishing a book manuscript on the sources of citizen duty in democracies.

Hae Yeon Choo, University of Toronto
Hae Yeon Choo is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Affiliated Faculty of the Asian Institute and the Women and Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto. Choo’s research centers on gender, transnational migration, and citizenship to examine global social inequality. She is the author of Decentering Citizenship: Gender, Labor, and Migrant Rights in South Korea (Stanford University Press, 2016).