

AMH Co-hosts the 2025 Global Mobility Conference

The Academy of Mobility Humanities (AMH) at Konkuk University, in partnership with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Korea Transportation Safety Authority (TS), and the International Transport Forum (ITF), successfully co-hosted the “2025 Global Mobility Conference.” The event was held from 9-10 September at the Westin Josun Hotel in Seoul. Under the theme “Futures Together: Innovation for Unlocking Progress,” the conference brought together over 500 domestic and international experts, academics, and officials from government and corporate sectors to discuss technological innovation and future visions for mobility.

The AMH made significant contributions to the conference, beginning with a keynote address on the first day by AMH advisory committee member Professor Mimi Sheller of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, titled “The Social Impact of Mobility and Mobility Justice.” On the second day, the AMH hosted a dedicated “Humanities & Mobility” session. This session featured presentations from co-researcher Professor Peter Adey (Monash University) on “Mobility: A to B,” HK Professor Taehee Kim on “The Ethics of Mobility Technology,” and Professor Donghyun Koo (Chungnam National University) on “Rights to Mobility Infrastructure and the Affect of Citizenship.” Following the presentations, a panel discussion was moderated by HK Professor Jinhyoung Lee. The panel included co-researcher Professor Yonggyun Lee (Chonnam National University), Professor Mimi Sheller,



Professor Nahyun Kim (Yongin University), Chulyoon Kang (Manager, ITF), and Byungsoon Moon (Director, Kakao Mobility Digital Economy Lab). By incorporating humanities-based research, the event successfully broadened the scope of a traditionally technology- and industry-focused conference, offering critical perspectives on the values and direction of future mobility studies.

AMH Signs MOU with the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore

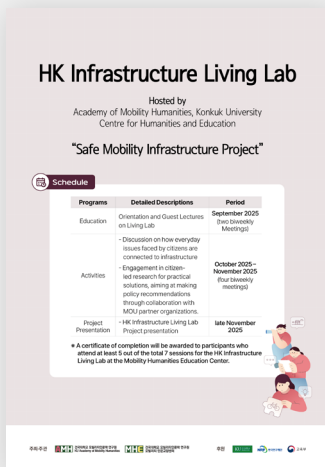
On 17 July, the Academy of Mobility Humanities signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Asia Research Institute (ARI) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Established in 2001, ARI is a world-class institution dedicated to leading interdisciplinary research on the Asian region across the humanities and social sciences.

This agreement formalises and expands upon a close, ongoing relationship, which included the co-hosting of the World Congress of Mobility Humanities at Konkuk University in 2024. Through this

MOU, both institutions have committed to a broad framework of cooperation, including:

- Joint research projects
- Exchange programmes for professors and researchers
- Sharing of academic materials
- Jointly hosting academic conferences
- Collaborating on special journal issues and monographs

As a first step in this enhanced partnership, the AMH will participate in a workshop hosted by ARI this October on the theme of “Digital Work, Mobilities and Changing Cities in Asia.”



HK Infrastructure Living Lab Launch

This September, the AMH “Centre for Humanities and Education” launched its HK Infrastructure Living Lab. This programme is designed to cultivate “citizen-researchers” who can connect their personal experiences with the centre’s research agenda to identify and solve problems within the local community. The program will guide participants through educational lectures on infrastructure humanities, provide practical training for living lab participation, and facilitate meetings, culminating in a final presentation of their findings.

AMH Appoints Adviser, Holds Strategic Research Meeting

On 10 September, the AMH officially appointed Mimi Sheller, Dean of the Global School at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, as an adviser. Following the appointment ceremony, the AMH held a project meeting for its “Infrastructure Humanities” initiative with a co-researcher Professor Peter Adey of Monash University. The meeting focused on developing and advancing international collaborative research projects. This event marks a significant step in strengthening academic exchange and cooperation with two of the world’s leading mobility studies scholars.



AMH Journal Selected for NRF’s 2025 Grant Programme

The *International Journal of Diaspora & Cultural Criticism* (IDCC), an academic journal published by the Academy of Mobility Humanities, has been selected for the National Research Foundation of Korea’s (NRF) 2025 Journal Grant Programme. The grant will provide funding for the publication of the journal for one year, from 1 October, 2025, to 30, September, 2026.

HK Infrastructure Humanities Citizen Lecture Series

The centre offered a three-part “Infrastructure Humanities Citizen Lecture Series” at the Seongdong-gu Community College on consecutive Mondays in September. The citizens were encouraged to engage deeply with the themes through proccoking lectures and discussions. The lectures included:

- “The Representation of Infrastructure in Popular Film: A Look at the Cinematic Train” by Hyo-jung Kim.
- “The Infrastructure Behind Masterpieces: How Satellite Technology Enabled Nam June Paik’s Good Morning, Mr. Orwell” by Yoon-ji Kim.
- “AI and AI Infrastructure” by Hyo-joo Kim.

