

AMH Attends Asia Research Institute Workshop (NUS)



From 30 to 31 October, the Academy of Mobility Humanities (AMH) participate in an international workshop titled “Digital Work, Mobilities and Changing Cities in Asia.” It was organised by the Asia Research Institute (ARI) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). This workshop is jointly organised and funded by ARI, NUS, and the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design. The workshop provides a platform for nuanced perspectives on the proliferation of new digital work modalities, materialities, and mobilities, with a focus on Asia. The overall aim is to explore how digital technologies are fundamentally recomposing society and the materialities of work.

Scholars from the AMH presented their research during the workshop, contributing to the Governance panel on the first day. Taehee Kim delivered a paper titled, “*Digital Social Infrastructure in South Korea: Based on Eric Klinenberg’s Concept of ‘Social Infrastructure’ with a Particular Focus on the Market Platform ‘Daangn.’*” Bomi Lim presented research titled, “*Between Criminals and Workers: Parallels in South Korea’s Digital Surveillance Mechanisms.*” Finally, Hongsuk Yoon presented “*Materialising New Realities: Inclusive Virtual Mobilities through Avatar Embodiment.*”

Asian Journals Network 2025 Conference



The AMH attended the Asian Journals Network (AJN) 2025 Conference, held from 17 to 20 October, 2025, in Shanghai, China. The event was a collaborative effort organised by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Journal Center, the School of Foreign Languages, and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Narrative, SJTU.

The conference aimed to convene members of the Asian Journals Network (AJN) for discussions and collaboration. The programme featured keynote speeches and sessions that covered topics such as sustaining voices, ethics and excellence, cultivating new terrains, and confronting the algorithmic turn. During Session Three: “Cultivating New Terrains” on Saturday, 18 October, Professor Jinhyoung Lee from Konkuk University presented a paper titled “Developing a New Research Field,” a topic aligning with the session’s focus on new areas of academic inquiry.

Infrastructure Humanities Café

The Humanities Education Centre is delighted to announce the launch of the Infrastructure Humanities Café, a collaborative book discussion series held in partnership with the Banpo Public Library in Seocho. This initiative is set to foster engaging discussions around the critical themes of mobility and infrastructure as viewed through the humanities. The series comprises four dedicated sessions, all taking place on consecutive Tuesdays: 14, 21, 28 October, and 4 November. The series commenced with an insightful opening event on Tuesday, 14 at 10:00 AM. This first session featured a special guest lecture delivered by Dr. Youngseok Choi, who holds a PhD in Modern Korean Literature from Yonsei University. Dr. Choi, notable for his translation of “*Encountering Difference: The Traces of Diaspora, the Spaces of Creolization.*”



Humanities Visiting Series

The Humanities Education Centre introduces a special Humanities Visiting Series, offering an immersive look into the historical foundations of Seoul. This programme is structured around the theme, "Infrastructure of Hanyang from the Joseon Dynasty to the Enlightenment Period," examining the vital social structures that shaped the city into its modern form.

The series is composed of four distinct sessions, all held on Fridays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Topics range across key historical sites and institutions. The sessions explore Joseon Commercial Infrastructure: Marketplaces (Sijeon), Opening the Streams of the Hanyang Fortress: Cheonggyecheon, The First Western-Style Park in the City Centre: Tapgol Park, and finally, Modern Medical Infrastructure: Daehan Hospital. The entire series is instructed by Im Chan-woong (National Folk Museum, Traditional Culture Guide).



HK Infrastructure Living Lab

The Humanities Education Centre is proud to announce the latest event from its HK Infrastructure Living Lab initiative: a special lecture focused on community-driven solutions. As a part of anticipated second session, it is honoured to host Ryan Son of the "Centre for Citizens Empowerment" for a discussion on practical problem-solving.

The lecture, titled "Solving Community Problems Using Social Living Lab," will explore the Social Living Lab concept with various real-world cases. This approach directly engages citizens in designing and testing solutions for their everyday lives, aligning with the "Safe Mobility Infrastructure Project" research aims.

This special class is designed to guide participants through educational lectures on infrastructure humanities and provide practical training for the Living Lab participation. The lecture will be followed by a deep discussion involving citizen researchers and scholars, fostering a collaborative environment to apply theoretical concepts to tangible community challenges.



HK Infrastructure Humanities Citizen Lecture Series

The Banpo Public Library, in collaboration with Konkuk University, AMH invites citizens to an enlightening the Lecture Series at Banpo Citizens University. Dive deep into the intersection of technology, infrastructure, and humanities in this series. The lectures included:

23 Oct. : "Satellite Infrastructure and Nam June Paik's Good Morning Mr. Orwell" by Yoonji Kim (Korea University)

30 Oct. : "AI Technology and its Foundation: AI Infrastructure" by Hyejung Kim (Chugye University for the Arts)

This series offers a valuable platform for faculty, researchers, and citizens to engage with emergent themes at the nexus of technology and the humanities.

