

Announcement

Department of Anthropology

Summer Fieldtrip Jun 15-24, 2023

Seoul, South Korea

This year, Professor Sealing Cheng will lead a 10-day fieldtrip to South Korea. The main theme of the trip will be **“Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice.”**

On this trip, students will meet with activists and researchers who work on gender and sexuality issues. Some of the expected outcomes of the fieldtrip are:

- To examine how gender and sexuality are contested issues in South Korea;
- To connect everyday experience with broader structural and cultural dynamics;
- To experience a taste of “making the strange familiar”;
- Learning to communicate in ways other than the spoken language (unless you speak passable Korean, and you are encouraged to take some intensive language classes before the trip).

Program of the trip tentatively includes:

- Visit the Magdalena House Collective, an NGO for sex workers;
- Meeting with researchers on gender and sexuality issues;
- Meeting with activists for LGBTQ rights, sexual rights, and reproductive justice;
- Meeting with Korean anthropologists;
- Visit to the Demilitarized Zone, War Memorial Museum, National Museum;
- Daily briefing sessions;

Pre-trip Activities and Final Output:

There will be 4 mandatory meetings/seminars before the trip. The dates and times are:

Apr 1 (12.30 – 2.30 pm [in Central area]), May 17 (2 - 5 pm [campus]), May 24 (2 – 5 pm [campus]), and June 9 (6.30 pm – 8.30 pm [in Mongkok area]). Students are required to do the assigned readings and writing assignments in preparation for the trip. There will also be discussion about the detailed program of the trip, and the final output.

Lodging:

- Students will stay in shared rooms (2-3 persons) in a centrally located hostel in Seoul

Costs:

- With department subsidies, undergraduate students will pay HK\$ 5,000 for the trip. MA students will pay for the full costs of the trip around \$12,000.
- Application for subsidies is possible to the Anthropology Department and to New Asia College; on a reimbursement basis (i.e. if application is successful, students will be given the money AFTER the trip).

12 students will be selected for the trip. All students are welcome. Priority would be given to undergraduate anthropology majors in their senior year who have taken courses related to gender and sexuality.

Application form is available at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15Uh1ysiDJu9tstbfYeDqti47ZCM_83BvhmufxIs91IM/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true

Deadline of application is Mar 22, 2023.

If interviews are necessary to make the selection of participants, it will take place on March 27 (Mon) between 2.30-5.30 pm.

Results will be announced by March 30, 2023.