



Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University



About the Department of Women's Studies



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Department of Women's Studies

The Department of Women's Studies is committed to training feminist perspectives and cultivating academic researchers with professional knowledge and feminist leaders oriented toward academic ability for analysis. The Department of Women's Studies covers an extensive range of research topics from a global aspect to the microscopic area of daily life. Founded upon the philosophical discussion on the knowledge in women's studies, the department conducts integrated academic research on a wide variety of topics in human society, including the analysis of the historical buildup of labor, family, sexuality, policy, and gender systems, thereby gaining associated knowledge.

As the first ever women's studies launched through the institutional education in Asia, the Women's Studies at Ewha dates back to 1986 where the activities of the <Research Committee on Women's Studies>

were unfolded by professors from various fields of study. In 1977, for the first time in Korea, the elective class <Women's Studies> became available for undergraduate students. As the Department of Women's Studies was established subsequently for graduate students, a master's program and a doctoral program were further introduced in 1982 and 1990, respectively, thus turning out 334 graduates with a master's degree and 48 graduates with a doctorate degree until February, 2021. People of talent from Ewha's Department of Women's Studies continue to excel as feminist professionals in diverse fields, including academia, media, culture, and feminist organizations, extending their knowledge gained during their postgraduate years.

What is women's studies?

Women's studies is an academic field that explores issues in human life from a feminist perspective. Women's studies draws on critical questions about the process and perspectives on which the existing knowledge system was built, from the standpoint of women's experiences. Women's studies sheds light on the stories of people who have been lost in the myth of universality, and casts questions regarding human beings and society from a new aspect. The knowledge of women's studies built over analyzing and reinterpreting gendered social structures and ways of thinking provides new insights into reality in line with varying issues such as gender, socio-economic class, race, region, and sexual orientation. It also serves as the groundwork for extending the social practice designed to eliminate discrimination in human society. Women's studies does not limit itself to a single academic field such as the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, but employs interdisciplinary methods to facilitate the exchange among a diverse range of disciplines.

Professors



Kim Eun-Shil, Professor

Position: Dean, The Graduate School of Policy Science/Dean, The College of Social Sciences

Professor Kim obtained her doctorate from the University of California in 1993 and has been teaching at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University since 1995. While conducting research on the ways women have been integrated into society during the formation of a nation-state and the modernization of Korea, her priority has been focused on the modernity and nationalism of the women's body. Currently, she is working on the research on globalization, knowledge/power and women, women in Asia, and colonization. Her main articles include "Women's Bodies, Cultural Politics of Body," "Sex Liberation and Sexual Politics" (co-authored with Cho, Eun & Cho, Ju-Hyun), "Nationality Discourse and a Woman", and "Question to Modernity of HaeSuk, Na, the Intellectual of the Colonial Era". She has also taught classes on "Seminar on Sexuality," "Cultural Studies on the Body & Personhood," "Transnational Feminism," "Capitalism and Gender," and "Feminist Culture Theories".



Jung Ji Young, Professor

Position: Director, Asian Center for Women's Studies

Professor Jung Ji-Young is a researcher in the field of Korean women's history in the Department of Women's Studies. She earned her doctorate in Korean history from the Department of History, Sogang University. While historically analyzing the process in which gender structure and perception were created, she also conducts research designed to uncover the multi-layered traces of women around her. She is also concerned about the way in which the memories of "women of the traditional era" were built in Korean society in the 20th century. Her publications include "The Construction of Order and its Fissures: The Household register and women of the late Chosŏn Korea", "Site of Memory in East Asia" (co-author), and "Japanese invasion of Korea: The war of three East Asia states" (co-author).



Kim Sunhye, Assistant Professor

Position: Head of Department of Women's Studies / head professor of women's studies related major / head professor of the collaboration graduate program for Asian women's studies

She received her doctorate from the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Maryland, United States, and served as a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard University and George Washington University before she began teaching at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Woman's University. Her major research interests lie in reproductive labor, science/technology and gender, and the transnational health care industry. Her research papers include "The role of reproductive justice movements in challenging the ban on abortion in South Korea", "Male subjects in the reproductive medical field: The invisibilization of infertile men in the use of assisted reproductive technology in South Korea," "Reproductive technologies as population control : How pronatalist policies harm reproductive health in South Korea", and "Reproductive Politics and the Regulation of Third-Party Reproduction in South Korea." Her current research concerns "Baby Miles": Reproductive Rights, Labor, and Ethics in the Transnational Korean Reproductive Technology Industry (book manuscript) and East Asian reproductive politics surrounding the abortion technology.



Kim Bo-Myung, Assistant Professor

In 2003, she obtained her master's degree with a dissertation on the anti-sexual violence movement at the collaboration course with Seoul National University, and in 2016, her doctorate from the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Arizona, located in Tucson City, Arizona, United States, with a dissertation on the post-war history of feminism and racial politics in the United States. Between 2019 and 2021, she worked in the Department of Sociology at Pusan National University, and began her teaching career in 2022 at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University. Her main research interests include the women's movement and feminist politics, and her study has primarily focused on the cases in the United States and Korea. Her major research papers are "Feminist Politics, Historical Time, and Racial Difference : The Case of the U.S. Second Wave Feminism" (2016), "Late Modern Misogyny and Feminist Politics" (2018), "Feminism Revival and the Politics of Survival" (2018), "Women's Place and Feminism" (2020), and she has also co-authored "Intersectional Feminism" (2018) and "Exploring the ways for global citizenship education in Korea" (2020).



Lee Euna, Assistant Professor

She earned her doctorate from the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University, and has held a post at the same department since 2022. She has previously worked at Hokma College of General Education of Ewha Women's University, the Korean Women's Development Institute, and the Gyeonggido Family & Women Research Institute, and conducted research on the state and gender, policies on gender equality, migration and multiculturalism, feminist pedagogy. Her interests center around theorizing experiences and gender relations in a wide range of policy fields beyond the boundaries of family and labor, including issues on gender mainstreaming, gender-sensitive education, and labor market flexibility. Her main research papers include "The Politics of Administrative Bureaucratic Organizations and Gender Mainstreaming Strategies," "Issues and Challenges on Gender Training for Public Officials," "Politics of Marriage Migration as "Global Hypogamy," and "A Study on the Activation Plan of the Flexible Working System for the Stabilization of Women's Employment," while her major publications include "State and Gender" (co-author) and "Women's Studies" (co-author).

Professor Emeritus



Chang Pilhwa, Professor

She earned her PhD with “Women and Development” from the University of Sussex, located in the United Kingdom.

Since 1984, she has taught at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University. She has previously served as the Director of Ewha Womans University's Korea Women's Institute, Dean of the Graduate School, Director of Ewha Institute for Leadership Development, and the Director of Asian Center for Women's Studies. She has also successively filled other posts such as the Governor of the International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women in 2005 and the President of the Asian Association of Women's Studies. Her major publications and research papers include “Gender Division of Labor in Korea” (co-author), “Women, Body, and Gender” (1999), and “Women's Studies in Korea”.



Lee Jaekyung, Professor

In 1987, she graduated with a doctorate in sociology from the University of Michigan, United States, and she has taught at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University. She has also served as the President of the Korean Association of Women's Studies and the President of the Korean Family Studies Association. Through her work, she has analyzed the modern Korean family from a feminist viewpoint, and conducted research on changes in motherhood, marriage, and family, as well as policies for women. Her works include “In the name of the family: Korean modern family and feminism,” “Women's Studies” (co-author), “State and Gender: Theory and Practice of Sexual Mainstreaming” (compilation), and “Feminism and Science” (joint translation), and she has also published a large number of academic papers on Korean families and policies for women in domestic and foreign academic journals.



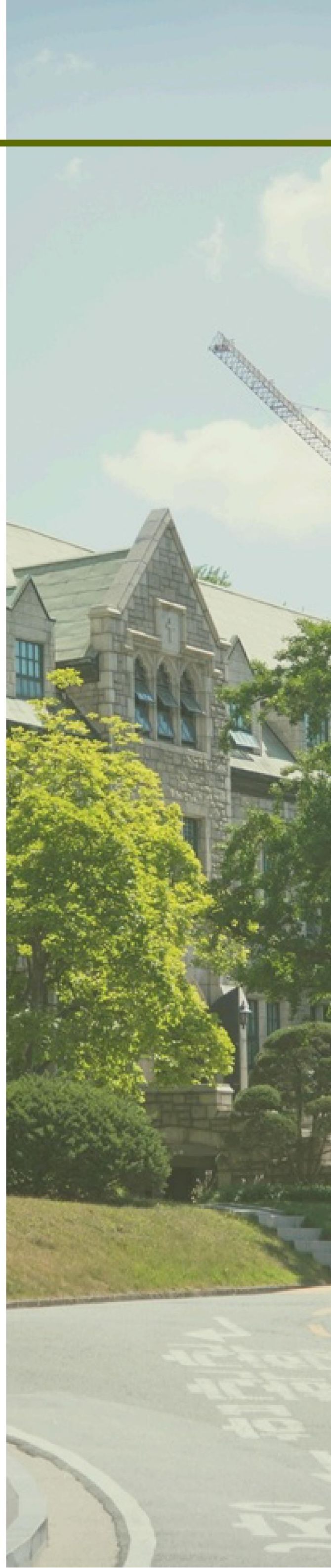
Cho Soonkyoung, Professor

She obtained her PhD in sociology from U.C. Berkeley in the United States in 1987 and she has taught at the Department of Women's Studies at Ewha Womans University since 1988. Her research interests have been aligned to the feminist analysis of labor issues, community labor, feminist methodologies, and qualitative research methodologies. Her major research works include “Labor and Feminism” (compilation), “Cold War System and the Politics of Production” (co-author), “Myth of Difference and Reality of Discrimination,” “Social Formation of Knowledge in Women's Studies in Korea,” “Democratic Market Economy and Confucian Patriarchy” and “Outsourcing of Female Occupations and Indirect Discrimination.”



Huh Rakeum, Professor

She earned her doctorate in western philosophy (ethics studies) from Graduate School of Sogang University in 1992, and since 1995 she has taught at the Department of Women's Studies. Her major research interests center on the feminist theory, while she has also studied practical topics, including the ethics of caring, eco-feminism, and gender mainstreaming policies. In addition, she takes an interest in research on the concept of the theory of action such as the ego, subjectivity, and autonomy. Her major research papers include “from the ethic of principles to a feminist ethic: center on 'integrity'” and “Migration and Gender in Global Asia” (compilation), as well as the “Commodification of Care in the Context of Women's Migrant Labor” and the “Re-conceptualization of 'Affirmative Action' for a Transformative Strategy of Gender-mainstreaming.”



Career after Graduation

01 Education and academic research

University faculty members, researchers at government-sponsored research institutes (Korean Women's Development Institute, etc.), research institutes affiliated with local governments (Gyeonggido Family and Women's Foundation, Seoul Foundation of Women and Family, etc.), research institutes affiliated with universities, and many more.

02 Women's Policy

Central administrative departments (Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, National Human Rights Commission of Korea, etc.), National Assembly, and government ministries (National Assembly Research Service, etc.)

03 NGO Activities

Media, politics, and feminist organizations, environmental organizations, other social movement groups, etc.

04 Media and Politics

Journalists for major media outlets, political party activities

Dissertations for the last 5 years

2018

- Goh Byoungjin
Defining 'women' through the denial of solidarity : Case study of WOMAD and TERF after the split of Megalia (M.D.)
- Park Booyoung
The Formation of 'the Ex-Gay Movement' and the Ex-Gay Testimony : An Analysis of the Oral Statements (2013-2017) on YouTube (M.D.)
- Lee Yujeong
A Study on the Public Project in Local Women's Movements : A Focus on the Gyeongnam Women's Association (M.D.)
- Jo Hyemin
Intra-Party Democracy and Women's Political Participation : Focusing on the Justice Party's Feminist Arguments in 2016 (M.D.)
- Han Jiyeon
A Policy Study on the Gender Equality Employment Environment in the Army : Focused on Army Professional Soldiers (M.D.)
- YOLANDASARI , AYU REGINA, (Un)Veiling the Muslim Feminists in Jakarta, Indonesia : The Destabilization of Veil Symbolism Through the Experience of the Former Tarbiyah's Women Activists (M.D.)

2019

- Kang Minhyung
Sexual Politics and Judicial Controversy over the 'Transsexual' Category: an Analysis on the Post-1990s Written Judgments in Korea (M.D.)
- Kang Yeawon
A Study of the Popularization of Feminism and Becoming a Teenage Feminist in the Digital Era (M.D.)
- Ryu Sumin
Politics of Youths' "Degenerate/Boy-Girl relationship" Discourse During the Park JungHee Regime (M.D.)
- Park Hyeri
The discourse on the child head of the household in the 1970s-1980s and 'the normative family 'project (M.D.)
- Yang Juyeon
The Discourse of Protectionism in the Women's Safety Initiative and Its Irony : Analysis on the Implementation of a Safe Trip Home for the Women Service (2013-2019) in Seoul (M.D.)
- Lee Minji
Research on the understanding of and resistance to the misogyny of feminist church women in their 20s : Focus on experience in Korean protestant churches (M.D.)

- Lee Sojin
A Feminist Study on the Effect of Standard Working Time Reduction - Focused on the Work and Life of Middle-aged Women (M.D.)
- Jang Joori
The construction of the married women's labor style, 'Yakult Ajumma' (M.D.)
- Jung Heejin
A Study on the Construction of Colonial Masculinity Shaped through Anti-American Narratives in South Korea (Ph. D.)

2020

- Kim Mihyun
Politics of Conflict and Competition in a University through the Abolition of the Student Council (M.D.)
- Song Minjeong
Relative Construction and Reproduction of the Ilbe Masculinity : Focusing on the Discourse of the Ilgan Best Jeojangso (M.D.)
- Lee Daeun
A Study on the Korea Working Holiday Experience of Taiwanese Female Youth (M.D.)
- Jung Shinhee
A Study on the Formation of Citizenship of Care in Multicultural Family In-Home Instructors (M.D.)
- Chin Hyunju
A Critical Analysis of the Problematization of 'Social Care' in Korean Childcare Policy Schemes (M.D.)
- ASRIANI, DESINTHA DWI, The Unmarried Pregnant Girls' Voices and Body Politics Surrounding The Girlhood in Yogyakarta Indonesia (Ph. D.)

2021

- Kang Ji yeon
A Case Study on the Women's Community of Work and Care through Urban Agriculture : Focusing on Keumchon Agriculture Network and Healthy Farmers Social Co-op in Keumchon-gu, Seoul (M.D.)
- Kim Meesun
A study on the Post-war "Female Economy" in Reflected in Dressmaking Shops (Ph.D.)
- Kim Min-jun
A Critical Study on the Digital Sexual Violence and its Technological Countermeasures (M.D.)

Members of the Department of Women's Studies continue to pave the way for women's studies in Korea through active and vibrant academic activities through the publication of books and translated works.

- Kim Bohwa
A study on the ‘law-marketization’ of the response and recovery of sexual violence and the reconstruction of ‘the politics of sexual violence’ (Ph.D.)

■ Lee Kyoung-Ha
Changes in familism through the agency of a daughter-in-law in their 20s and 30s: Focused on high-educated middle-class women (M.D.)

■ Choi Songhee
The Changing Life-Course Planning of Single Women in Korea's Egg Freezing Technology Industry (M.D.)

■ Hong Miri
The Journey of reclaiming-self of women with domestic violence experiences: Reconstructing social relation norms and practicing relational autonomy (Ph. D.)

■ KUDAIBERDIEVA, ASEL
A feminist study on the kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan: Focusing on Stigm and Sexuality Control (M.D.)
- Park Bo Ram
A Study on the Cultural Practices of Queer Women in the GL(Girls’ Love) Community (M.D.)

■ Kang, Eunkyo
A Study on DJUNA’s SF as Feminist Worliding (M.D.)

■ Lee, Jungyeong
The Post-Gangnam Station Politics of the Feminist Movement through the “Burnout” syndrome (M.D.)

■ Lee, Soyoon
Becoming ‘Sang-ju’ of the Unclaimed deaths and Family politics around Funeral practices in Korean Society (M.D.)

■ Kim, WooYoung
Moving toward a Care-Oriented Society with Korean Smart Elderly Care Technology (M.D.)

■ Kim, Woon
Changes in Translators’ Work Due to the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, and Conflicts and Negotiations of Female Freelance Translators (M.D.)

■ Cha, Ji-Eun
20-30s Korean female BDSMers' desire to research sexuality: individual to subject (M.D.)

■ Kim, Hyojeong
A study on ‘Becoming Ecological Citizen’ reflected on Alternative Agricultural Movement by Women Peasants in Indonesia and South Korea (Ph.D.)
- Kim Sangae
Gender Politics of Membership related to Village and Land in Changing Development Discourse of Jeju-island (M.D.)

■ Kim Youngji
Analysis of the National Vaccination Policy Process of “Cervical Cancer Vaccine” - Focus on Low-Fertility Measures and Pharmaceutical Companies' Market Expansion Strategy- (M.D.)

■ Kim Jeong-eun
The construction of ‘healthy diet’ discourse in Korean society and individualized crisis management (M.D.)

■ Kim Hyebinn
Critique on Japanese Extreme Right Wingers’ Anti-Comfort Women Movements and U.S.-Centered Human Rights Discourse (M.D.)


■ Park Jin-Sol
A Study on the Political Meaning of 4B Women After Feminist Reboots (M.D.)

■ Son Uijeong
Process of defining ‘abnormal’ reproductive experience in discourse on denial of pregnancy (M.D.)

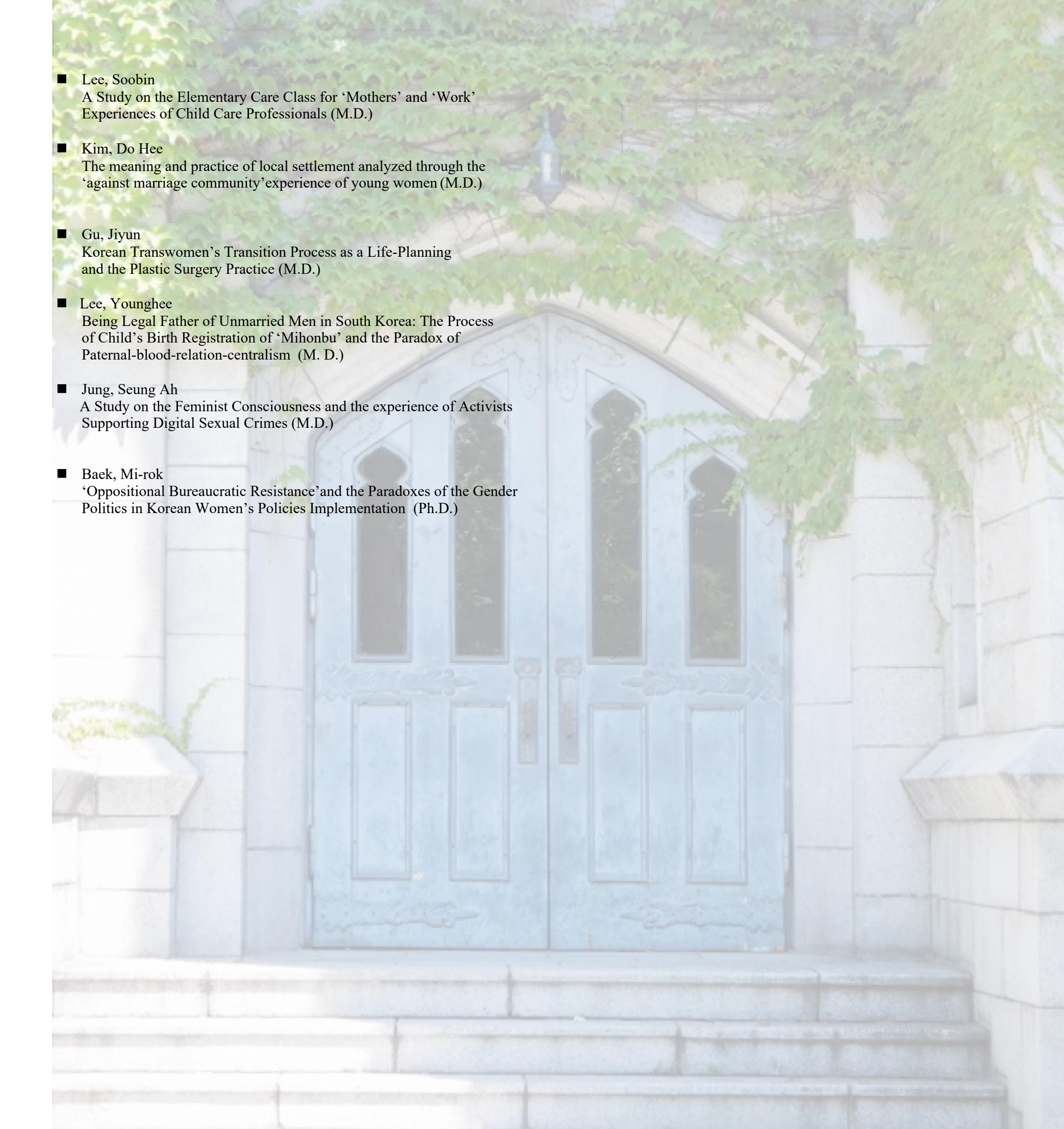
■ ZHOU, XIAOQUN
Gendered Femininity of Modern City Women in China and Research Focusing on Phenomenon of NVHANZ (M.D.)
- Song, Youjin
Composition of the ‘Unmarried Women’ Category and family planning: Focusing on Social Survey Data in the 1970 (M.D.)

■ Jeong, Dajeong
The contradiction experienced by women laborers in school catering job and their responses (M.D.)

■ Kim Yulim
Institutionalizing Diversity in ESG management and (Im)Possibility of Achieving Gender Equality: Focusing on the perceptions of ESG managers (M.D.)



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- Lee, Soobin
A Study on the Elementary Care Class for ‘Mothers’ and ‘Work’
Experiences of Child Care Professionals (M.D.)
 - Kim, Do Hee
The meaning and practice of local settlement analyzed through the
‘against marriage community’ experience of young women (M.D.)
 - Gu, Jiyun
Korean Transwomen’s Transition Process as a Life-Planning
and the Plastic Surgery Practice (M.D.)
 - Lee, Younghee
Being Legal Father of Unmarried Men in South Korea: The Process
of Child’s Birth Registration of ‘Mihonbu’ and the Paradox of
Paternal-blood-relation-centralism (M. D.)
 - Jung, Seung Ah
A Study on the Feminist Consciousness and the experience of Activists
Supporting Digital Sexual Crimes (M.D.)
 - Baek, Mi-rok
‘Oppositional Bureaucratic Resistance’ and the Paradoxes of the Gender
Politics in Korean Women’s Policies Implementation (Ph.D.)

Admission Guide

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Admission process and number of students admitted

- Master's program, PhD program, and joint master's and PhD program:
Unspecified

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Eligibility

- 1) Master's program and joint program
 - Those who have obtained a bachelor's degree from a university at home and abroad
 - A person recognized as having educational attainment equivalent to or higher than a bachelor's degree under the laws and regulations.
- 2) PhD program
 - Those who have obtained a master's degree from a graduate school at home and abroad.
 - A person recognized as having educational attainment equivalent to or higher than a master's degree under the laws and regulations.

* It is not necessary for the applicant's undergraduate degree to be related to the degree she plans to enroll in.

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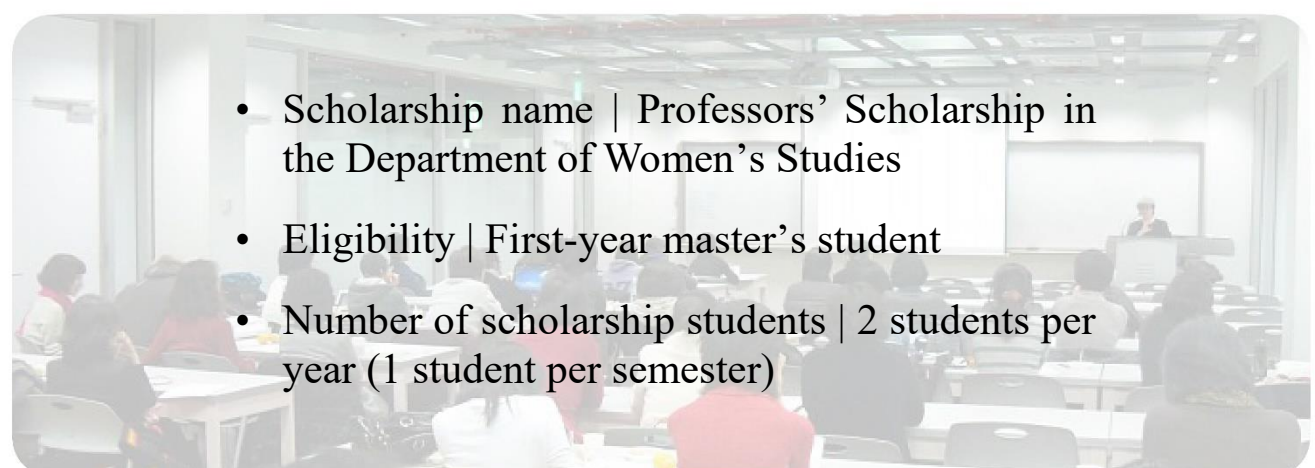
Admission process

- Document screening (a letter of recommendation required)
- Admission interview: For further references to the admission interview, go to the website (<http://dws.ewha.ac.kr>)

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Information on “Professors’ Scholarship in the Department of Women’s Studies” for new students

Professors’ Scholarship in the Department of Women’s Studies: A scholarship sponsored by professors of the Department of Women's Studies with the funds they have donated for the student scholarship. Two new students for master’s degree are awarded each year



- Scholarship name | Professors’ Scholarship in the Department of Women’s Studies
- Eligibility | First-year master’s student
- Number of scholarship students | 2 students per year (1 student per semester)

Since the detailed schedule is subject to change each year, please see the notice on the website of the school admissions office or contact the admissions office for further information.



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