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# Teaching about Korea in European Textbooks

## Venice, July 14-15, 2026

Sala della Terrazza, San Sebastiano

Campo San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, Venezia

### Seminar July 14(Tue)

10:00 - 10:10

Welcome Remarks

**Wonsuk Chang**, Director of the Center for International Affairs, The Academy of Korean Studies (AKS)

10:10 - 10:20

Congratulatory Remarks

**Jong-Chol An**, Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

10:20 - 10:35

Understanding Korea Project Overview

**Jiyoung Ahn**, Head of Understanding Korea Project, AKS

10:35 - 10:40 Break

Moderator: **Jong-Chol An**, Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

10:40 - 11:00

*School Textbooks-The Case of the Greek Educational System*

**Georgia Fermeli** (Greece) - Textbook Author; Professor at University of Athens (Department of History and Philosophy of Sciences)

11:00 - 11:30

*Korea-A Topic for School Textbooks in Germany?*

**Uwe Andrae** (Germany) - Editor of Social Studies Textbooks at Cornelsen Publishing

11:30 - 12:00

*Bulgarian Textbooks, Curriculum, and Innovative Approaches to Teaching About Korea: The HanPanDo Board Game Experience*

**Asya Antova** (Bulgaria) - Teacher at "William Gladstone" 18th Secondary School

12:00 - 12:30

Morning Panel Discussion  
Discussant: **Gilles Taillade** (Textbook Author at Plantyn Publishing, Belgium)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

Moderator: **Kukjin Kim**, Professor at the University for Foreigners of Siena

14:00 - 14:30

*The use of Korea in British textbooks*

**Garrett Nagle** (UK) - Geography Textbook Author; Geography teacher at St. Edward's School

14:30 - 15:00

*Provincializing Europe in the Classroom: Korea, Connected Histories, and Italian History Education*

**Germano Maifreda** (Italy) - Author of history textbooks; Professor in the Department of History at the University of Milan

15:00 - 15:30

*Rethinking Korea in European Textbooks*

**Jae-Yun Jeong**, Researcher at the Understanding Korea Project, AKS

15:30 - 16:00

Afternoon Panel Discussion  
Discussant: **Hye-Jin Jang**, Researcher at the Understanding Korea Project, AKS

16:00 - 16:10 Break

16:10 - 17:00

General Discussion  
Chair and Interpreter: **Kukjin Kim**, Professor at the University for Foreigners of Siena

### Lecture July 15(Wed)

10:00 - 12:00

Lecture

*Italy and Germany's Debate on the Ferrini vs. Federal Republic of Germany Case: Implications for Korean Japanese Forced Labor Issues*

**Jong-Chol An**, Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 15:00

Lecture

*Contemporary Korea in a Global Context*

**Francesca Frassinetti**, Professor at University of Turin

15:00 - 15:10 Break

15:00 - 16:00

Roundtable Discussion:  
*Future Tasks and Prospects for Cooperation in the Understanding Korea Project in Europe*

Chair and Interpreter: **Wonsuk Chang** (Director of the Center for International Affairs, AKS), **Jong-Chol An** (Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

16:00 - 17:00

Closing Ceremony