This year, the Program in Transnational Korean Studies, the recipient of a five-year (2013-18) $600,000 grant from the Academy of Korean Studies as a Core University Program for Korean Studies, will focus its attention on cities, space, and mobility. To kick off our annual speaker series, we have invited three inter-disciplinary scholars to examine the place of transportation and mobility in colonial Korea and the Japanese empire. Relevant to today’s world of ever-expanding globalization and information technologies, these papers and the discussions to follow will explore how foreign rule intersected with transportation and tourist networks in linking far-flung places and thereby creating new, if highly uneven, communities.

Presentations

“Tourism, Place and the Spatial Politics of Empire: Japanese Imperial Tourism to Korea-Manchuria in a Global Frame”
Kate McDonald
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“Producing Imperial Territoriality: Programs and Destinations of Japanese Colonial Tourism in Korea and Manchuria during the 1920s-30s”
Kim Baek Young
Associate Professor of Sociology
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Discussant
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