Report on
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I presented a paper, “Research Resources for Korean Studies: Using Databases”, at the International Workshop on the Landscape of Taiwan Studies and Korean Studies, 25-26 June 2018, which was held at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK.

The workshop invited presenters from nine countries, of whom twenty were academics as well as this librarian.

As the Korean Studies Librarian at Monash University, my presentation was to inform Korean Studies academics and researchers about Korea-related databases that provide full-text articles for their research on Korea. My paper focused on the Monash University Library’s Korean resources and some major Korean databases in Korea.

My presentation covered both Korean databases and some non-Korean databases, which are for researchers who cannot read Korean. Such non-Korean multi-disciplinary databases can be used to find articles related to Korea in languages other than Korean such as EBSCOhost Research Databases, Google Scholar, JSTOR, ProQuest, SCOPUS and Web of Science. I included a slide of a table showing the interface languages, display options, analytics, and export citation options of the databases. Taking account of the audience, I also discussed Korean databases in Europe by country.

I gained valuable experience in providing expert advice to higher-level researchers, and simultaneously developed further networks in the Korean Studies academic community. The workshop gave me a substantial opportunity to update my information on Korea. The workshop also provided me an opportunity to learn more about Taiwan Studies and relevant research resources.

A special thank you to the UCLAN workshop organisers for giving me the chance to present the paper.