Library resources session at the KSAA 2019 Conference

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Korean Studies at the University of Western Australia held the 11th Biennial Korean Studies Association of Australasia (KSAA) Conference on 4–6 December 2019. There were several topics covered by panels and presenters. Covered topics were North Korea, Language and education, pop culture and cinema, precarious geographies, performing gender, library resources, history, religion, music and heritage, family, social media and fandom, Korean and transnationalism, migration, Korean and Japan, politics and economics, and creating and contesting meanings.

Library resources session

I was a chair of the Library resources session and I also presented a paper entitled “Research and learning services in academic libraries: the Monash University Library case”. The presentation covers:

- Research and Learning Skills
- Research life cycle
- How to find resources on Korean language
- Korean Studies Library Internship
- Korean Studies Library Guide

In this session, a PhD student, Hyein Cho presented a paper entitled “Enriching research experiences through your library: a HDR user’s perspective”. Her presentation covers:

- Introducing the Monash University Korean Studies Library Guide
- Finding Korean resources
- Accessing Korean databases
- Other features
- Where to ask for further assistance

The library session provided help to researchers in Australia and overseas in universities with Korean studies as well as in other Australian university libraries which do not have Korean collections or librarians. Although some topics were overlapped by both presenters, the reflections on the same topic were different. One was the provider’s point of view and the other was user’s point of view such as how HDR students of Korean Studies can maximise the possible benefits that the library currently offers through training of HDR students and the HDR learning experience, and how this could impact Korean Studies research, teaching and learning in the future.

I met new researchers and academics from the conference and extended my Korean Studies Librarian’s network and will discuss and support their needs in the future. In addition, the KSAA 2021 Conference will be held at Monash University in 2021.
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