Editor's Welcome

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With a mission to revitalize, diversify and internationalize the field of Korean Studies, the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies was established in February 2006 through the consolidation of two pre-existing organizations at Seoul National University, the Kyujanggak Archives and the Institute of Korean Studies. The rejuvenated Seoul Journal of Korean Studies, published by the newly formed Kyujanggak Institute, aims to become a potent symbol of the enhanced role SNU and the Kyujanggak seek to play in the greater world of Korean Studies.

Our journal aims to be both a worldwide focal point of research attention to the highest level of scholarship in the field as well as a fruitful hub for sharing and networking within the field. Through the energy tapped in the dynamism present in the new relationship between SNU and Korean Studies, Seoul Journal of Korean Studies thus seeks to invigorate the relationships within Korean Studies, most importantly, between scholars inside and outside Korea.

We have made some changes in order to reach these lofty goals. First, we have convened a new board of editors and have devoted ourselves to increasing the frequency of the publication to twice a year. We also established a strict blind peer-review system to help guarantee the high quality of materials that we publish. We have also broadened the scope and depth of articles we seek. The Seoul Journal of Korean Studies encourages the submission of articles from a variety of academic disciplines, so long as they fit within the general framework of “Korean Studies.” Most importantly, we seek articles that pursue both theoretical and conceptual investigations, together with a rigorous empirical assessment. Lastly, we have expanded our Book Notes section, paying particular attention to Korean language works that are well-received in Korea but perhaps not receiving as much attention abroad.

We welcome you to this new beginning for Korean Studies at SNU and at the Seoul Journal of Korean Studies, and encourage you to take part in adding to this vitality we are helping to inspire towards a new beginning for Korean Studies here at SNU and across the globe.

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