Transnational Humanities and Area Studies

A Joint Conference between
the Research Institute of Culture and History at Hanyang University and
the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University

Date: February 19, 2011 (Saturday)

Place: Philip E. Lewis Auditorium (G76 Goldwin Smith Hall)

9:30 am Coffee and Registration

9:50 am Jie-Hyun Lim (Hanyang University) Opening Remarks

Part I Area Studies and its Afterlife

10:00 am Moderator Brett de Bary (Cornell University)

10:05 am Cheehyung Kim (Hanyang University)
“The Myth of North Korea’s Vinalon City: the Sublimation of a City’s Transnational Past”

10:35 am Hyon Joo Yoo (University of Vermont)
“Stranger than Paradise’: North Korea in Transpacific Imagination”

11:05 am Jie-Hyun Lim (Hanyang University)
“A Postcolonial Reading of Sonderweg: Marxist and Modernist Historicism Revisited”

11:35 am Discussant John Kim (University of California, Riverside)

11:50 am Discussion

12:05 pm End

12:05 pm – 1:15 pm lunch break
Part II Theory beyond Euro-centricity

1:15 pm Moderator Timothy Murray (Cornell University)

1:20 pm Pedro Erber (Rutgers University)  
“Exorcizing the Specter of Comparison”

1:50 pm Bruno Bosteels (Cornell University)  
“Marx, Latin America, and Eurocentrism”

2:20 pm Gavin Walker (Society for the Humanities)  
“The Theoretical Configuration of Theory: on Capital and the West”

2:50 pm Discussant Katsuya Hirano (Cornell University)

3:05 pm Discussion

3:20 pm End

3:20 pm – 3:45 pm coffee break

Part III Transnational Humanities

3:45 pm Moderator Hyon Joo Yoo (University of Vermont)

3:50 pm Kyunghwan Oh (Sungshin Women’s University) and Seonjoo Park  
(Inha University)  
“Teaching without a Net: Institutional Experiment on Transnational Humanities”

4:20 pm Naoki Sakai (Cornell University)  
“The Transnational before Nationality: Discontinuity and Bordering”

4:50 pm Petrus Liu (Cornell University)  
“The Transnationality of Anticolonial Nationalism”

5:20 pm Discussant Jennifer Bajorek (Society for the Humanities)

5:35 pm General Discussion

5:55 pm Naoki Sakai (Cornell University)  Closing remarks

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