

RECIPIENTS OF THE BRITISH KOREAN SOCIETY POST-GRADUATE BURSARY 2014/15

Ye Jin Kim (PhD Candidate, SOAS, University of London)



expenses for fieldwork in Korea next year.

Ye Jin is a PhD candidate in Korean studies in the Department of Japan and Korea at SOAS, University of London. She obtained her BA in English Language and Literature and MA in Translation Studies from Sungkyunkwan University, and an MA in Comparative Literature at University College London (UCL). Ye Jin's PhD research ('Translation, Ideology and the Formation of National Identity in Korea [1948-1953]') focuses on how translations contributed to the formation of national ideology in Korea after independence (1945). It investigates the distinctive features of translations in two magazines published by a Korean company and a US agency respectively, and how these features are closely related with the attempts of Koreans and Americans to form anti-communist and pro-American discourses and to make Korea a communism-free nation. The Bursary will help towards the costs of fixing or replacing Ye Jin's old computer so she can work from home whilst taking care of her daughter, and to cover some of the

Youngeun Koo (MSc Candidate, University of Oxford)



Youngeun has an academic background in History and Cultural Studies. In the last three years, she has been working as a social researcher in civil society organisations to support migrants, refugees and immigration detainees in the UK. She is particularly interested in the issue of boundaries and human mobility in a global perspective. In 2014/15, Youngeun will be doing the MSc in Migration Studies at the University of Oxford. For her dissertation, she will explore the lives of North Korean defectors who have settled in the UK. She would like to understand the causes and consequences of their movements and how these are shaped by governments, societies and defectors themselves. Youngeun intends to use the Bursary to cover some of the expenses of her fieldtrips to different parts of the UK and to purchase research materials.

Sebastian Lamp (PhD Candidate, SOAS, University of London)



practised in music institutions as well as in alternative scenes.

Sebastian recently completed the first year of his PhD in Ethnomusicology at SOAS, University of London. He received his undergraduate degree in Systematic Musicology from the University of Hamburg, and an MMus degree in Ethnomusicology from SOAS. His MMus dissertation on the 12 *kasa*, a Chosŏn-era song repertoire, received a 2013 AKS Thesis Grant. Sebastian's PhD research concerns the closely related topic of pre-modern Korean *sijo*, with an emphasis on the musical dimension, as *sijo* were primarily a musical form in the past much like Korea's other vernacular poetry traditions. The Bursary will be used towards his tuition fees at SOAS for the academic year 2014/15 which will be spent conducting fieldwork in Korea. His fieldwork research will focus on *sijo* performance after the colonial period as it has been

Allan Christopher Simpson (MPhil/PhD Candidate, SOAS, University of London)



Allan is currently completing his MA in Korean Literature and will begin his MPhil/PhD in the same field this Fall at SOAS, University of London. He obtained a BA in Korean (first class honours) at SOAS, during which he spent a year at Korea University. In 2010 he founded the Pegasus Society for Korean Studies (<http://psfks.wordpress.com>), which provides online courses and tuition of the Korean language and Korean studies subjects. Its courses have been created and delivered mostly by students and graduates of Korean Studies at SOAS. Allan's research area for the proposed MPhil/PhD project is 'queer' studies in the context of contemporary South

Korean literature, especially that of the writer Kim Hyesun and her novel *Junk*. He wrote his BA dissertation on sexual identity in the poetry of Ki Hyöngdo (1960-1989), and for the MA has conducted research on the poet Hwang Inch'an (b. 1989) and contemporary writer Lee Eunmi (b. 1981). Allan intends to use the Bursary towards his travel costs to Korea and purchasing research materials.

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Ms. Aicha Benamara (BA, SOAS, London).

Ms. Hannah Cline (BA, SOAS, London).

Ms. I-rin Intrasena (BA, SOAS, London).

Ms. Hollie Johnson (BA, University of Sheffield).

Mr. Simon Barnes-Sadler (PhD, SOAS, London) to study Korean spoken by the overseas communities in Yanbian, China.