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Multicultural Education Nexus: Immigration, Ethnic Enclaves, and Stratification

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This study addresses the challenges of multicultural education in South Korea (hereafter “Korea”) in light of the recent trends in formations of migrant populations and ethnic enclaves. The limited types of migrants allowed to work and settle in Korea contributed to occupational segregation and hyper ethnic concentrations in certain neighborhoods, thus adding to the challenges of developing and implementing multicultural education. The combined forces of occupational stratification, the lack of adequate political rights and limited economic viability, and the ethnic concentration of neighborhoods are contributing to an increasing social stigmatization of migrant-background populations and posing unique challenges for multicultural educators. Using ethnographic fieldwork and narratives of multicultural *Janhaksas* (provincial-level education administrators) in cities with significant concentration of foreign, ethnic populations, this study assesses the limitations of multicultural education in accomplishing its stated objectives and addresses diverse concerns about the future prospect of social cohesion and integration in Korean society.



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This event is organized by Ilju Kim (Assistant Professor, FLA, Sophia University).

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