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Korean Sociological Association

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# The Korean Sociological Association (KSA)

Since 1956

## About the KSA

The Korean Sociological Association (KSA) is a non-profit professional association that promotes sociological research, teaching, and publication in South Korea. It was founded in 1956 by fourteen Korean sociologists, and has since grown to include 1,634 individual members, 91 collective members, and 7 institutional members.

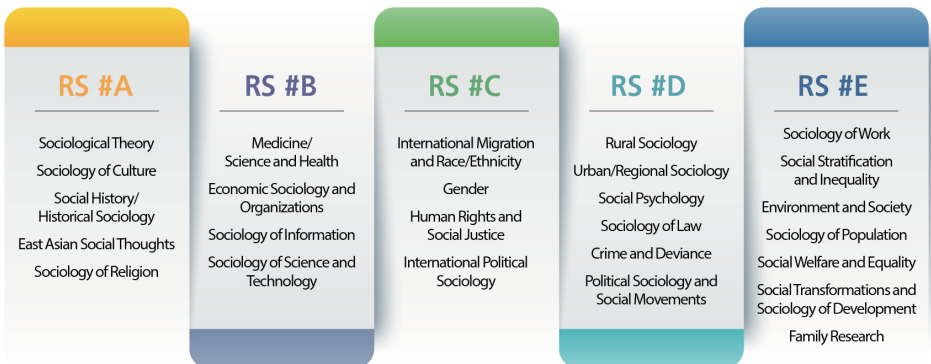
The KSA has 26 Research Sections, which are dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in specific areas of sociology. The Research Sections organize conferences, workshops, and other events to promote research and collaboration among sociologists. In addition, the KSA has committed to maintain and foster scholarly collaboration with 42 academic associations in relevant fields in South Korea.

The KSA also has a strong commitment to internationalization. It is a member of the International Sociological Association (ISA) since 1966, and has hosted several ISA RC conferences in Korea. In 2027, the KSA will host the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology in Gwangju, Korea.

## Research Networks

The KSA has a strong network of domestic and international sociological associations. It has 42 domestic sociological associations, and 16 foreign or international sociological associations. These networks allow the KSA to share knowledge and collaborate on research projects. The KSA's research networks are essential to the advancement of sociology in South Korea. They provide sociologists with access to a wealth of resources and expertise, and help them to stay up-to-date on the latest research in the field.

### KSA Research Sections





## Message from the KSA President

The theme and direction of the 2023 Korean Sociological Association (KSA) is the *Sociology of Overcoming a Fragmented Society*. I believe that social fragmentation can be divided into two types: *fragmentation in the social system* and *fragmentation in interpersonal relationships*. The solutions to social problems resulting from these two dimensions of social fragmentation are also different. Overcoming *fragmentation in a social system* is to recover system balance or rationality; resolving *fragmentation in interpersonal relationships* is to restore social solidarity and coexistence.



I think that the post-COVID-19 pandemic year of 2023 will be an opportunity to demonstrate the usefulness of sociology in proposing solutions to overcome social fragmentation. Sociology can elucidate the dual or compound effects of social fragmentations in the social system and in interpersonal relationships, and draw attention to the differences between them to suggest solutions.

The KSA will continue to host spaces for discussing the *Role of Sociology in Overcoming a Fragmented Society*. As we face new opportunities and challenges in 2023, I wish that societies and sociology in the world can make better together. We look forward to your continued interest in the KSA.

Dong-Hoon SEOL *DongHoon Seol*  
President of the KSA in 2023

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## Korean Journal of Sociology

The *Korean Journal of Sociology (KJS)* is a quarterly journal that publishes original research articles in sociology. The journal is published by the KSA and is open to submissions from members of the association. Non-members can also submit articles if they become members.

The *KJS* is committed to publishing high-quality research articles that make a significant contribution to the field of sociology. The journal covers the research achievements of academics, deepen scholarly discussions, and enhance the contribution to and status of sociology in Korean society.

The editorial board is composed of leading scholars in the field and is responsible for ensuring that all submitted articles meet the high standards of the journal while maintaining a fair and prompt review process.

The *KJS* is indexed in a prestigious database of the Korea Citation Index (KCI). This means that articles published in the *KJS* are widely accessible to scholars around the world.

The *KJS* welcomes submissions of original research articles in sociology. Articles should be submitted online through the journal's website. For more information, please visit the *KJS* website.



# XXI ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY 2027

GWANGJU, KOREA



The KSA will be hosting the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology in Gwangju, Korea, July 4-11, 2027. Gwangju, meaning the town of light, is a fascinating city that gains reputation as a UNESCO triple-crowned city thanks to its geologic features, media creativity, and democratic movement records. The theme of the forthcoming Congress will be announced in the near future. Registrations are coming soon too. For the Congress questions: [wcs2027gwangju@gmail.com](mailto:wcs2027gwangju@gmail.com)

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