

Program Digital Expert Dialogue #3

Embassy of the Republic of Korea | KAS Asia/Pacific & Electoral/Social Research

COVID-19 and Public Governance: *The Impact of COVID-19 on Election Management and Voting Behavior in South Korea and Europe*

20 May 2021, 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. (CEST)

Zoom

Language: English



More than a year into COVID-19, the pandemic continues to affect all facets of daily life all around the world with a considerable impact on our democracies. To avoid the further spreading of the virus, parliamentary, regional or local elections are re-scheduled, alternative voting processes are introduced and new technologies are in the center of attention. Both South Korea and Germany share the experience of elections in times of COVID-19. Moreover, election results show divergent trends regarding the impact of the pandemic on voting behavior and election results.

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. together with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea thus aim on advancing international cooperation in the pandemic by bringing together public policy experts

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from Germany and South Korea for the third time. While the former digital expert dialogues centered around public governance regarding containment and vaccination strategies, the third edition aims on discussing the following guiding questions:

- Which are critical success factors for Korea and Germany regarding election management, administration and voting processes while avoiding the further spread of the virus?
- Which alternative voting processes and mechanism help Korea and Germany to conduct safe yet democratic, fair and just elections?
- To what extent does COVID-19 influence voting behavior in South Korea and Germany?

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before 09.30 a.m. **Technical Check and Log-In**

Welcome and Introduction

9.30 a.m. – 09.40 a.m. **Congratulatory Remarks**
H.E Ambassador Dr. CHO Hyun Ock
Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Berlin, Germany

Introductory Remarks
Barbara VOELKL
Department Asia and the Pacific, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Panel Discussion: The Impact of the Pandemic on Election Management and Election Results in South Korea and Europe

9.40 a.m. – 10.10 a.m. **Entry Statements by**
Ms. LEE Young-yi
Director General of Incheon-si Seo-gu Election Commission
Prof. Dr. Uwe JUN
Professor for Political Science, University of Trier
Prof. Dr. YUN Bee
Professor for Political Science, Sunkyunkwan University
Dr. habil. Karsten GRABOW
KAS Expert Asia/Pacific and Election Management

10.10 a.m. – 10.55 a.m. **Discussion moderated by**
Dominik HIRNDORF
KAS Electoral and Social Research

Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks

10.55 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. **Wrap-up**
Thomas YOSHIMURA
Director Country Programme Korea, Seoul

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