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The Institute for Unification Education (IUE) of the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea cordially invites junior scholars and professionals who have actively addressed Korean affairs in its Emerging Leaders Fellowship program (ELF). The ELF fellows will take part in virtual unification academy which involves lectures, virtual field trip, research presentation, and webinar.

## Objective

The ELF Fellowship aims to present a unique opportunity to its participants to have and envisage a smarter way of bringing about Korean unification. It also serves as a platform for the participants to create and utilize a working partnership with not only ELF fellows but also many scholars and policy makers in Korea.

## Overview

- (1) **When to take place?** June 14 ~16 (3 days)  
\* Online lectures will be posted (June 1 ~June 13) prior to the unification academy.
- (2) **How many can participate?** This year, IUE invites as many as 20 persons
- (3) **What programs to expect?**  
Online lectures, virtual field trips, research presentation, webinar

## Curriculum

<b>Lecture Topics</b>	- ROK's Unification Policy and Inter-Korean Relations - Vision for Unified Korea - Understanding North Korea
<b>Virtual Field Trip</b>	- DMZ, Panmunjom - Cultural Tour & Art Performance
<b>Research Presentation</b>	- ELF alumni will present their research on unification issues
<b>Webinar (June 16)</b>	All participants are strongly encouraged to participate in the full-day Academic Conference either as a presenter or a discussant

## **Application Procedure**

### **Who should apply?**

- (1) This fellowship is available for foreign nationals who have sufficient English language skills in order to understand and participate in all aspects of the program.
- (2) Candidates must hold a doctoral degree or demonstrate equivalent academic or professional achievement.

### **Why become ELF Fellow?**

- (1) Presenters and designated discussants at webinar will receive honorarium range from \$300~\$400. (the amount varies depending the level of commitment)
- (2) Fellows can join a network of 150+ Fellows and partner organizations from across sectors and world regions.

### **How to apply?**

Those who wish to participate in the ELF program must submit followings to [globaledu@unikorea.go.kr](mailto:globaledu@unikorea.go.kr) by April 20, 2021 (Korea Standard Time). Selected ELF fellows will be notified individually via email.

- (1) Application Form and Personal Statement
- (2) Copy of Passport
- (3) Copy of degree certificate

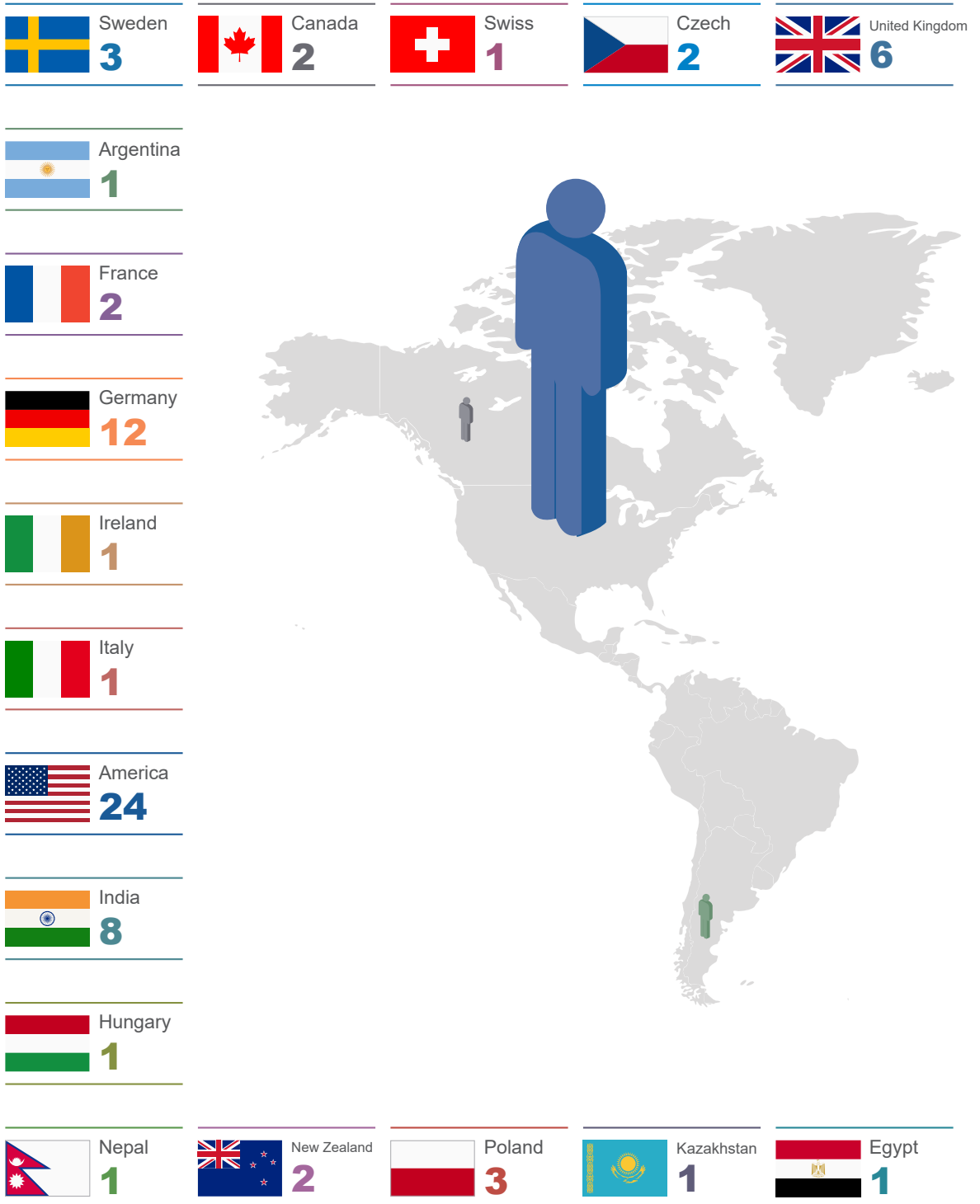
### **Got a question?**

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# ELF in the World



 Bahrain  
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 Afghanistan  
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 China  
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 Russia  
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 Mongolia  
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 Pakistan  
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 Uzbekistan  
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 Myanmar  
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 Japan  
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 Vietnam  
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 East Timor  
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 Australia  
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 Sri Lanka  
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# **My Experience in IUE**



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## Alina Sharafetdinova

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Alina Sharafetdinova is Researcher at the Korea And Mongolia Studies Section, Institute Of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy Of Science, Ph.D.

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In 2013, I had got a great opportunity to take part in the First International Meeting under the auspices of the IOU. It was an unforgettable experience of communication with like-minded people, as well as a great opportunity to learn the point of view "from a different angle" of researchers of oppositional thinking on the Global problem of ideological separation of a Korean nation.

It was an unforgettable week of immersion in Korean Culture and History thanks to lectures by Professors from various Korean universities. The IOU organized an excellent excursion program with visits to unique historical sites, including the ancient city of Gyeongju and Panmunjom.

An indelible impression was made by the conference at Seoul University, where the reports of my colleagues were presented and an exchange of views took place.

### How it helped to build my carrier.

This Program not only made a deep impression on me, but also influenced my career. The next year I completed my graduate school, defended my dissertation on "The US Politics in Korea in the Late 19th Century," and received my Ph.D. degree. Immediately I was invited to work at my native Institute of Oriental Studies. North Korean affairs form the basis of my scientific interests. In 2019, my scientific trip to Pyongyang took place under the leadership of the Korean expert Alexander Vorontsov.

Undoubtedly, the meeting in 2013 gave me the confidence and contributed to my understanding of the situation on the Korean Peninsula. I am deeply convinced that such meetings are necessary to strengthen mutual understanding of the peoples on the acute issue of the Unification of Korea.

## Nicolas Levi

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Nicolas Levi is assistant professor at the Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He is also Editor-In-Chief of the Research Journal *Acta Asiatica Varsoviensia* and Author of seven books related to the Korean Peninsula and of reports for state and private organizations.

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My experience at the IUE Unification Academy can be considered as something marvelous for the following reasons: First I was able to travel to places that I could not visit without specific approvals (for instance Hanawon or the South Korean side of the Kaesong Industrial Park). Secondly I was able to meet some brilliant South Korean specialists but also North Korean defectors who became highly known in Academician fields due to their knowledge on the North Korean economy and politics. Their brought me a lot of knowledge and insights which helped to obtain a better understanding of Inter Korean relations. Thirdly, I met a lot of Specialists, who also later became recognized researchers on Korean issues. What remain especially in my mind, is the fact that I was able to talk to North Korean children defectors. I hope that I could share again my knowledge to the IUE's Unification Academy.

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## Firozi S. JAMALUDDIN

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Firozi S. JAMALUDDIN is First Secretary in the Embassy of Afghanistan in Seoul, South Korea. Since 2008, he has worked in different Departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan and Embassy of Afghanistan in Seoul. He graduated from Kabul University in 2007, and got my MA from International University of Japan in 2013. Currently, he is PhD Candidate at HUFS and have written and translated articles and books on Korea and Afghanistan foreign relations with neighboring countries.

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I was in conference room in Beijing China on April 16 2019 when I received an email from my Korean friend, Mr. Dong-Min SHIN who was working as Chief of Political Section at Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Kabul, Afghanistan. Mr. SHIN wrote me about a fellowship program in the IUE Unification Academy in Korea. He knew that I was doing research on East Asia especially on Korean Affairs. He knew that fellowship will provide me a good opportunity to enhance my knowledge on Korean peninsula and Korean unification policy of South Korea. I applied to fellowship and was accepted. I had the opportunity to visit Japan, Korea and China earlier and was familiar with the culture of East Asian nations, however this fellowship helped me in the following area;

First, I meet Korean specialists from Korea and different parts of the world who had very interesting opinion regarding Korea and politics in East Asia. I made friends from many countries who have interest on Korean affairs, and we could exchange views on different issues including S. Korea's relations with the neighboring countries and S. Korea's policy on Unification.

Second, participation to the fellowship motivated me to write about Korean peninsula and give presentation on the issue. I delivered a presentation about Korean politics in the conference which was organized by Korean Embassy in Kabul on 5th December 2019. Later on, I was co-author of an article titled a review of Afghanistan-South Korea relations 2002-2019 which published by Journal of the Center for Strategic Studies of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

Third, this fellowship provided academic materials for further studies on Korean affairs. When I decided to apply for the post of First Secretary in the Embassy of Afghanistan in Seoul, those materials helped me to have a satisfactory interview in the exam process.

I would like to ask IUE to continue such interesting program for researchers and government officials in the coming years. Wishing a Untied Korea in the next decade.

## Dylan Stent

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Dylan Stent is a Korea Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Studies recipient and PhD student at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He is currently conducting research on how an ideational consensus among South Korean elites has influenced South Korea's inter-Korean policymaking since democratization. Mr Stent has published his work about South Korean international relations and domestic issues in academic journals including *Asian Survey*, and various media outlets including *The Diplomat*, *The National Interest*, the *Asia Media Centre*, and *NK News*. Prior to his PhD, Dylan worked in numerous roles in the New Zealand government, and received his Master's in Global Affairs and Policy from Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies.

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Being a member of the 2019 Emerging Leaders Fellowship cohort hosted by the Institute for Unification Education in the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea was useful for understanding how South Korean officials in the current Moon Jae-in administration view inter-Korean relations and overall unification policy. During previous trips to Korea I was afforded multiple opportunities to speak to academics and think tank employees, but this fellowship allowed participants to ask questions to employees who work on inter-Korean relations on a daily basis. This makes the fellowship a unique experience.

My doctoral thesis looks what influences South Korean elites when they craft inter-Korean policy. In particular, I argue an ideational consensus has developed about how elites have to conduct inter-Korean relations and this has differed little since democracy was installed in 1987. The various presentations, and especially the conference at the end of the fellowship, were useful to extend my knowledge of how South Korean officials, think tanks employees and academics view relations with North Korea.

Before this fellowship I had visited Korea multiple times, including completing my Master's degree at Yonsei University. However, the Ministry of Unification offered a unique experience that differed from previous trips. In particular the excursions to new and exciting places were particularly interesting. This included visiting the Hanawon, the Hankyoreh School, a more intimate look at the Inter-Korean Transit Office at Dorasan Station in Paju and the Ministry of Unification main office. In particular, visiting the transit office allowed me to see how both Koreas interacted with one another when the Gaesong Industrial Complex and the Geumgang Tourist Zone were open.

One of the more enlightening aspects of the 2019 IUE experience was visiting the Hanawon. Much of the Hanawon's work is conducting behind doors, and it was interesting to see how it operated. In her book *Nothing to Envy*, Barbara Demick describes the Hanawon as a cross between a halfway house and a trade school. After visiting Hanawon I think this description is rather apt. Upon arrival armed guards, a rarity in South Korea, open the gates for buses to enter. I learnt the residents are not merely residents and are instead referred to as students. They are students due to receiving practical training in areas where they can find employment.

While at the Hanawon we listened to a presentation about the history of the facility, followed by a Q&A with three former students, and then took a tour. Some of the answers during the Q&A were highly interesting. For example, when asked about how Kim Jong-un is perceived compared to his father and grandfather, one respondent suggested Kim Jong-un is more revered as he televises his successes and failures. This highlights one of Pyongyang's techniques to give legitimacy to the Kim Jong-un regime. A major section of my thesis is dedicated to the treatment of humanitarian concerns in inter-Korean relations. Thus, seeing just how North Koreans are settled in South Korea was an fascinating experience.

Overall, the IUE Emerging Leaders Fellowship was a good experience as it gave foreign academics, think tank employees, and government workers an opportunity and inside look into how inter-Korean relations are conducted. Even for experts who had taken many trips to South Korea had something new and interesting to learn.

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## Isuri. W. Siriwardhana

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Isuri. W. Siriwardhana is researcher and a lecturer at the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS). She has been working as a Visiting Lecturer at the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL). She has obtained a BA Special Degree in Political Science from the University of Colombo. She has also obtained a Master of Arts in Political Science in Democracy, Conflict and Good Governance Studies at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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I would like to thank the Ministry of Unification and the Institute for Unification Education for giving this great opportunity to participate in the Emerging Leaders Fellowship in 2019.

First, I learned about the Institute for Unification Education, its key objectives and the way that the institute disseminates knowledge and promotes unification education in the Korean peninsula.

Secondly, it was a learning programme for me as a young academic who are interested in the fields of peace studies and democracy. I have been given wider knowledge on His Excellency the president Mr. Moon Jae-in policies on peace and denuclearization initiatives taken in the Korean peninsula. Further, the International Conference helped me to improve my knowledge on various aspects on peace building process in the Peninsula. The field trip to De-militarization Zone (DMZ) and Inter – Korean Transit Office helped to understand nature and symbolic values of the zone. As an academic and a researcher it is one of the rare and valuable experiences I have been given.

Thirdly, the fellowship programme provided a platform to meet and identify academics, researchers and journalist from all around the world and share their studies, knowledge and experience of the peace process in Korea.

Finally, experiencing the culture, taste of the Korean food and trip to Suwon Fortress are unforgettable memories of the fellowship.

I would like to wish peace for Korean peninsula.

Thank you.

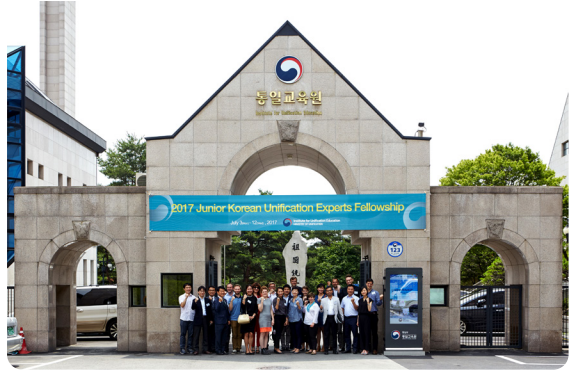
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