Monday, March 26, 2:00-5:00pm
Smith Warehouse, Bay 4, C105, Ahmadieh Family Lecture Hall

Politics of language and identity:
Korean speakers in the peripheries of the national and transnational

The ecology of languages has been profoundly impacted by language standardization in modern nation-states, global and regional migration and displacement of people, and the unprecedented dominance and spread of English, resulting in numerous ethnolinguistic groups placed in peril. This symposium presents research concerned with language diversity, language rights and language practices intersecting with political climate and population shifts. The invited talks focus on language revitalization, language contact and change, and identity construction/contestation revolving around Korean.

Speakers:
William O’Grady (Univ. of Hawaii)
“What to do about Jejueo? Language and Identity in Contemporary Korea”

Simon Barnes-Sadler (Univ. of London)
“Defining and Distinguishing Transplanted Varieties of Korean: Koryo Mar and Vernacular Yanbian Korean”

Ji-Yeon O. Jo (UNC-CH)
“Shifting Affective Linguascape: Languages, Nations, and Migration”

Discussant:
Julie Tetel Andresen (Duke University)

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