

Two Journals Exploring New Ways of Communicating East Asian STS

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Committed to the mission of networking STS inside of outside East Asia, we are delighted to introduce two English journals in which *EASTS* editors are intensively engaged—*NatureCulture* and the *Korean Journal for the History of Science (KJHS)*. Based in Japan, *NatureCulture* boasts quite an international editorial team and has devoted itself to productive dialogue among STS-related disciplines. And as the official journal of the Korean History of Science Society, one of the oldest in East Asia, since 2011 *KJHS* has published an annual English-language August issue, not only for colleagues who cannot read Korean but also for pursuing internationally recognizable scholarship on the history of science in East Asia. Though they may be different in many ways, these two journals nevertheless share a spirit with *EASTS* in their engagement with the changing landscape of East Asian STS. *EASTS* welcomes them to this flourishing field, and we look forward to more exchanges and collaborations through our editors.

—*EASTS* Editorial Office

NatureCulture (by Gergely Mohácsi and Atsuro Morita)

NatureCulture (<http://natureculture.sakura.ne.jp>) is an English-language, peer-reviewed, online, open-access journal based in Japan. Founded in 2012 by a small group of anthropologists at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo and Osaka University, the journal has since established itself as an international platform for a dialogue across anthropology, science and technology studies, and other related fields. The editorial board is composed of scholars from four continents and five disciplinary areas.

The journal is intended to be a medium that on the one hand brings young Japanese researchers into closer contact with related debates elsewhere, and on the other hand exhibits the novel and challenging results of Japanese anthropology and science studies to a non-Japanese audience. Internationally renowned STS scholars have been invited to serve on the advisory board, including Donald MacKenzie, Annemarie Mol, Andrew Pickering, Geoffrey C. Bowker, and *EASTS* associate editor Michael Fischer.

NatureCulture publishes invited individual research articles and guest-edited special issues and interviews to promote a better understanding of the multiple entanglements of natures and cultures, biologies and societies, infrastructures and environments, and humans and nonhumans in the contemporary world. It is also dedicated to the task

of facilitating novel methodological inquiries that go beyond the conceptual and imaginary limits of most, if not all, Euro-American scholarship. It takes an interest in particular kinds of novel theorization including themes that range from multispecies ethnographies, to multinaturalism, ontological politics, and poststructural-relational approaches more broadly.

All the issues published so far have grown out of international workshops held in Japan such as “The Human and the Social” (Tokyo, 2011), “Translational Movements” (Osaka, 2012), and “Acting with Non-Human Entities” (Osaka, 2013). The fourth and newest issue, “Life under Influence,” was published in November 2017. It has its origin in a multidisciplinary symposium that was organized by Dominique Lestel (École Normale Supérieure de Paris) at the Maison Franco-Japonaise in Tokyo in 2014. “Its starting point,” the editors write, “was to grasp the challenge of the question of the ‘living’ and of ‘life’ in contemporary culture. This challenge has two main components, which are intertwined but never exactly merge with the other. The first one deals in a privileged fashion with explanatory principles that cultures, both Western and non-Western, elaborate in order to make sense of such a complex phenomenon as life. The second component is the one that is linked to contemporary technological and scientific innovations, which markedly reshape what one thinks it means to be ‘alive’ and offers the opportunity to consider particular phenomena and practices in non-Western cultures.” (from the introduction to the special issue “Life under Influence,” *NatureCulture* iv).¹

In the near future, *NatureCulture* aims to expand beyond research articles to offer more experimental contents on its central areas of focus and to create a community of contributing editors. We are looking for contributions from all over the world and encourage proposals for special issues that the contributing editors themselves would edit and suggestions for other online content that our readers might be interested in. Inquiries can be addressed to journalnatureculture@gmail.com.

Korean Journal for the History of Science (KJHS) **(by Jongtae Lim and Hyungsub Choi)**

The *Korean Journal for the History of Science (KJHS)* is the official publication of the Korean History of Science Society and has been in continuous publication since January 1979, when its first volume came out. *KJHS* aims to cover a broad scope within the history of science, technology, and medicine regardless of chronological and geographical focus. In addition, the editorial team welcomes submissions from STS scholars whose work engages with the past. *KJHS* publishes not only regular research articles but also essays, review essays, and book reviews. We also accept proposals for special issues comprising between three and five research articles.

Currently in its thirty-ninth volume, *KJHS* began with one issue per year in the first decade or so of its existence. The first expansion to biannual issues began in 1991 under the editorship of Yung Sik Kim (an intellectual biography is available in *EASTS* 11, no. 1),

¹ Available at <http://natureculture.sakura.ne.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/vol4-1-Introduction.pdf>.

and it took another two decades to complete the current publication schedule of three issues per year: in 2011, then-editor Buhm Soon Park made the important decision to add a third, English-language issue, to reach a broader international audience. Since then, this August issue has included original research articles, retrospective essays, and book reviews in English. The other two issues are published in April and December each year. Currently, the *KJHS* editorial team is led by Jongtae Lim (an *EASTS* editor) at Seoul National University.

Since the inauguration of its English-language issue, *KJHS* has received submissions not only from Korean scholars but also scholars around the world. Roger Hart (Texas Southern University), for example, served as guest editor of the August 2012 issue, “Circulation of Scientific Knowledge in East Asia in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” The August 2014 issue features a research article by Daisuke Kono-gaya (Ryukoku University) on the historical role of Hideki Yukawa (湯川秀樹) and Sin-Itiro Tomonaga (朝永振一郎), while the August 2015 issue, “Calendar and Astrology in Early Qing China,” contains articles from an international group of scholars. For the 2016 English-language issue, Jia-Ming Ying (National Taipei University of Education) authored a research article on the history of mathematics in late-Ming to mid-Qing China. As is amply evidenced by its content, *KJHS* has served as a platform for in-depth discussions among scholars in East Asia and beyond.

In 2017, we began a new initiative for our English-language issue—the inclusion of English translations of important research articles originally published in Korean. The first article to be translated was Geun Bae Kim’s “Science and Ideology: The Rise and Fall of the Bonghan Theory in North Korea in the 1960s.” Originally published in *KJHS* in 1999 in Korean, it struck the editorial team as of interest to the scholarly community outside Korea. This translation initiative will help non-Korean scholars overcome the language barrier and provide them with easier access to high-quality historical research by the Korean history of science community. *KJHS* plans to continue this feature in upcoming issues.

Like other STS journals in the region, *KJHS* welcomes submissions, especially for its English-language issue. The deadline for each year’s August issue is 15 June. We accept special issues, with the editorial team informed in advance to discuss feasibility. All queries should be directed to our editor, Jongtae Lim (jtlimbabo@snu.ac.kr) or our associate editor, Hyungsub Choi (hchoi@seoultech.ac.kr). Back issues of *KJHS* (English issues included) are available for free download at <http://www.khss.or.kr/kjhs>.