

CHARTER OF THE SOUTH KOREA CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PUBLIC LAW

I. Mission of the Chapter

The aim of the South Korea Chapter is to pursue the mission of ICON·S within South Korea.

The Chapter is established in order to:

1. Promote the values of ICON·S, including a commitment to an interdisciplinary approach to public law, and values of constitutionalism, democracy, human rights, and rule of law so as to contribute to legal scholarship and discourse nationally and globally;
2. Promote intellectual exchange and cooperation among public law scholars and legal professionals in South Korea;
3. Promote the expansion of ICON·S in South Korea as well as in East Asia in collaboration with ICON·S and other ICON·S chapters;
4. Promote the capacity and engagement of early-career scholars, especially but not exclusively, from underrepresented groups, and the Global South within the work of ICON·S.

II. The Chapter shall:

1. Be organized in a way that reflects ICON·S's commitments to transparency, accountability and good governance, as well as gender equality and diversity;
2. Provide a forum in due form for the academic discussion and cooperation between legal scholars in South Korea as well as with ones from international society;
3. Regularly disseminate notice of its events and activities via ICONnect, and communicate an annual summary of its activities to the ICON·S Executive Committee;
4. Be subject in its scope, governance and membership, to periodic reviews by the members of the ICON·S Executive Committee;
5. Promote joining ICON·S and paying the ICON·S annual membership fee;
6. Seek to involve scholars from a wide range of institutions in its activities, including in leadership roles.

III. Governance of the Chapter

1. The co-chairs

(1) The Chapter will be governed by two co-chairs. The co-chairs shall not be held by a single gender. The co-chairs will hold office for three years with one possible reelection. Every three years, the two co-chairs will be elected by the majority of the members of the Advisory Board. Only ICON·S members are eligible to stand for and vote in the elections.

(2) The co-chairs will make decisions by agreement. They will be able to appoint one Executive Secretary, if necessary. The co-chairs may organize events and activities with the assistance of an Executive Secretary and/or a working group that could be established to support the Chapter's academic and administrative tasks.

(3) Each year the co-chairs will communicate an annual summary of their activities to the ICON·S Executive Committee.

2. The Advisory Board

(1) Membership of the advisory board will be based on excellence in public law scholarship and the need for diversity in terms of gender and age.

(2) The co-chairs, in consultation with the existing members of the advisory board, will appoint new members of the Board for a term of three years. A retiring co-chair will automatically become a member of the Board for three years. The advisory board members would again be eligible for appointment. The number of the Board shall not exceed 20.

(3) The Board will consider proposals made by the co-chairs, review any appeals against refusal of membership, and vote for the co-chairs at the election. In general, the Board will make its decisions by simple majority.

IV. Membership of the South Korea Chapter

Any scholar/practitioner/judge either working in public law in South Korea or trained in the public law of South Korea is eligible for membership. Applications for membership will in the first instance be determined jointly by the co-chairs. Any candidate for membership dissatisfied with the decision of the co-chairs may appeal to the Advisory Board. When his/her membership is confirmed, the letter of endorsement will be given to the applicant (via email) and informed to the Board members.

V. Rights and Duties of Chapter Members

Members of the South Korea Chapter have the following rights and duties:

1. Join ICON·S and keep themselves as active members;
2. Promote the mission and values of ICON·S;
3. Participate in the activities of the Chapter.

VI. Academic Activities

The Chapter will organize a national conference at a minimum every second year. For this purpose, it can co-work with national and regional organizations. The Chapter may also support workshops, symposia, and colloquia, in which the members of the Chapter participate, as considered appropriate by the co-chairs.

VII. Amendments

The Chapter rules can be amended by a majority vote among the Board. The amendments need to be approved by both co-chairs.

CONTACT

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GOVERNING BODIES (2024 -)

The Founding Co-Chairs

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2. Jeong-In YUN (Research Professor, Korea University, Seoul)

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