

## Profile of Host and Partner Organizations

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### Ateneo Korean Studies Program

Korean Studies in Ateneo de Manila University was first set up in 2012 as the Ateneo Initiative for Korean Studies (AIKS) -- a platform for consolidating all Korea-related initiatives in the university and for incubating an

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span of 2 years, the initiatives resulted to a minor program in Korean Studies and another year later, to the creation of a full-fledged Korean Studies Program (KSP) under the School of Social Sciences, the first of its kind in the country. Through its close collaboration with other academic departments within the university and with Korean Studies experts and organizations here and abroad, KSP was able to grow as an Interdisciplinary Hub for Examining, Engaging and Experiencing Korea in Philippine Academia, with the widest course offerings on Korean Studies for undergraduate students, covering themes across various disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Apart from its regular courses, KSP likewise offers Extramural Classes to the public and has similarly pioneered the conduct of Regional and Inter-university Korean Studies Outreach Seminars/Workshops/Lectures through its 'Korea 101 Lab' Program. In 2016, it completed the development of the 'Portal of Korean Studies Resources in the Philippines', the only database that collates and centralizes access to Korean Studies references in the country. Through continuous research and collaboration with its partners, KSP endeavors to promote the critical

study of Korea and contribute to the strengthening of Philippines-Korea relations.

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Portal of Korean Studies Resources in the Philippines:

<http://rizal2.lib.admu.edu.ph/aiksportal/>

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## **Academy of Korean Studies**

The Academy of Korean Studies was established to revitalize the field of Korean Studies by conducting in-depth research and offering courses on Korea-related subjects.

AKS engages in a wide range of activities including conducting research on Korean culture from both humanities and social science perspectives; collecting, translating and publishing Korean classics; compiling and distributing major reference works such as the Encyclopedia of Korean Culture and the Digital Encyclopedia of Korean Local Culture; and engaging in cooperation and exchange activities with academic institutions in Korea and overseas, all of which aim at improving the international community's understanding of Korean culture.

Korean Studies Promotion Service – To help Korean Studies become a global academic discipline, AKS set up in

May 2007 a division in charge of steering efforts to promote the said field with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (then known as the “Ministry of Education and Human Resources”). The division was renamed as the “Korean Studies Promotion Service” in January 2009.

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**Department of History**

History is the study of past human experiences grounded on the conviction that these share an essential continuity with our present and future. Through the careful reading of documents and historical interpretations, students are trained to see themselves and their world as entities proceeding in time and formed by what has gone before.

It is the goal of the department to undertake activities in teaching, research, and extension work designed to develop expertise in Philippine history as a primary area, and Western and Asian history as secondary areas.

History students are able to immerse themselves in rare historical collections located at the Rizal Library. Among these collections are: American Historical Collection, Trinidad Pardo de Tavera Special Collections, Filipiniana Section, and Ateneo Library for Women's Writings (ALiWW)

The Department of History can arrange for student exchange opportunities with the Ateneo de Manila University's partner universities located in Asia, Europe, the United States, and Australia.

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**Department of Political Science**

The Department of Political Science (Republic of the Philippines, Commission on Higher Education - Center of Development in Political Science) envisions itself as a catalyst in molding the political and social consciousness of the University and the larger community that it serves. It aspires to be leader in the field of politics and governance - educating its students and the broader citizenry towards the development of institutions of peace and justice, equity and sustainability, inclusiveness and respect for human rights. Through its teaching, research, and outreach activities, the Department seeks to participate in processes of democratization and popular empowerment at many levels - local, national, and global - within the framework of critical inquiry, intellectual rigor, and committed public service.

It seeks to train professionals who will be future leaders in their chosen fields; to contribute to the teaching/shaping of the discipline at the tertiary and basic education levels through research and content-based instruction; to contribute

to the country's development process through scholarly research, intellectual exchange, professional consultancy and community/public outreach.

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