Korean Diaspora, Korean Christianity, and Cultural Challenge

a lecture by
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3:30-4:30 p.m.

Korea has become a Diaspora country, with a scattered population all around the globe. Korean Christianity has also become the most rapidly growing and expanding religion in North America. This talk will discuss the unique phenomenon of Korean transmigration from the cultural and religious perspectives. This lecture will also explore the significance of Korean Christianity in North America in relation to other immigrant communities in terms of their cultural and religious identity, and will examine the relation between culture and religion in the Korean immigration community.

Dr. Young-chan Ro is professor of Religious Studies and director of Liberal Studies at George Mason University. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Young has authored The Korean Neo-Confucianism of Yi Yulgok and co-authored The Four-Seven Debate: An Annotated Translation of the Most Famous Controversy in Korean Neo-Confucian Thought. He has written numerous articles in the areas of comparative religion, Korean Confucianism, Korean religions, and Korean Christianity. In 2004, he was the recipient of the 2004 Yulgok Scholarly Award, the most prestigious academic award in Confucian studies in Korea.

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