

Local Community Collaboration

The Convergence Institute for Multicultural Studies (CIMS) operates as a hub for research and education, aimed at promoting social integration for coexistence and mutual prosperity in migrant communities, in collaboration with local residents. Established to address, resolve, and prevent various migration-related social issues through a close-knit relationship with the community, the institute works through its Community Cooperation Center. The center is composed of the Multicultural Education and Training Team, the Migrant Counseling Clinic, and the Community Council. It has also signed MOUs with 58 multicultural organizations within the community, actively engaging in joint research, program implementation, as well as personnel and information exchange.

Global Citizenship Education Center: Multicultural Mentoring

The Global Citizenship Education Center offers programs aimed at enhancing intercultural communication skills for mentors and provides intercultural education programs for both mentors and mentees. The multicultural mentoring initiative connects university and graduate student mentors with elementary, middle, and high school students from multicultural and North Korean defector backgrounds. These mentors assist mentees in adapting to school life, improving basic academic skills, offering career counseling, and engaging in cultural exchange activities. The Korea Student Aid Foundation provides scholarships for university mentors, while the CIMS coordinates mentor-mentee matching, education, and management.

The Humanities Convergence Therapy Center

Humanities Convergence Therapy Center conducts research, development, and dissemination of psychological theories and counseling programs to support the emotional and psychological well-being of citizens in multicultural societies, with a particular focus on marginalized groups. The center also dispatches humanities-based counseling professionals, trained through the Program in Humanities Therapy to family support centers and government offices. These professionals provide counseling and conduct research for clients from diverse cultural backgrounds who are experiencing psychological or emotional difficulties.

Gyeonggi Irum Daehak [Gyeonggi Achievement Campus]

Gyeonggi Irum Campus offers local middle and high school students career-related courses provided by universities and specialized institutions. This program encourages students to take initiative in shaping their future careers and strengthens their specialized learning abilities. Since 2017, the research institute has managed this project, earning recognition for its innovative career education programs, high student satisfaction, and contributions to creating a career education ecosystem within the community. In 2022, the institute was awarded the Superintendent's Commendation for these efforts.

The Convergence Institute for Multicultural Studies

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Specialized Research Labs

Community Cooperation Research Lab Joohyun Justine Park

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Multicultural Counseling Lab Youngsub Oh

Multicultural Economics Research Lab Kyungho Jang

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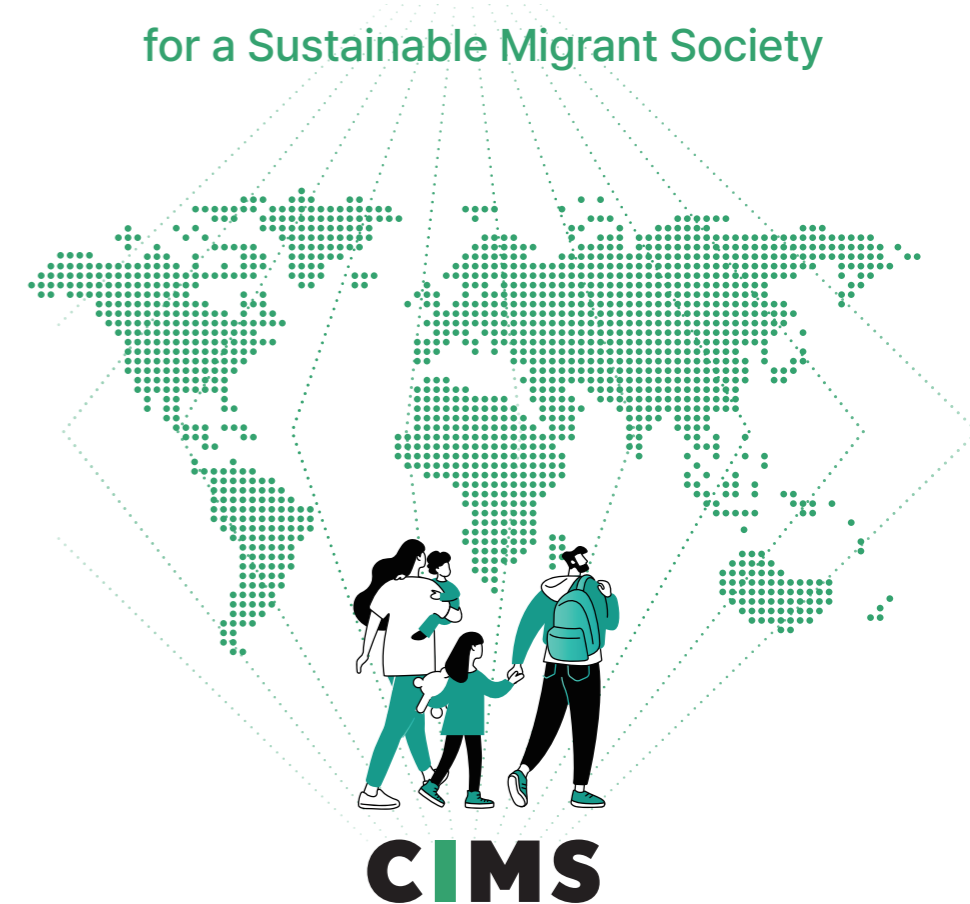
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The Convergence Institute for Multicultural Studies

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Convergence Research Frontier for a Sustainable Migrant Society



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Key Projects of the Research Institute

- Interdisciplinary Convergence Research for a Sustainable Migrant Society
- Development and Application of Humanities-Based Healing Programs for Social Minorities
- Operation of Qualitative Research Camps to Expand Qualitative Research
- Establishment of a Research Foundation for Global Citizenship Education
- Formation of Multi-Stakeholder Governance and Community Collaboration Systems for Social Integration
- Building a Global Research Network for Migration Pedagogy Studies

Major Achievements of the Research Institute

01 BK21 Research Division for Global Multiculture Education (2013-2024)

- Through the BK21 Phase 3-4 project managed by the National Research Foundation of Korea, the institute has trained experts in global multicultural education with a total project budget of 3 billion KRW



02 National Policy Research

- A convergent study on the global multicultural mentoring using the transnational social relation network (2015), Establishment of Digital Archives using Ethnography of Multicultural Members and a Series of Social Integration (2017), An Integral Study on Intercultural Practice of Family Center Members in the Era of Transnational Migration (2022)

03 Academic Conferences

- The institute has hosted the International Conference on Multiculture and Education (ICME) annually since 2012, serving as a platform for networking among public, private, and academic sectors in multicultural education research. The institute also collaborates with various academic organizations to hold domestic conferences on language, culture, and education, including: Korean Association of International Culture Exchange (KAICE) | Korean Language and Culture Education Society (KLACES) | Korean Association for Literacy | The Korean-German Society for the Educational Studies

04 Academic Journals

- Journal of Multiculture and Education (JME)
KCI-indexed journal | Published quarterly in English and Korean
- Cultural Exchange and Multicultural Education
KCI-indexed journal | Published bimonthly in English and Korean



05 Academic Publications

- The institute has published a series of academic books, including: 17 volumes in the Series on Social Integration, 8 volumes in the Dae Won Multicultural Research Series, 2 volumes in Multicultural Humanities, 1 volume in the Series on Humanities Convergence Counseling



06 MOUs for Academic Exchange and Cooperation

- MOUs with various domestic and international multicultural education - related associations, universities, and research institutions:
 - Domestic Partnerships: Collaborations with 32 universities and research institutions, including the BK Humanities Care Education Research Team at Kangwon National University
 - International Partnerships: Collaborations with 15 universities and research institutions, including Dalat University in Vietnam



Department of Multicultural Education

The Republic of Korea is undergoing a transformation into a multiethnic and multicultural community due to the increase in transnational migrants, with growing population diversity among its members, including marriage migrants, foreign workers, international students, and refugees. To contribute to the creation of a sustainable future migrant society, the first graduate program in Multicultural Education in Korea was established in 2011, based on the convergence of humanities, social sciences, and education. The Department of Multicultural Education operates in cooperation with the Convergence Institute for Multicultural Studies, providing master's and doctoral students with education based on the latest research findings. The curriculum includes over 70 courses necessary for understanding the multicultural and migrant society in Korea, structured into foundational, advanced, and field education.

Faculty

- Youngsoon Kim | Head of Dept. of Social Education | Educational Anthropology
- Jeehun Kim | Dept. of Social Education | Sociology, Migration Studies
- Sunmee Park | Dept. of Social Education | Multicultural Education Materials and Teaching Methods
- Soo Jung Park | Dept. of Sports Science | Leisure Recreation
- Joohyun Justine Park | Dept. of Multicultural Education | Community Collaboration
- Myung Sun Shin | Dept. of Korean Language Education | Korean Language Education
- Youngsub Oh | Dept. of Multicultural Education | Multicultural Counseling, Immigrant Youth
- Kyungho Jang | Dept. of Social Education | Economic Education
- Sungmin Chang | Dept. of Korean Language Education | Korean Language Education, Literacy
- Sangwoo Chong | Dept. of Social Education | Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law
- Hyunsik Choi | Department of Korean Language Education | Literature Education, Modern Poetry

Special Features

- **Specialization Tracks:** Multicultural Counseling and Welfare, Migration and Multicultural Policies, and Migration Literature
- **Minor Program:** Humanities Convergence Therapy (specialized in Multicultural Counseling and Welfare) or Korean Language Education (specialized in teaching Korean to foreigners)
- **Ministry of Justice's Multicultural Society Expert Certificate:** Level 1-2 certification from the Ministry of Justice, recognized as professional personnel for social integration programs in multicultural societies. (*Completion of designated core, elective, and general elective courses is required.)



Program in Humanities Therapy

The Program in Humanities Therapy was established to actively respond to the contemporary demand for an "integrative therapeutic approach" to factors threatening the physical and mental health of modern individuals in our rapidly changing society. This program aims to help individuals achieve both physical health and emotional recognition and a fulfilling life by utilizing various fields of humanities and artistic media. The curriculum emphasizes client-centered clinical education and practical experience in collaboration with nearby university hospitals, social welfare organizations, community service centers, and therapeutic institutions. The goal is to train professionals in therapy through music, art, dance, and literature.

Faculty

- Youngsoon Kim | Dept. of Social Education | Educational Anthropology
- Gyongsoon Kim | Graduate School of Education | Art Education, Art Therapy
- Soo Jung Park | Dept. of Sports Science | Leisure Recreation
- Sohn Min | Dept. of Nursing | Child Nursing
- Joohyun Justine Park | Dept. of Multicultural Education | Community Collaboration
- Joo-yeon Shin | Graduate School of Education | Counseling Psychology
- Youngsub Oh | Dept. of Multicultural Education | Multicultural Counseling, Immigrant Youth
- Hyunsik Choi | Dept. of Korean Language Education (Program Director) | Literature Education, Modern Poetry
- Jeong-mi Hwang | Dept. of Theater and Film | Theater, Directing

Special Features

- **Humanities Convergence Counseling Expert Certificate:** Upon graduation, students who complete research and practical training will receive a Level 2 certificate (Master's) or a Level 1 certificate (Doctorate)
- **Humanities Counselor Certificate:** After completing relevant courses in Humanities Convergence Therapy and participating in a certification workshop at Kangwon University, students can obtain a Level 1-2 private qualification
- **Youth Counselor, Clinical Psychologist:** Students can take national qualification courses and apply for the Level 2 national qualification after completing clinical practical training, leading to eligibility for the Level 1 national qualification

Graduate Statistics and Career Paths

Total number of graduates:
107(August 2024)

Dept. of Multicultural Education	39 Masters / 59 PhDs
Humanities Convergence Therapy Major	2 Masters / 7 PhDs

Career Fields

- Domestic and International Universities and Research Institutes
- National Policy Research Institutes
- Educational Authorities and Institutions
- Family Support Centers
- Ministry of Justice Immigration Offices

- Migrant NGOs
- Social Enterprises
- Public Libraries
- Media Organizations
- Migration Research Institutes