THE KOREAN LANGUAGE, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE: A SOCIOLINGUISTIC APPROACH

This talk examines the characteristics of the Korean language in relation to Korean society and culture through various sociolinguistic approaches. The presenter will first introduce major sociolinguistic interests, research topics, and methodologies, focusing on the interrelationship between language and society and language and culture. He will then illustrate the diversifying Korean language shaped by social variables such as age, gender, and class, and the specificity of Korean language related to Korean culture. Finally, he will analyze several sociolinguistic issues found in Korean expressions and usages and suggest ways to resolve them. This talk not only examines the characteristics of the Korean language vis-à-vis society and culture but also offers a better understanding of fast-changing Korean society and culture through language-specific characteristics.

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