

Curriculum Vitae

Yi Jong Suh is professor at the Department of Sociology and STS Studies at Seoul National University. In 1996 he got his Ph.D. at Free University of Berlin with the doctor paper of a comparative study in sociology of science and technology, named as “Technikgenese und Technischer Habitus von Ingenieuren. Japan und Deutschland im Vergleich”. In Korea he did a lot of research about the emerging information society at that time being research fellow at the institute of social development and of a professorship at the department of sociology, Seoul National University until 2004. During this time his published books in Korean are “Theories and Reality of Knowledge Based Information Society”, “Internet Communities and Korean Society”, “Scientific Social Controversies and Korean Society” etc. His research interest was, however, changed into sociology of biotechnology and bioethics after the so-called “Dr. Hwang Scandal” in 2005, followed with his paper of “Dr. Hwang Scandal From the Perspective of Politics of Science”. In his further training at University of Washington and WIRB (Western Institutional Review Board in the U.S.) in 2006 and 2008, he started to do research about historical and social origin of contemporary bioethics for a reflexive implementation of a bioethical and legal regulation system in East Asia including Korea. After a publication of a paper on Tuskegee Syphilis study in the U.S. in 2008, his interest was oriented to reviewing Max Weber’s sociology of ethics and participating in the bioethical review committee at Seoul National University and additionally at SAMSUNG Medical Center. And his research itself focused then on human experimentations of the “Unit 731” from a comparative perspective including the comparison with Nazi German human experimentations at Seoul, Berlin, Peking, Harbin. His paper at the time is named “Recruiting Process of Subjects in Human Experimentations of Unit 731 And Its Bioethical Issues, The Existence of Massive Field Bacteriological Experiments in Nongan and Shinjing Area And Its Historical Meaning”.

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