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Dear Professor Lew

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to accept status as a Visiting Fellow in the Korea Institute, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at The Australian National University¹ (the University) for the period 1 March 2009 to 31 July 2009. Please note that this offer does not constitute an offer of employment with the University.

During the period of your visit you will be conducting research and undertaking collaborative work with members of academic staff in the Institute. You will not be required to undertake any formal teaching. Professor Jim Fox will oversee your activities on behalf of the University.

As a Visiting Fellow you are welcome to make use of the University's library resources in addition to any other resources made available to you by the School.

As a Visiting Fellow you will be subject to the University's policies, which may be reviewed on the University's website². I particularly draw your attention to the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest and Intellectual Property. Should you have any questions or queries about these policies during your visit I encourage you to discuss them with the School.

¹ <http://www.anu.edu.au/> (University Website)

² <http://info.anu.edu.au/policies/index.asp> (University Policies)

As you will not be an employee of the University during your appointment you will not be covered by the University's workers compensation insurance policy. You may wish to check with your home institution regarding their insurance coverage for you, or investigate private insurance.

Any public statements made by you during your visit must acknowledge your status as a Visiting Fellow and not imply any representation of your views as being those of the University. You will not have authority to speak on behalf of or represent the University unless agreed beforehand with the Dean of the College.

The University values the contributions which are made by visitors and wishes to have a permanent record of them. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide a short report of achieved work at the conclusion of your stay with the University. In addition to giving this account of the work in which you were involved, you may also wish to include comments on any other matters of interest to the University.

The University reserves the right to withdraw this status at any time prior to its expiry date.

Allowances and/or Reimbursements

The University will provide you with a total allowance of \$20,000, made up as follows:

Accommodation for the period of your stay at the University	\$10,000
Living expenses based on the determination of the Australian Tax Office (ATO)	\$10,000

Your travel and living away from home allowance will be paid as a reimbursement on the production of receipts or other documentation which substantiates your expenditure.

On arrival you should contact Matt Bowden to arrange payment of your allowance.

Visa Requirements

To visit Australia you will need to apply for a subclass 419 "Visiting Academic" Visa³. You should contact the nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission as soon as possible. You will be required to pay a visa application charge when you lodge your visa application.

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It is your responsibility to arrange travel insurance for your visit to ANU prior to departing your home country. You are not covered by the University's travel insurance policy.

As you may not be eligible for membership of the national health insurance scheme, *Medicare*, it is your responsibility to arrange for appropriate health insurance coverage for your stay in Australia. Travel insurance arrangements may not provide sufficient cover, and you may wish to obtain a private health insurance policy that covers you and your dependants for the term of your stay.

School Fees

Non-resident visitors, on sabbatical and continuing to receive a salary and pay taxation on their income in their country of residence, will be liable to pay tuition fees for their children if they attend school in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Further information can be obtained online at The ACT Department of Education and Training [Website](#)⁴ or from the Manager, International Education Unit, ACT Department of Education, telephone (61 2) 6205 9176. Tuition fees are not payable by New Zealand residents or citizens.

³ <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/special-activity/419/index.htm> (419 Visa)

⁴ http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/international_students/international_education_fags (ACT DET)

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Accommodation

The University may be able to assist you in finding suitable rental housing through the University Accommodation Services (UAS)⁵. University House also provides short-term hotel style accommodation⁶.

This is necessarily a formal letter but please be assured that it is with great pleasure that the University offers this status.

Please confirm that you are willing to accept this invitation by signing and returning a copy of this letter to the contact officer.

Yours sincerely



Erica Spencer
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ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER (DO NOT DETACH)

I, *Seok Choon Lew*, have read the above offer of status as a Visiting Fellow and understand the terms and conditions contained therein. I hereby accept status as a Visiting Fellow of The Australian National University under these conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

⁵ <http://accom.anu.edu.au/UAS/186.html> (University Accommodation Services)

⁶ <http://www.anu.edu.au/unihouse> (University House)

Joint Seminar by Department of Political and Social Change and Korean Institute

Topic

**Did the 1997 Financial Crisis Transform the Korean Developmental State?
Focused on the Public Fund**

Speaker

Professor Seok Choon Lew , Yonsei University, South Korea

Date & Venue

3:00 – 4:30 pm, Tuesday 19 May 2009

PSC Reading Room, Room 4.27, Level 4, Hedley Bull Centre, ANU

Abstract

The 1997 financial crisis in Korea triggered fierce debates over the validity of the Korean developmental state model. Some scholars argue that the demands of global agents undermined state autonomy and capacity. The state, facing the crisis, could not help accepting financial aid from international organizations which, in turn, demanded the neo-liberal economic restructuring favorable to them. Others insist that the crisis paradoxically provided an opportunity to strengthen state autonomy and capacity. According to them, the state became the only fundamental body responsible for concluding an entente with foreign organizations and meeting their needs. By examining the transformation of the Korean developmental state during the so-called "IMF regime," built on the concept of state autonomy and capacity, this paper aims to answer the controversial question: "Has the 1997 financial crisis transformed the developmental state?" The paper focuses on the public fund, in which the state's role was so critical in overcoming the financial crisis. Each step of public fund policy, ie, mobilization, injection, supervision, and recovery, is examined. Findings enable us to argue that the failures in the restructuring process were not because of state intervention per se, but because of the improper intervention of the state. The paper traces the continued characteristics of the developmental state which have been criticized as the main cause of the financial crisis in 1997. We conclude that the path the crisis has overcome cannot be separated from the path the crisis has formed. Such a path dependency calls for the re-appreciation of the Korean developmental state in the age of global transformation.

About the speaker

Seok-Choon Lew is professor of sociology at Yonsei University, South Korea and currently a visiting fellow at the Korea Institute, ANU until July 2009. He has written extensively on issues concerning effective networks in East Asia and the developmental state, including *Did the Financial Crisis Transform the Developmental State: Focused on the Public Fund in Korea* (presented at the Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Boston, 2008) and *Korean Development Model: Lessons for Southeast Asia* (David Steinberg ed. *Korea's Changing Role in Southeast ASIA*, ISEAS, forthcoming). Please visit <http://sclew.yonsei.ac.kr> for more information.