

# 2025 HUMANITIES KOREA (HK) 3.0 CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## AFRICAN MZ GENERATION AND NEXUS HUMANITIES : AFRICALITY AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS IN THE GLOBAL ERA

**Date** | February 3 (Tue) – 6 (Fri), 2026

**Venue** | Trinity Hall (D110, D106),  
Busan University of Foreign Studies (BUFS), Busan, South Korea

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## Conference Program

### International Scholars Networking

(17:00 ~ 19:30)

[DAY 1] 2026.02.03.(Tue)

17:00 ~ 18:00	Conference Orientation & Networking
18:00 ~ 19:30	Welcoming dinner hosted by the HK 3.0 Consortium

### Opening Ceremony

(13:00 ~ 15:40)

Moderator : So Young Jin  
(Busan University of Foreign Studies)

[DAY 2] 2026.02.04.(Wed)

Venue : Trinity Hall (D110)

13:00 ~ 13:30	Registration	
13:30 ~ 14:20	Congratulatory Speech	Soon Heung Chang (President of Busan University of Foreign Studies)
	Opening Speech	Gi Dae Lim (Director of Institute of African Studies, BUFS)
	Welcome Speech	Kwang Su Kim (Director of Institute of African Studies, HUFSS)
Ki Woong Yang (Director of Institute for Global Social Responsibility, Hallym University)		
Hwa Rim Cho (Director of Institute of French and African Studies, JBNU)		
14:20 ~ 14:30	Tea Break	
14:30 ~ 15:30	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <i>: The MZ Generation, an Actor in the Reconfiguration of Africanness</i> <p style="text-align: right;">Mostéfa KHIATI (University of Algiers)</p>	
15:30 ~ 15:40	Tea Break	

## Session 1

### Migration, Mobility & Regional Dynamics

(15:40 ~ 18:00)

Moderator : Young In Ki

(Chonnam National University)

[Day2] 2026.02.04.(Wed)

Venue : Trinity Hall (D110)

15:40 ~ 16:10	<p><b><i>Forced Displacement and Migration Dynamics in the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Regions</i></b>  <i>: Youth in the Digital Era in Focus</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Abebaw Minaye (Addis Ababa University)</p>
16:10 ~ 16:40	<p><b><i>Tunisia and Libya as Platforms for International Migration</i></b>  <i>: Challenges and Prospects</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Faysal Cherif (The Higher Institute for the Study of Contemporary History of Tunisia -ISHCT)</p>
16:40 ~ 17:10	<p><b><i>Generational Transition and Youth Employment Policy</i></b>  <i>: A Case Study of Senegal's New Government</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Hye Oh (Busan University of Foreign Studies)</p>
17:10 ~ 18:00	Roundtable Discussion
18:00 ~ 19:30	Dinner

## Session 2

### Digital Futures & Regional Innovation

(15:40 ~ 18:00)

Moderator : Hanah Zoo

(Hallym University)

[Day2] 2026.02.04.(Wed)

Venue : D106

15:40 ~ 16:10	<p><b><i>Connecting the Last Mile in Africa</i></b>  <i>: A Volumetric Analysis of Internet Balloons and Rural Base Stations</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lu Miao (Lingnan University)</p>
16:10 ~ 16:40	<p><b><i>From Chalk to Clicks</i></b>  <i>: Digital Transformation and Education Governance in Koforidua, Ghana</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Cheol Jang (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)</p>
16:40 ~ 17:10	<p><b><i>Gender Inequality in Digital Access and Digital Financial Inclusion in Africa</i></b>  <i>: Evidence from Kenya and Uganda</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kyung Eun Lee (Hallym University)</p>
17:10 ~ 18:00	Roundtable Discussion
18:00 ~ 19:30	Dinner

**Session 3**  
**Popular Culture, Language & Creative Youth Expression**  
(09:30 ~ 11:30)

Moderator : In Cheol Jang  
(Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) [Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : Trinity Hall (D110)

09:30 ~ 10:00	<b><i>Being, (un)Becoming and Belonging</i></b> <i>: Performing Zimbabweanness on TikTok</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Oswelled Ureke (University of Johannesburg)</div>
10:00 ~ 10:30	<b><i>Setting Trends in Visual Aesthetics and the Perception of Urban Spaces</i></b> <i>: Nigerian Music Video Clips and Their Impact</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Ute Fendler (University of Bayreuth)</div>
10:30 ~ 11:00	<b><i>Integration or Fragmentation</i></b> <i>: The Evolution of Sheng in Kenya</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Youngseung Kwon (Jeonbuk National University)</div>
11:00 ~ 11:30	<b><i>Almost South-South Solidarity</i></b> <i>: The Frustration of K-pop Fans (But Not 'True Fans') in South Africa</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Suweon Kim (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)</div>
11:30 ~ 13:00	Lunch

**Session 4**  
**Regional Governance, Development & Economic Transformations**  
(09:30 ~ 11:30)

Moderator : Ki Woong Yang  
(Hallym University) [Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : D106

09:30 ~ 10:00	<b><i>Ensuring Equity in North Africa</i></b> <i>: Gender-Responsive Just Transition in the Agricultural Sector</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Jeongseong Lee (Jeonbuk National University)</div>
10:00 ~ 10:30	<b><i>A Comparative Phenomenological Research on 'Clusters of Disadvantages</i></b> <i>: African Youth Migrants in Accra and Zanzibar's Non-Places</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Moon Suk Hong (Busan University of Foreign Studies)</div>
10:30 ~ 11:00	<b><i>Between Factory and Family</i></b> <i>: How Young Zulu Women Navigate Work, Motherhood, and Community in Chinese Garment Factories in South Africa</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Xu Liang (Peking University)</div>
11:00 ~ 11:30	<b><i>Collective Entrepreneurship in Response to Complexity</i></b> <i>: Case Study of Youth Entrepreneurs in the Former Homeland QwaQwa, South Africa</i> <div style="text-align: right;">Shogo Kudo (Akita International University)</div>
11:00 ~ 11:30	Lunch

## Session 5

### Identity, Perceptions & Youth Values

(13:00 ~ 14:30)

Moderator : Moon Suk Hong  
(Busan University of Foreign Studies)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : Trinity Hall (D110)

13:00 ~ 13:30	<i>Cultural Identity of African Youth</i>  Hongfeng Li (Beijing Foreign Studies University)
13:30 ~ 14:00	<i>Commonalities, Linkages, and Differences Between the Political Claims and Aims of Gen Z Movements Across Africa</i>  Alexander Stroh (University of Bayreuth)
14:00 ~ 14:30	<i>The Provocative Aesthetic Philosophy of the Y'en a Marre Movement : An Integrative Analysis of the Senegalese Youth Cultural Movement through a Phenomenological Hermeneutic Methodology</i>  Oung Byun (Hallym University)
14:30 ~ 14:50	Tea Break

## Session 6

### Protest, Activism & Social Movements

(13:00 ~ 14:30)

Moderator : Jeong Seong Lee  
(Jeonbuk National University)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : D106

13:00 ~ 13:30	<i>Continuity and Change in African Protest : Increasing Opposition Alignment in an Era of Economic Insecurity</i>  Eun Kyung Kim (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
13:30 ~ 14:00	<i>Stalled Mobility and the Emergence of Resistance : Youth Survival Economy and Political Formation in Madagascar</i>  Jeong Uk Lee (Busan University of Foreign Studies)
14:00 ~ 14:30	<i>Digital Platforms and Socioeconomic Conflict : Reconfiguring Trust and Regime Change in Botswana</i>  Yong Jun Baek (Hallym University)
14:30 ~ 14:50	Tea Break

## Session 7

### Governance, Democracy & Youth Political Participation

(14:50 ~ 16:20)

Moderator : Eun Kyung Kim  
(Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : Trinity Hall (D110)

14:50 ~ 15:20	<p><b><i>Reducing Gender Gaps in Political Participation with Efficacy Promotion</i></b> : <i>Evidence from a Civic Education Experiment in Zambia</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elizabeth Sperber (University of Denver)</p>
15:20 ~ 15:50	<p><b><i>More educated, less employed, still unheard</i></b> : <i>Youth civic and political engagement in Africa</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joseph Asunka (Afrobarometer)</p>
15:50 ~ 16:20	<p><b><i>The Role of Youth in African Politics</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Shinichi Takeuchi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)</p>
16:20 ~ 16:30	Tea Break

## Session 8

### Urban Dynamics & Regional Change

(14:50 ~ 16:20)

Moderator : So Young Jin  
(Busan University of Foreign Studies)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : D106

14:50 ~ 15:20	<p><b><i>Islam, Religious Life, and Urban Transformation</i></b> : <i>A Case Study of the Ahmadiyya Residential Communities in Lagos, Nigeria</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Deng Zheyuan (Shanghai Normal University)</p>
15:20 ~ 15:50	<p><b><i>Urbanization Dynamics and the Urban Youth of Addis Ababa</i></b> : <i>Knowledge, Power, and Relationships in a Transforming African City</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ghebru Bethel (Busan University of Foreign Studies)</p>
15:50 ~ 16:20	<p><b><i>Citizen-Centered Urban Innovation</i></b> : <i>A Model Combining Urban Living Labs and Citizen Science for Participatory Governance in African Cities</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">HeMin Choi (Incheon National University)</p>
16:20 ~ 16:30	Tea Break

## Young Scholars Presentation Session 1

(16:30 ~ 17:50)

Moderator : Ghebru Bethel  
(Busan University of Foreign Studies)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

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16:30 ~ 16:50	<i>A study on Terrorism in North Africa and the Sahel : A Data-Driven Analysis</i>  Min Gi Myoung (Busan University of Foreign Studies)
16:50 ~ 17:10	<i>A Study of African Migrants Through Border Cities : Focusing on the Cases of Ceuta and Las Palmas</i>  Min Jeung Oh (Busan University of Foreign Studies)
17:10 ~ 17:30	<i>Equatorial Guinea a Commercial HUB in Central Africa : Regional Migration, Imports Andurban Markets (2013-2024)</i>  O NEW (Busan University of Foreign Studies)
17:30 ~ 17:50	<i>The Algorithmic Time Machine Big Tech Governance and Gen Z Futures in Berlin, California, and Nairobi</i>  Soo Yeon Hwang (Hallym University)
17:50 ~	Dinner

## Young Scholars Presentation Session 2

(16:30 ~ 17:30)

Moderator : Ji Hoon Kang  
(Busan University of Foreign Studies)

[Day3] 2026.02.05.(Thur)

Venue : D106

16:30 ~ 16:50	<i>Modern Utilization of Moroccan Amazigh Traditional Resources : A Case Study of Argan Oil</i>  Jeong Suk Jang (Jeonbuk National University)
16:50 ~ 17:10	<i>Impact of Economic Distress and Public Services on Tax Morale in Kenya Evidence from Afrobarometer Round 10</i>  Ji Hye Song (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
17:10 ~ 17:30	<i>Identity and Resilience among Youth in Beira Before and After Cyclone Idai : The Case for State Intervention</i>  Da Yeong Lee (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies)
17:50 ~	Dinner