



SASS Research Seminar Series 14/2021

In the Shadow of State-Led Gentrification: The commercialisation of residential properties in Seoul.

Date: 24 November 2021 (Wednesday)

Time: 4-5pm Malaysia Time (MYT)

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This talk examines the rise and deepening of commercial gentrification in Seoul, South Korea, which has developed in the context of speculative urbanisation that has characterised South Korea's urban accumulation in recent decades.

Building upon the findings of a case study situated in central Seoul, Professor Hyun put forward arguments that are two-fold. Firstly, he argue that the rise of commercial gentrification in recent years is a by-product of decades-long new-build gentrification. Secondly, the Korean version of commercial gentrification distinguishes itself from the retail or commercial gentrification of the West, exacerbating the conditions of living through exclusionary displacement that reduces affordable housing stocks.

Professor Hyun concludes by reflecting upon the theoretical contributions that can be made by the study of commercial gentrification in South Korea.



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