



The 8th World Humanities Forum Call for Papers

The 8th World Humanities Forum aims to provide a space for intellectual dialogue and exchange by bringing together scholars from Korea and abroad who are engaged in critical inquiries and creative research on the following themes. We warmly invite the active participation of humanities scholars and all who recognize the vital role of the humanities.

■ **[Theme]** The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation:
Exploring Paths to Coexistence

■ **[Dates]** November 4 (Tue)-6 (Thu), 2025

■ **[Venue]** Andong International Convention Center
Andong-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea

■ **[Organizers]**
Ministry of Education of Republic of Korea,
Province of Gyeongsangbuk-do, City of Andong

■ **[Host Organization]**
National Research Foundation of Korea

■ **[Secretariat/Co-Secretariat]**
Soongsil University / Gyeongbuk National University



Dear Esteemed Scholars in the Humanities,

The World Humanities Forum is a venue where leading humanities scholars from diverse cultural backgrounds come together to deepen their awareness of the challenges facing humanity, share their wisdom, and generate new discourses. The 8th World Humanities Forum, to be held in Andong, South Korea, from November 4 to 6, 2025, will focus on providing a platform for academic exchange and networking among scholars from Korea and abroad. Held in Andong, a city rich in both tangible and intangible humanities heritage at every corner, this forum will be a memorable celebration, where participants can share new academic insights and immerse themselves in the fragrance of tradition.

The theme of the 8th Forum is “The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation: Exploring Paths to Coexistence”. Centered around the two key topics of ‘AI’ and ‘Coexistence’, this forum seeks to deliver messages that speak to the urgent need of our times. We aim to offer humanistic reflection on the paradigm shift brought about by the AI-a transformation that is fundamentally reshaping both society and individual lives. At the same time, in an era marked by escalating conflict and discord, we hope to amplify the voice of the humanities in pursuit of coexistence.

As humanity rushes forward, driven by material values, without knowing its destination, the 8th World Humanities Forum offers a space to share thoughts and aspirations to nurture solidarity and fellowship. We sincerely invite the active interest and participation of esteemed scholars of the humanities who are dedicated to exploring fundamental questions of meaning and value. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Seon-Wook Kim, Ph.D.

**Chair of the Organizing Committee
The 8th World Humanities Forum**

<Theme Explanation>

The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation: Exploring Paths to Coexistence

The overarching theme of the 8th World Humanities Forum is “The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation”, with the general theme “Exploring Paths to Coexistence”. The humanities must respond to the changing times by reexamining fundamental questions about humanity and offering the best possible answers.

AI has become the new center of paradigm shifts in our time. The AI transformation is fundamentally reshaping both our society and individual lives. The humanities must respond from a new perspective to issues such as the nature of an increasingly complex world, the conditions necessary for human life, the qualities required to adapt to change, the direction of ethics and education in a changing era, human subjectivity and identity, cultural transformation, and the socio-economic upheavals brought about by changes in the labor market.

It is also a time when discourses on many issues facing humanity, such as coexistence between nature and civilization, between cultures, between generations, and between technology and humanity, must be further developed and made more concrete. Rather than merely reflecting on the past and present, we must now ask, from the perspective of the humanities, “What shall we do for tomorrow?”

Proposal Submission Guideline

1. Theme

<Main Theme> The Humanities in the Age of AI Transformation: Approximately 9 General Sessions

<General Theme> Exploring Paths to Coexistence: Approximately 9 General Sessions

2. Participants

- General Session Presenters: Approximately 36 domestic scholars, 36 international scholars

3. Key Dates (Changed)

- Proposal Submission: June 9 (Mon) - July 6 (Sun), 2025
- Notification of Selection Results: August 8 (Fri), 2025
- Final Paper Submission Deadline: September 30 (Tue), 2025

4. Manuscript Guidelines

- Proposal: Around 1,500 words in English or 2,500 characters in Korean
 - ※ To be submitted via the World Humanities Forum website (www.whf.kr)
- Final Paper: Around 4,000 words in English or 8,000 characters in Korean
 - ※ All abstracts and papers will be included in the Forum's digital proceedings
- The official languages for presentations: Korean or English
 - ※ AI interpretation will be provided for all sessions.

5. Conditions and Support

- All forum participants are required to stay on-site for the

full duration of the forum and attend sessions and networking events.

- Domestic scholars will receive an honorarium and full accommodation and meals for the duration of the forum.
- International scholars will be provided with round-trip travel expenses (or honorarium), full accommodation and meals, and a local tour.

6. Contact Information (World Humanities Forum Secretariat)

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