

# Uri Kaplan CV

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## **Academic Positions:**

2017- Present. Lecturer and research fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2015- 2017. Postdoctoral researcher at Seoul National University.

2015. Lecturer, Duke University.

## **Education:**

2010- 2015. Ph.D. in Religion, Duke University.

2009- 2010. Graduate Program in Asian Philosophy, Korea University.

2008- 2009. Korean language certificate, Kyunghee University.

2005- 2008. M.A. in Korean Studies, Yonsei University.

2001- 2004. B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology, and East-Asian Studies (Chinese), Tel-Aviv University.

## **Books:**

Buddhist Apologetics in East Asia: Countering the Neo-Confucian Critiques in the *Hufa lun* and the *Yusŏk chirŭi non* [forthcoming with Brill, 2019].

Monastic Education in Korea: Teaching Monks about Buddhism in the Modern Age [forthcoming with the University of Hawaii Press, 2020].

## **Refereed Journal Articles:**

2018. "Rebuilding the 'Eastern Country of Ritual Propriety': Decorum Camps, Sŏwŏn Stays, and the Confucian Revival in Contemporary Korea," *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* vol. 18, no. 1, 59-84.

2017. "Assembling the Laity: Standardizing Lay Buddhist Affiliation via Education in Contemporary Korea," *The Journal of Korean Studies*, vol. 22, no. 1, 143-176.

2017. "From the Tea to the Coffee Ceremony: Modernizing Buddhist Material Culture in

Contemporary Korea,” *Material Religion*, vol. 13, no. 1, 1-22.

2016. “The Present-day Korean Confucian Primer: Annotated Translation of the Four-Character Elementary Learning (*Saja sohak*, 四字小學).” *Acta Koreana*, vol. 19, no. 2, 239-253.

2016. “Updating the Vinaya: Formulating Buddhist Monastic Laws and Pure Rules in Contemporary Korea.” *Contemporary Buddhism*, vol. 17, no. 2, 252-274.

2010. “Images of Monasticism: The Temple Stay Program and the Re-branding of Korean Buddhist Temples,” *Korean Studies*, vol. 34, 127-146.

### **Book Reviews:**

2016. “Charles Muller. *Korea’s Great Buddhist-Confucian Debate: The Treatises of Chŏng Tojŏn (Sambong) and Hamhŏ Tŭkt’ong (Kihwa)*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2015.” *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*, vol. 28 no. 2, 273-6.

### **Select Fellowships and Awards:**

2017. The Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies Postdoctoral Award.

2016. The Academy of Korean Studies Postdoctoral Award.

2015. The Kyujanggak Institute of Korean Studies Fellowship.

2013. The Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research.

2011, 2012. Gurney Harriss Kearns Fellowship Fund.

2010. James B. Duke Fellowship.

2008. Yonsei University KSP Award for Best Master’s Thesis.

2008. Yonsei University KSP Award for Academic Excellence.

2007. The Korean National Institute of Education Development (NIIED) Fellowship Award for Ph.D.

2005. The Korean National Institute of Education Development (NIIED) Fellowship Award for Master’s Degree.

2005. Tel-Aviv University Bachelor’s Degree Magna Cum Laude.

**Select Conference Papers and Invited Talks:**

“Confucianism in Korea” (Invited lecture at the Korean embassy in Israel, January 2019).

“Citing the Classics to Counter the Confucians: Buddhist Apologetic Strategies in medieval China and Korea” (Paper presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of Asian Studies in Israel, The Hebrew University, May 2018).

“Buddhism in Korea” (Invited lecture at the Korean embassy in Israel, March 2018).

“The Buddhists Strike Back: Buddhist Responses to Confucian Reproaches in Chosŏn Korea” (Paper presented at the Israeli Korean Studies Forum, Bar-Ilan University, December 2017).

“Updating Korean Buddhism for the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century” (Invited talk at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2017).

“The Resurrection of Confucian Education in Contemporary Korea” (Invited talk at Ehwa University, October 2016).

“Buddhism, Tea, and... Coffee” (Special lecture at the Academy of Korean Studies, October 2016).

“Is Confucianism Making a Comeback in Korea?” (Special lecture at Seoul National University, April 2016).

“Branding Buddhism in 21st-Century Korea: Searching for the ‘Middle Way’ Between Tradition and Modernity.” (Invited talk at Columbia University, New York, December 2015).

“From Preachers to Teachers: The New Buddhist Lay Education System of the Korean Chogyŏ Order.” (Paper presented at the Asian Buddhism: Plural Colonialism and Plural Modernities Seminar, Kyoto, December 2014).

“The Creation of an Orthodox Buddhist Lay Education System in Contemporary Korea.” (Paper presented at the 2014 Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San-Diego, November 2014).

“Becoming a Lay Buddhist in Contemporary Korea.” (Paper presented at the Royal Asiatic Society (RAS) Colloquium in Korean Studies, Seoul, October 2014).

“Images of Monasticism: The Temple Stay Program and the Re-branding of Korean Buddhist Temples.” (Paper presented at the International Consortium of Korean Studies, Australia National University, Canberra, June 2008).

“A Prototype of Ombudsman: Governmental Self-Restraint Institutions in the Confucian Tradition.” (Paper presented at the World Congress for Korean Studies, Busan, August 2007).

**Teaching:**

Religion and Modernity in East Asia (lecturer, the Hebrew University, Spring, 2019)

Religions and Culture in Korea (lecturer, the Hebrew University, Fall 2018)

The Platform Sutra (translation seminar, the Hebrew University, Spring 2017)

Asian Religions (lecturer, Duke University, Spring 2015)

Understanding North Korea (TA, Duke University)

Introduction to Buddhism (TA, Duke University)

Meditation and Religious Experience (TA, Duke University)

**Research Languages:**

Korean, Japanese, Classical Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Hebrew, Spanish.

**Magazine/ TV:**

2008. “The Secret of Sansam” (in Hebrew), *Masa Aher*, May Issue, 2008.

2007. Arirang TV- Host episode of ‘Destination Korea’ (travel program).