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Education

1997-2001 University of Cambridge, UK, PhD in Theology (Faculty of Divinity; Fitzwilliam College)
1992-1993 Fuller Theological Seminary, USA, ThM
1988-1991 Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, Republic of Korea, MDiv
1985-1987 All Nations Christian College, UK, Dip. Miss.
1974-1980 Hanyang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, BSc (Electronic Communication Engineering)

Employment

2020 (July)- Robert Wiley Professor of Renewal in Public Life, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA
2017 (July)- Professor in Theology and Public Life, Assistant Provost & Executive Director, Korean Studies Center, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA
2005-2017 Professor (Chair in Theology and Public Life), School of Humanities, Religion and Philosophy, York St John University, UK
2002-2005 Director, *Christianity in Asia*, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK
Coordinator, MPhil in World Christianity
2002-2003 By-Fellow, Robinson College, University of Cambridge, UK
2001-2002 Professor (teaching major), Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, Republic of Korea
2000-2001 Interim Director, Henry Martyn Centre, and Henry Martyn Lecturer in Mission Studies, Cambridge Theological Federation, Cambridge, UK
1993-1997 Visiting Lecturer, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India
1989-1992 Home Director, World Concern Korea, Seoul, S. Korea
1981-1982 Systems Analyst with Korea Computer Center, Seoul, S. Korea
1980-1981 Programmer with Korea Information and Computer Organization, Seoul, S. Korea

Academic and ministerial responsibility and membership

- 2000- Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society (FRAS)
2002- Member, Society for the Study of Theology
2004- Member, American Academy of Religion
2006-2017 Founding Editor, *International Journal of Public Theology*, Brill Academic Publishers
2007-2017 Director, Centre for Religion in Society (CRiS)
2005-2017 Executive Member, Global Network for Public Theology
2015-2017 University Head of Research, York St John University
2006-2017 Member, University Research Committee, York St John University
2005-2016 Member, Faculty Management Group, Faculty of Education & Theology, York St John University
2007-2012 Member, University Academic Promotions Committee, York St John University
2008-2010 Chair, University Research Supervisors' Forum, York St John University
2008-2010 Member (representing York St John University), Graduate Board, University of Leeds
2005-2017 Committee Member, Ebor Lectures Committee
2012- Board Member, World Concern Korea
2005-2008 Board Member & Convener of the Academic Cluster, Micah Network International
2009- Panel of Reference, Micah Network International
2002-2014 Overseas Director, World Concern Korea, Seoul, S. Korea
2003- Senior Member (II), Wolfson College, University of Cambridge
2004 - Member, International Association for Mission Studies
2001-2003 Honorary Fellow, Graduate Institute for Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham
1995-1997 Executive Committee Member, Fellowship of Indian Missiologists (FOIM)
1993 Ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (Tonghap)
1989-1991 Executive Member, Korea World Missions Association

Publications

Authored books:

- Sebastian Kim, *공공신학과 교회* [*Public Theology and the Church*] (Seoul: Christian Literature Society, 2021).
- Sebastian Kim & Kirsteen Kim, *A History of Korean Christianity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014).
- Sebastian Kim, *Theology in the Public Sphere: Public Theology as a Catalyst for Open Debate* (London: SCM Press, 2011).
- Sebastian Kim & Kirsteen Kim, *Christianity as a World Religion* (London: Continuum, 2008); *Christianity as a World Religion*, 2nd edition (London: Bloomsbury, 2016).
- Sebastian Kim, *In Search of Identity: Debates on Religious Conversion in India* (New Delhi & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003 & 2005).

Edited books:

- Zhibin Xie, Pauline Kollontai and Sebastian Kim (eds), *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Social Justice: A Chinese Interdisciplinary Dialogue with Global Perspective* (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2020).
- Pauline Kollontai, Sue Yore and Sebastian Kim (eds), *The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding: Crossing the Boundaries of Prejudice and Distrust* (London: Jessica Kingsley, 2017).
- Sebastian Kim and Katie Day (eds), *A Companion to Public Theology* (Leiden: Brill, 2017).
- Sebastian Kim, Pauline Kollontai and Sue Yore (eds), *Mediating Peace: Reconciliation through Visual Art, Music and Film* (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015).
- Maria Rovisco & Sebastian Kim (eds), *Cosmopolitanism, Religion, and the Public Sphere* (London: Routledge, 2014).
- Sebastian Kim and Ha, Chung Yoube (eds), *Building Communities of Reconciliation: Reflections on the Life and Teaching of Reverend Kyung-Chik Han* (Seoul: Nanumsa, 2012).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim & Jonathan Draper (eds), *Christianity and the Renewal of Nature: Creation, Climate Change and Sustainable Living* (London: SPCK, 2011).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim, Pauline Kollontai & Greg Hoyland (eds), *Peace and Reconciliation: In Search of Shared Identity* (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2008).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim & Jonathan Draper (eds), *Liberating Sacred Texts? Revelation, Identity and Public Life* (London: SPCK, 2008).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim (ed.), *Christian Theology in Asia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim & Pauline Kollontai (eds), *Community Identity: Dynamics of Religion in Context* (London: T & T Clark, 2007).
- Sebastian C.H. Kim and Krickwin Marak (eds), *Good News to the Poor: The Challenge to the Church* (Delhi: ISPCK, 1997).
- Joseph Mattam and Sebastian C.H. Kim (eds), *Mission Trends Today: Historical and Theological Perspectives* (Bombay: St. Pauls, 1997).
- Joseph Mattam and Sebastian Kim (eds), *Mission and Conversion: A Reappraisal* (Bombay: St. Pauls, 1996).
- F. Hrangkhuma and Sebastian C.H. Kim (eds), *The Church in India: Its Mission Tomorrow* (Delhi: ISPCK, 1996).
- Joseph Mattam and Sebastian Kim (eds), *Dimensions of Mission in India* (Bombay: St. Pauls, 1995).

Journal articles and book chapters:

- 'Formation Towards a Community of Credibility: Reflections from the Korean Protestant Church' in David J. Downs Tina Houston-Armstrong Amos Yong (eds), *Vocation, Formation, and Theological Education: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Fuller Theological Seminary* (Claremont: Claremont Press, 2021), 87-106.
- 'Understanding of the Public Role of Christianity in Pre-Independence Korea', in Yoon Hung-ran (ed), *The West, East Asia, and Korea in the Transitional Space of Modernity* (Seoul: Bogosa, 2021), 17-44.
- 'Revolutionary or Reforming? Christian Engagement in Politics during Military-Backed Governments in South Korea', in Alexander Chow and Emma Wild-Wood (eds), *Ecumenism and Independency in World Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 310-328.

- 'Christianity and Social Justice: The Problem of Majoritarianism and a Search for the Common Good', in Zhibin Xie, Pauline Kollontai and Sebastian Kim (eds), *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Social Justice: A Chinese Interdisciplinary Dialogue with Global Perspective* (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2020), 143-158.
- 'Democracy, "The Problem of Minorities", and the Theology of the Common Good', *Fuller Magazine*, issue 18, 2020.
- 'The Social and Political Context of Christianity in East and Southeast Asia', in Kenneth R. Ross, Francis Alvarez and Todd M. Johnson (eds), *Christianity in East and Southeast Asia* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020), 387-399.
- 'The Biblical Wisdom Tradition for Public Theology and its Consequences for Public Education' in Manfred L. Pirner, Johannes Lahnemann, Werner Haussmann, and Susanne Schwarz (eds), *Public Theology Perspectives on Religion and Education* (New York: Routledge, 2019), 81-92.
- 'Peace and Reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula: A Perspective of Public Theology' (in Korean), Kyung-woon Min (ed), *Furth Industrial Revolution and Diaspora Mission* (Seoul: Kenosis, 2019), 23-41.
- 'Rowan Williams' Lecture on Sharia Law: From the Perspective of Public Theology' (in Korean), *Muslim-Christian Encounter*, 11/1 (2018), 41-85.
- (with Kirsteen Kim), 'The Christian Impact on the Shaping of the First Republic of Korea, 1945-48: Anti-Communism or Vision for a New Nation?', *Religion, State and Society*, 46/4 (2018), 402-417.
- 'United Korea or Christian South? The Role of Christianity in the Division of the Peninsula, 1945-1948' in Pauline Kollontai, Sue Yore and Sebastian Kim (eds), *The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding: Crossing the Boundaries of Prejudice and Distrust* (London: Jessica Kingsley, 2017), 303-320.
- 'Mission's Public Engagement: Conversation of Missiology and Public Theology', *Missiology: An International Review*, 45/1 (2017), 7-24.
- 'Religious Freedom, Minorities and the Concept of Religion: Critical Issues in Legislation on Conversion in India', in Aruthuckal Varughese John, Atola Longkumar and Nigel Ajay Kumar (eds), *Religious Freedom and Conversion in India* (Bengaluru: SAIACS Press, 2017), 1-33.
- 'Public Theology in the History of Christianity', in Sebastian Kim and Kate Day (eds), *A Companion to Public Theology* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 40-66.
- 'Ju suis Charlie? Reflections on the Public Demonstrations against the Attacks in Paris', *International Journal of Public Theology*, 10/3 (2016), 381-396.
- 'Justice and Peace will Kiss Each Other (Psalm 85): Minjung Perspectives on Peace-building', *Transformation* 32/2 (2015), 1-14.
- 'The Significance of the Public Role of the Church and a Call for Public Theology' (in Korean), in Institute of the Public Theology and Church (ed), *Politics of God* (Seoul: Kingdom Books, 2015), 71-93.
- 'Non-Missionary Beginnings' of Korean Catholic Christianity in the Late Eighteenth Century' in Klaus Koschorke & Adrian Hermann (eds), *Polycentric Structures in the History of World Christianity* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2014), 73-98.
- 'Mission in Europe: Mutual Partnership' (in Korean), *Mission and Theology*, 33 (2014), 16-45.
- 'Mega-Churches in Korean Christianity' in Jonathan James (ed.), *A Moving Faith: 'Southern' Christianity* (London: Sage, 2014), 85-105.

- 'The Controversy over Minarets in Switzerland: Religious Symbols in the Public Sphere' in Maria Rovisco & Sebastian Kim (eds), *Cosmopolitanism, Religion, and the Public Sphere* (London: Routledge, 2014), 45-59.
- 'North Asia: History, Beliefs, Practices' in Terry C. Muck, Harald A. Netland and Gerald R. McDermott (eds), *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices* (Grand Rapid: Baker Academic, 2014), 269-75.
- 'North Asia: Christian Contacts' in Terry C. Muck, Harald A. Netland and Gerald R. McDermott (eds), *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices* (Grand Rapid: Baker Academic, 2014), 276-81.
- 'North Asia: Theological Exchanges' in Terry C. Muck, Harald A. Netland and Gerald R. McDermott (eds), *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices* (Grand Rapid: Baker Academic, 2014), 282-88.
- 'North Asia: Current Issues' in Terry C. Muck, Harald A. Netland and Gerald R. McDermott (eds), *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices* (Grand Rapid: Baker Academic, 2014), 289-94.
- 'Inter-Asian and Global Missionary Movements' in Felix Wilfred (ed.), *Oxford Handbook on Christianity in Asia* (Oxford: OUP, 2014), 145-57.
- 'Byungin Bakhae and Western Imperial Aggression in Korea: Changing Perceptions of western Christianity in the Late Joseon Dynasty' in Judith Becker & Brian Stanley (eds), *Europe as the Other: External Perspectives on European Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, Feb 2014), 73-91.
- 'The Ministry of Reconciliation in an Interfaith Perspective' in Knud Jørgensen (ed), *Mission as Ministry of Reconciliation* (Oxford: Regnum, 2013), 160-172.
- 'Asian Theology' in Chad Meister and James Beilby (eds), *The Routledge Companion to Modern Thought* (London: Routledge, 2013), 623-35.
- 'Religious Conversion and Law in India: Controversy over the "Freedom of Religion" Acts' in Christine Lienemann-Perrin and Wolfgang Lienemann (eds), *Crossing Religious Borders: Studies on Conversion and Religious Belonging* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2012), 693-718.
- 'Authentic Leadership in the Contexts of Global Christianity: Pandita Ramabai Saraswati (India), Archbishop Óscar Romero (El Salvador) and Revd Han Kyung-Chik (South Korea)' in Kim, S. and Ha, C.Y. (eds), *Building Communities of Reconciliation: Reflections on the Life and Teaching of Reverend Kyung-Chik Han* (Seoul: Nanumsa, 2012), 87-102.
- 'Korean Theology' in Ian Mcfarland, David Fergusson, Karen Kilby and Iain Torrance (eds), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology* (Cambridge: CUP, 2011), 266-68.
- 'Pandita Ramabai's Conversion Toward Mukti: In Search of Companionship, Integrity and Faith' in Roger E. Hedlund, Sebastian Kim, and Rajkumar Boaz Johnson (eds), *Indian & Christian: The Life and Legacy of Pandita Ramabai* (New Delhi: ISPCK, 2011), 3-29.
- 'The Public Significance of the Christian Gospel in Plural Societies: Some Aspects of Engaging in Public Theology' in Martin Reppenhausen (ed.), *Kirche Zwischen Postmoderner Kultur und Evangelium* (Göttingen: Neukirchener, 2010), 113-31.
- 'Pandita Ramabai's Quest for Mukti: The Struggle to be an Indian Christian' in Grace Jacob and Paulson Pulikottil (eds), *Beyond Borders: Challenging Boundaries of Philosophy, Faith & Education* (Bangalore: Pimalogue, 2010), 105-17.

- 'The Kingdom of God *versus* the Church: The Debate around the Conference of the International Missionary Council at Tambaram, Madras in 1938' in Ogbu U. Kalu (ed.), *Interpreting Contemporary Christianity: Global Processes and Local Identities* (William B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapid, MI, 2008), 131-47.
- 'Reconciliation Possible? The Churches' Efforts Toward the Peace and Reunification of North and South Korea' in Sebastian C.H. Kim, Pauline Kollontai & Greg Hoyland (eds), *Peace and Reconciliation: In Search of Shared Identity* (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2008), 161-78.
- 'Postscript', in Sebastian C.H. Kim & Jonathan Draper (eds), *Liberating Sacred Texts? Revelation, Identity and Public Life* (London: SPCK, 2008), 141-46.
- 'The Word and the Spirit: Overcoming Poverty, Injustice and Division in Korea' in Sebastian C.H. Kim (ed.), *Christian Theology in Asia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 129-53.
- "Hindutva, World Evangelization and the Question of Conversion in India" in Max L. Stackhouse and Lalsangkima Pachuau (eds), *News of Boundless Riches: Interrogating, Comparing, and Reconstructing Mission in a Global Era* vol I (New Delhi: ISPCK, 2007), 147-68.
- "Mission and the Integrity of the Church: Reflections on the Christian Response to the Problem of Poverty in Post-War Korea" in Max L. Stackhouse and Lalsangkima Pachuau (eds), *News of Boundless Riches: Interrogating, Comparing, and Reconstructing Mission in a Global Era* vol II (New Delhi: ISPCK, 2007), 28-49.
- 'The Future Shape of Christianity from an Asian Perspective' in Frans Wijsen and Robert Schreiter (eds), *Global Christianity: Contested Claims* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2007), 69-93.
- 'Freedom or Respect? Public Theology and the Debate over the Danish Cartoons', *International Journal of Public Theology* 1/2 (2007), 249-69.
- Differing Concepts of Community Identity: Debates over the "Racial and Religious Hatred Bill" in Sebastian C. H. Kim and Pauline Kollontai (eds), *Community Identity: Dynamics of Religion in Context* (London: T & T Clark, 2007), 107-21.
- 'The Problem of Poverty in Post-War Korean Christianity: *Kibock Sinang* or *Minjung* Theology?', *Transformation* 24/1 (January 2007), 43-50.
- 'Dialogue', *Dictionary of Mission Theology* (IVP, 2007), 97-100.
- 'South Korea', *Encyclopedia of Christianity* (Eerdmans-Brill, 2007), 37-39.
- "'Showers of Blessing": Revival Movements in the Khassia Hills and Mukti Mission in the Early Twentieth-Century India' in Won-Mo Suh (ed), *Protestant Revivals in the 20th Century and Pyeongyang Great Awakening Movement* (Seoul: PCTS Press, 2006), 319-46.
- 'Henry Martyn, the Bible and Christianity in Asia', *UBS Journal* 3/2 (September 2005), 51-68.
- 'The Problem of Conversion in India: Freedom of Religion or Religious Tolerance?', *Connections* 9/1 (2005), 4-8.
- 'Evangelical Understandings of Conversion and their Implications for Christian Mission', *Dharma Deepika* 9/2 (July-Dec 2005), 21-36.
- 'Reconciliation Possible? The Churches' Efforts Toward the Peace and Reunification of North and South Korea', *Rethinking Mission* 3/3 (Autumn 2005), 4-14.
- 'The Debate on Conversion Initiated by the Sangh Parivar,, 1998-1999', *Transformation* 22/4 (October 2005), 224-37.
- 'Understanding Religious Conversion' in Roger E. Hedlund & Paul Joshua Bhakiaraj, *Missiology for the 21st Century* (Delhi: ISPCK, 2004), 543-64.

- 'Christianity in South Asia' in Keith Brown (ed), *Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics*, 2nd Ed. (Oxford: Elsevier, 2006), 398-400.
- 'Hindutva, Secular India and the Report of the Christian Missionary Activities Enquiry Committee, 1954-57' in Mark Laing (ed), *Nationalism and Hindutva: A Christian Response* (Delhi: ISPCK, 2004), 108-42.
- 'Mission Theology of Indian Christianity' (in Korean), *Mission and Theology*, 11 (2003), 103-132
- 'Indian Christian Mission Theology: Models for Engagement with Hinduism' in Mark Laing (ed), *The Indian Church in Her Context: The Emergence, Growth and Mission of the Church in a Pluralistic Context* (Delhi: ISPCK, 2003), 157-83.
- 'Minjung Theology: Whose Voice for Whom?' in Israel Selvanayagam (ed), *Moving Forms of Theology: Faith Talk's Changing Contexts* (Delhi: ISPCK, 2003), 149-53.
- 'Freedom of Religion' Legislation in India' (in Korean), *Mission and Theology*, 9 (2002), 227-50.
- 'The Debate on Conversion in the Indian Constituent Assembly, 1947-49', North Atlantic Missiology Project, Position Paper 93 (Cambridge: NAMP, 1998); re-published in *Bangalore Theological Forum XXXI/2* (Dec 1999), 20-43.
- 'Eco-Theology and Mission' in Krickwin C. Marak and Atul Y. Aghamkar (eds), *Ecological Challenge and Christian Mission* (Delhi: ISPCK, 1998), 211-31.
- 'Ecumenical Endeavour and Mission' (with Kirsteen Kim) in Mattam and Kim (eds), *Mission Trends Today: Historical and Theological Perspectives* (Bombay: St. Pauls, 1997), 99-117.
- 'Global Inequality and the Christian Church' in Kim and Marak (eds), *Good News to the Poor: The Challenge to the Church* (Delhi: ISPCK, 1997), 240-64.
- 'Lay Mission and Short-term Mission' (in Korean), in Korea World Missions Association (ed), *The Vision and Cooperation of the World Mission of the Korean Church* (Seoul: Torch, 1992).

Invited lectures given at national and international conferences:

- "Public Religion, Economics and Politics", Global Education and Social Transformation Lecture Series, Yonsei University, Seoul, March 14th, 2022.
- "Democracy, 'The Problem of Minorities', and the Theology of the Common Good", CMR Salon Missiologique, March 9th, 2022.
- "Public Theology and Christian Social Welfare", plenary lecture, Society for the Study of Christian Social Welfare in Korea annual conference, Taehawkwan, Seoul, May 28, 2021.
- "Public Theology and Society", seminar, Handong University, Pohang, May 29, 2021.
- "Understanding of the Public Role of Christianity in Pre-Independence Korea", plenary lecture, International Conference on the West, East Asia, and Korea in the Transitional Space of Modernity, Soongsil University, October 30-31, 2020.
- "Peace and Reconciliation the Korean Peninsula: Perspectives from Public Theology", seminar(online), Presbyterian Church of Korea General Assembly executive members, February 7, 2020.
- "Christian Dialogue on Korean War", plenary lecture(online), Special Symposium on 70th anniversary of Korean War, Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Office, June 4, 2020.

- 'Prospective and Trends in Public Theology', public lecture, Presbyterian Church of Korea, October 17, 2019.
- 'Theology in the Public Sphere', public lecture, University of Otago, New Zealand, July 9, 2019.
- 'Public Engagement of Churches in Contemporary Secular and Multicultural Contexts', public lecture, Laidlaw College, Auckland, New Zealand, July 5, 2019.
- 'World Christianity as Multicultural Community', keynote lecture, Conference on Church as Multicultural Community, Laidlaw College, Auckland, New Zealand, July 4, 2019.
- 'Public Theology, Ethics, and Law', special lecture, Christian Lawyers Association, May 30, 2019.
- 'Public Theology and Social Welfare in Korea', public lecture, Miral Foundation, May 24, 2019.
- 'The Christian impact on the shaping of the First Republic of Korea, 1945-48: anti-communism or vision for a new nation?', plenary lecture, International Symposium on Social Change and Christianity in Korea After the WWII, Seoul Theological University, May 19-20, 2019.
- 'Issues and Trends in Public Theology', public lecture, Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America, March 28, 2019.
- 'Reconciliation Possible? Church's Efforts on Peace-building in the Korean Peninsula', Unification Mission Academy, January 23, 2019.
- 'Public Life and Social Justice: Catholic Social Teaching and Confucian Philosophy on the Common Good', conference presentation, Conference on Confucian-Christian Dialogue and the Church's Mission in Asia, Urbaniana University, Rome, December 4-8, 2018.
- 'Peace-building and Justice-seeking', plenary lecture, Leadership Conference, Calvary Church, Oct 29, 2018.
- 'Public Missiology', lecture, Juan International University, Oct 26, 2018.
- 'Towards Peace and Reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula', plenary lecture, Peace Conference, Soongsil University, Oct 23-25, 2018.
- 'Reflections on Korean Christian Theologies for Peace, Reconciliation and Unification', plenary lecture, Peace and Reconciliation Forum, Fuller Theological Seminary, July 31, 2018.
- "Public Theology and the Korean Church", public lecture, New Waves Plus Academy, Seoul, July 2, 2018.
- 'Jangshin Theology and Public Theology: Focus and Catalyst for Social Transformation', plenary lecture, Annual Conference, Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, May 14-16, 2018.
- 'Christianity and Social Justice: The Search for the Common Good from the Perspective of Public Theology', Laidlaw Lecture, Knox College, University of Toronto, March 6th, 2018.
- 'Reinvigorating the Public Sphere: The Contribution of Religious Communities to Human Dignity, Morality and Rights, seminar paper, Chinese University of Hong Kong, November 29-1 December, 2017.
- 'The Wisdom of God and Public Educational Mission', plenary lecture, PAUA Conference, FTS, January 1-3, 2018.
- 'Conflict, healing, Reconciliation and Unification', plenary lecture, International Forum for Unification, Soongsil University, October 23-26, 2017.

- 'Mission's Public Engagement: Conversation of missiology and public theology', American Society of Missiology (keynote lecture), 17-19 June 2016, University of Northwestern – St Paul, Minnesota
- A series of lectures on public theology at Zhejiang University, 2-3 Nov 2015
- 'Christianity and social justice', Symposium on Religion and Social Justice, Tongji University, Shanghai, 29-31 Oct 2015
- 'Public significance of theology', Keynote lecture, Day conference on public theology, University of Madras, 25th September 2015
- 'Freedom of Religion Acts and religious freedom in India', Day conference, ADI International, New Delhi, India, 19th September 2015
- 'Who is my neighbour? Searching for a shared identity in the public sphere', 5th International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation, YSJU, 22-24 June 2015
- 'Build a Nation upon the Christ the Rock': Christianity and Politics during the First Republic of Korea (1948-1960)', University of Edinburgh, seminar presentation, 20th Jan 2015
- 'Je suis Charlie? Reflections on the public demonstrations against the attacks in Paris', Faculty seminar, 5th Feb 2015, YSJU
- 'Korean Christianity: imperialism, nationalism and anti-Communism in modern religious history', Seminar presentation, University of Leiden, Holland, 5th Dec 2014
- Public lectures, Wuhan and Nanjing, 13-17th October 2014
 - Huazhong University of Science and Technology (Oct 13): 'Contribution of Public Theology to Peace-building'
 - Wuhan University (Oct 14): 'Contribution of Public Theology to Civil Society'
 - Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (Oct 15 & 16): 'Public Significance of Theology in Plural Societies'
- 'Inter-Asian and Global Missionary Movements', University of Münster, Conference on Christianity in Asia, 17-19 September 2014
- 'Towards a Hermeneutic for Public Theology: Conversations with Habermas and Schillebeeckx' (keynote lecture), Radboud University, Nijmegen, Conference on Grace, Governance and Globalization, 27-30 August 2014
- 'Minjung Art: A Tool for Peace-building in the Korean Peninsula' (public lecture), St Wilfrids Lecture, 12th June 2014
- 'Wisdom in Public Life: Inspiration from the Hebrew Bible' (public lecture), Oxford Centre for Ecclesiology and Practical Theology, 21 May 2014
- 'God in the Public Domain in Post-war Korea: Revolution or Reforming?' (keynote lecture), Protestant Theological University, international conference, Amsterdam, 19-21 May 2014
- Public lectures, Shanghai, 21-24th October, 2013, organized by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies in China
 - Tongji University (Oct 22): 'Religion and Society: Contribution of Public Theology to Civil Society'
 - Tongji University (Oct 23): 'Public Theology, Media and Culture'
 - Fudan university (Oct 24): 'Religion and Pace: Contribution of Public Theology and Peace-building'
- 'The Question of Individuality in Conversion: Hindu-Christian Encounters', conference paper, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, 26-29 April 2012, University of Erfurt, Germany

- 'World Christianity and the Role of Korean Christian Diaspora' (keynote lecture), The Council on Overseas Korean Churches for Education & Ministry, Marriott Hotel, Paris, 23-25th April, 2012
- Public lectures, Beijing, 16-20th April, 2012, organized by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies in China
 - Renmin University (April 16): 'Freedom of Expression Versus Respect for Faith: The Danish Cartoon Controversy'
 - Beijing Language and Culture University (April 17): 'Global Economic Justice: Latin American Initiatives to Overcome Inequalities'
 - Peking University (April 18): 'Exclusion and the Quest for Authentic Christian Community in India'
 - Tsinghua University (April 19): 'Freedom of Expression Versus Respect for Faith: The Danish Cartoon Controversy'
 - Capital Normal University (April 20): 'Peace-Building: The Response of the Western Churches to the Iraq War'
- 'Theology, Universities and the Public Sphere: a global perspective', conference paper, Association of Departments of Theology and Religious Studies, York St John University, 31st March, 2012
- 'Protestant Christianity and Political Struggles in Twentieth-century Korea', lecture, University of St Andrews, 1st March 2012
- 'Christian Mission and Ecclesiology in India: Encounters with Hinduism in the Context of the Conversion Debate', International Consultation on Christian Self-understanding on Hindu Religion, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, 12-15 October, 2011
- 'Authentic Leadership in the Contexts of Global Christianity: Pandita Ramabai Saraswati (India), Archbishop Óscar Romero (El Salvador) and Revd Han Kyung-Chik (South Korea)', Symposium on the Challenge of Leadership in a Changing Church, York St John University, 4th October 2011
- 'Byungin bakhae (persecution of Catholic Christianity; 1866-1873) and Western imperial advancement in Korea', conference paper, Institute of European History, Domus University, 1-3 September 2011, Mainz, Germany
- 'The Controversy over Minarets in Switzerland: Religious Symbols in the Public Sphere', Symposium on Cosmopolitanism, Religion, and the Public Sphere, York St John University, 4-6 February, 2011
- 'Changing concept of religious freedom in state constitutions in India', conference on Religion, Culture and Society, 22-25 January 2010, University of Basel, Switzerland.
- 'Christianity in the Multicultural World' (keynote lecture), Korean Association of Christian Studies Annual conference, 16-18 October 2009, Daejeon, South Korea.
- 'Public Engagement of the Church: Rowan Williams, Sharia Law and the Media', Annual public lecture at Hull Theological Society, 27 May 2009, University of Hull
- 'The Public Significance of the Christian Gospel in Plural Societies: Some Aspects of Engaging in Public Theology', (keynote lecture), Kirche zwischen Postmoderner Kultur und Evangelium, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald University, 4-6 June 2009
- 'Doing Theology in the Public Sphere: Some Aspects of Engaging in Public Theology', (keynote lecture), Faith and Order Conference, the Methodist Church, University of Durham, 2-4 September 2008

- 'Community Identity and Peacemaking: Meaningful Engagement of Religious Communities in Contemporary Society', (public lecture), University of Bradford, 10 March 2008
- 'World Christianity: Regional Expressions and Global Meeting Point' (public lecture), Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, 29th January 2008
- 'Religious and Secular Identities in Conflicts: Reflections on the Public Debate over the Danish Cartoons', lecture, Abbots' group annual meeting, Ampleforth Abbey, 2nd March 2007.
- 'How to be a Christian in the 21st century: making the link between the God to whom we pray and the God with whom we live' (public lecture), Theological Study Day, Ripon Cathedral, 7th October 2006
- 'Reconciliation Possible? The Churches' Efforts toward the Peace and Reunification of North and South Korea' (public lecture), Westminster College, Cambridge, 26th October 2006
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