

MIGRATION, AGING AND LIFELONG LEARNING: LIVES OF OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS IN KOREA

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I. CONTEXT OF (IM)MIGRATION AND OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS

INTERSECTING IDENTITIES AND INTERLOCKING OPPRESSIONS

BACKGROUND



<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/02/opinion/south-korea-birth-dearth.html>

- Immigration policy and programs are being actively considered now in Korea
 - Overseas Korean Agency started
 - Considering establishing a Citizenship & Immigration Office

BACKGROUND

- Older (im)migrants are increasing
- Related issues are emerging such as community engagement, health service, long term care, etc..
- However, but they are not part of Korea's policy
 - There is neither policy and programs for them, nor statistics

AND... WHO WANTS OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS?

- Ageism
 - a form of discrimination based on age, often affecting older people negatively
- Ageism in Korea + Older (im)migrants
 - Many older people have difficulty finding jobs or face abuse and violence due to their age
 - Older (im)migrants are positioned at the very margin of the context
 - “intersectionality” happens

RESEARCH QUESTION



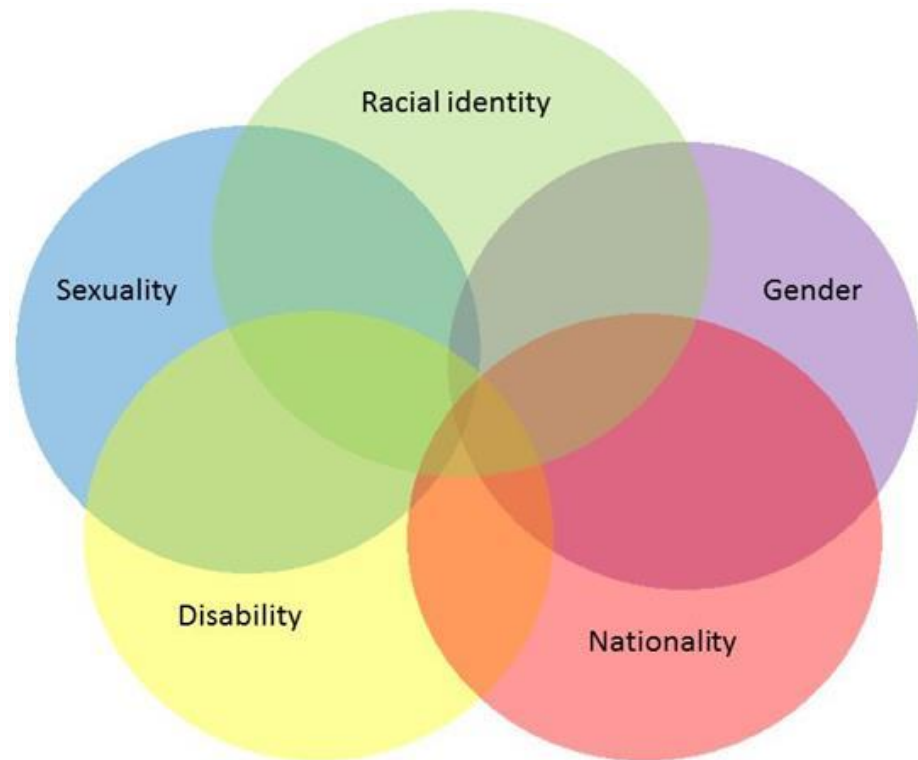
- “Intersection” of older people and migration in Korea
 - Who are older (im)migrants in Korea and what do they do?
 - What characteristics do they have?
 - What are their learning needs?

DEFINITION OF OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS

Older (im)migrant is any foreign-born person who either moved to the country of destination via, for example, a family reunification programme, at age 65 or older, moved in the past and then reached the retirement age in the country of destination, or was displaced by conflict at 65 age older or reached retirement age while displaced.

They are...NOT a single group!

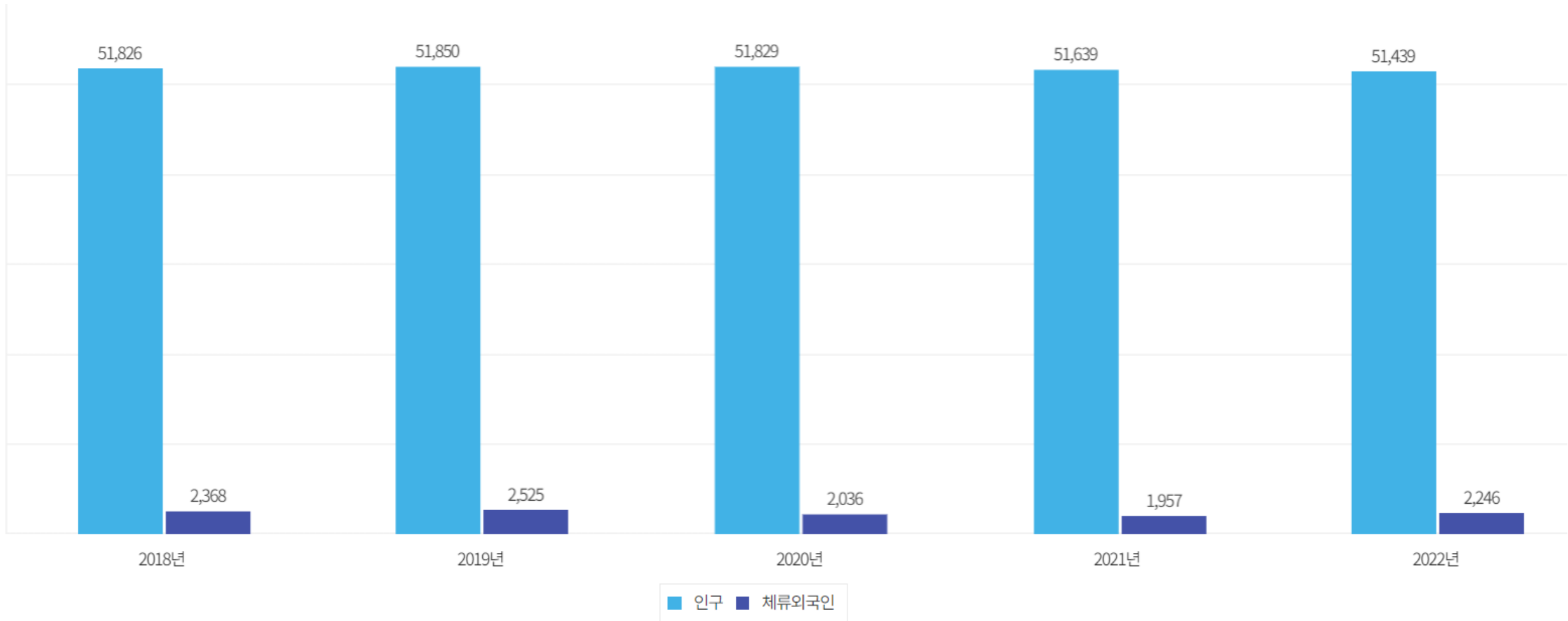
INTERSECTING IDENTITIES AND INTERLOCKING OPPRESSIONS



- Older (im)migrants in Korea
 - Intersection of age, race/ethnicity, culture and gender

<https://www.womankind.org.uk/intersectionality-101-what-is-it-and-why-is-it-important/>

INCREASING NUMBERS OF (IM)MIGRANTS IN KOREA

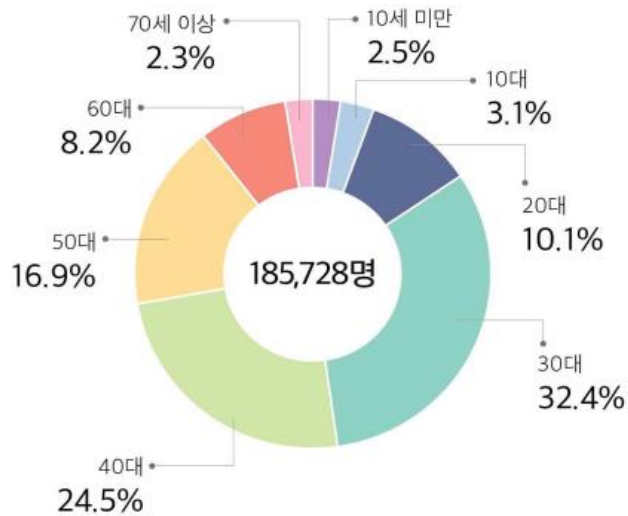


FOREIGNERS STAYING IN KOREA

Year	Total	Long-Term	Short-Term	Overstayers
1998	308,339	147,914	160,425	99,537
2005	747,467	510,509	236,958	204,254
2010	1,261,415	1,002,742	258,673	168,515
2020	2,036,075	1,610,323	425,752	392,196

OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS IN KOREA

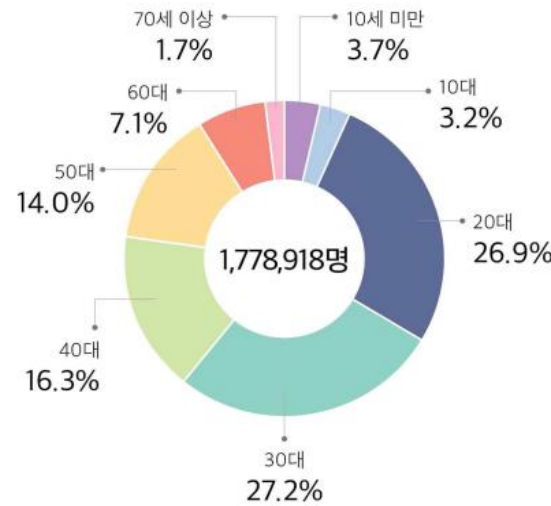
Naturalized Citizen



한국국적을 취득한 자(총 185,728명) 중,

- ① 30대 : 60,160명(32.4%)
- ② 40대 : 45,416명(24.5%)
- ③ 50대 : 31,380명(16.9%)
- ④ 20대 : 18,783명(10.1%)
- ⑤ 60대 : 15,228명(8.2%)
- ⑥ 10대 : 5,724명(3.1%)
- ⑦ 10세 미만 : 4,716명(2.5%)
- ⑧ 70세 이상 : 4,321명(2.3%)

Foreigners



한국국적을 가지지 않은 자(총 1,778,918명) 중,

- ① 30대 : 483,489명(27.2%)
- ② 20대 : 478,997명(26.9%)
- ③ 40대 : 290,198명(16.3%)
- ④ 50대 : 248,435명(14.0%)
- ⑤ 60대 : 126,431명(7.1%)
- ⑥ 10세 미만 : 65,250명(3.7%)
- ⑦ 10대 : 56,707명(3.2%)
- ⑧ 70세 이상 : 29,411명(1.7%)

출처: 2019 지방자치단체외국인현황, 행정안전부

... and there will be a lot more soon!

GROUPS OF OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS IN KOREA



1st generanation migrants



Parents of migrants



Overseas Koreans in Korea



North Korean Refugees

+



Returning from the 1st world?

1ST GROUP: THEIR RISKY FUTURE IN LATE ADULTHOOD

- Considered to have Low SES
 - Have less social networks
 - Stayed at home or Worked in low-skilled sectors
 - Difficulties in language and culture
 - Depend mainly on their partner's income
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- May have more risky widowhood than Korean counterpart

2ND GROUP: THEIR ISOLATED LIVES IN KOREA

- Stay on family-based visas (F-1-5)
- Can stay upto 5 years and “care grandchildren”
- Lack of language and culture in Korea
- Depend completely on the resources of the family
- Feel often unsafe and isolated

3RD GROUP: DISCRIMINATED OR ISOLATED

- Ethnic Koreans from China or Russia(Former Soviet Union)
- Stay on F4 and equivalent visas
- Many from China working in the margin of Korea's care industry
- Many from Russia struggle with lack of language and culture

[OLD WOMEN FROM CHINA IN CARE INDUSTRY]



<http://www.hmzxinwen.com/news/22237>

- No specific data on the number of ethnic Koreans working in private caregiving
- Caring elderly or disabled in Korea
- People providing care for family members or friends are not counted in any statistics

[ETHNIC KOREANS FROM RUSSIA: THEIR ISOLATION]

[안산 선부동 고려인마을④] 국내 거주 고려인도 '노인복지' 시급

September 10, 2023 | 영영심 | 1. 한반도, 아시아, 칼럼

[아시아엔=영영심 한국외대 명예교수, 아시아발전세단 자문위원] 근래 영주(F-5) 비자를 가진 고려인통보가 늘어나고 있다. 그런데 한국국적까지 취득하는 것이 쉽지 않다고 한다. 일정 정도의 연간 수입도 필요하고 또 한국인도 어렵다는 '시험'에 합격해야 하기 때문이다. 생가해보니 손주를 돌보기 위해 들어온 노인들이 극적을 취득하는 일은 사실상 불가능하지 않을까 싶다.

극적이 없으니 경로당도 이용할 수 없다. 물론 중국통보도 그러하지만, 고려인통보도 경로당에서 한국 노인들과 어울리기 쉽지 않다. 한국에 소수에 어려움이 적은 영주 귀국 사할린 한인통보도 마찬가지다. 살아온 문화가 다르기 때문이다. 옛날 고려인마을에서 제비봉사단 활동을 하는 고려인 여성들은 어떻게 살고 있을까?



옛날 모퉁이(우갈목) 카페 앞에서. 왼쪽부터 필자, 여매다, 강산의, 김용복, 최완기, 여타라라, 신철문씨



Search ...

많이 본 기사

1. 코로나 확진자 격리 의무 해제 첫 주력, 이완전 주의할...
2. 설리 이만수의 일제우일 '내내 사랑' 주석연설
3. [최초보도] 최진석 교수 한국의 위정 상임대표 사퇴
4. 직격 질문 어떻게 죽을 것인가?
5. [영성학의 시간] '대시 안 로동할 줄 모해였었다'

최신 기사

1. [도요희제] '영원한 고려대 총장' 독립운동가 김준영의 길
2. [배이직 특집] 더 기도에 주신시...
3. '북미연합' 우원비리리스연구소장에게 피사의 경고...코로니우...
4. [신간] 김기영 '책장 속 그 구두는...'
5. 설리 이만수의 일제우일 '내내 사랑' 주석연설

덧붙임

인천투데이

"함박마을에 고려인 전용 경로당 필요해요"

가득 모두 나가고 오전 10시부터는 혼자
공주 고려인마을은 노인복지센터 운영 중

[인천투데이 이보람 기자] '남은 시간에 할 일이 없어요. 일이라도 했으면 좋겠어요'

인천 연수구 연수1동 문화산 아래 함박마을은 일명 고려인마을이다. 고려인들은 대개 러시아어를 사용하는데, 그래서 마을 곳곳에 있는 현수막과 안내판에도 러시아어가 심심치 않게 보인다. 가게 간판도 러시아어와 한국어가 혼재돼 있다.

함박마을엔 고려인 6000여 명이 산다. 대부분 가족 3대가 모여 산다. 고려인들이 모여 사는 공주나 안산과 비교하면 마을 면적에 비해 밀집도가 매우 높다.

3대가 모여 살기에 연향들도 다양하다. 보통 30~40대는 날에 경제활동을 하는지라 낮에 마을에는 주로 아이들과 노인들이 활동하고 있다. 인천시가 고려인종합지원센터 건립을 추진하고 있는 가운데, 이들을 만나 필요한 것이 무엇인지 알아냈다. 이들은 눈치 보지 않고 모여서 활동할 수 있는 공간을 원했다.

지난 7월, 신동 로보나 베리리스 강영복 학산 여매로 일주일 동안 후원한 고려인문화원을 찾았다. 함박마을에서 지나는 아이들과 동행 마을에만 있는 노인들의 이야기를 듣기 위해 서였다. 고려인문화원에 표정이 경직된 아이들 뒤로 두 할머니가 앉아 있었다. 이들은 자신들을 길잡이와 주조이라고 소개했다.



가득들 물근하러나 학교 가면 혼자
오전 10시부터 계속 여가시간일 뿐

간판과 주조와 씨의 하루는 비슷했다. 이들은 오전 7시 반 들 일어나 자신 부부의 슬픈과 손자손녀의 통곡을 듣는다. 9~10시에는 함께 운동한다. 운동 장소는 주로 장미공원이...

장미공원을 함박마을 뒤 뒤면 서쪽 문화산 자락에 있다. 공원은 산책로와 생활체육시설이 있다. 이들은 운동장을 돌아보고 운동 중은 흥, 이들을 여가공간으로도 사용한다. "겨울은 후텁스런 공원에만 있다가 집들어요. 그래서 어떤 때는 10시부터 바로 문화원에 가 있기도 해요"

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 후원해주세요.
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 구독! 좋아요!

1. 22대 용인연천 연수, 여 매 24년 최대 격...
 2. 연신뉴스 장영수 부인장영복부인과 도성 권...
 3. 연신뉴스 장영수 부인 연신 뉴스 UAM 행복...
 4. [기획] 서울조선 집단강요 영장 허가, 음매...
 5. 22대 용인연천 연수, 여 매 24년 최대 대결...
 6. 연신뉴스 장영수 부인 장영복 부인과 도성 권...
 7. 연신 뉴스도공공청 예산공개로 연신뉴스...
 8. 연신 뉴스도공공청 예산공개로 연신뉴스...
 9. 권영길, 임보라, 여 매 24년 최대 대결 등 영수...
 10. 의료보험 이천호 Gun에서 주석연설 문 여...

신세계는 만난
 열독기사

1. GTX 3호선 연장 '영성호' 탄원-강...
2. [기획] 중앙철도-서울에서 직결 영...
3. [단독] 여매한 후매 24년, 여매한...
4. 윤정호, 신도희고 2025년 개통 대비...
5. 서울5호선 집단강요 영장 허가

Ansan

Incheon

4TH GROUP: NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES

- Total, approx. 34,000
- 60+ over (25%) approx. 8,000
- Hardly any research/policy on them(Jeong & Park, 2014)
- Alienated and feel various risks in life (Min, 2020)

정순돌, & 박지혜. (2014). 탈북 중. 고령자의 심리사회적 특성과 정부지원 인식에 따른 삶의 만족도. *보건사회연구*, 34(1), 105-132.

민기채. (2020). 고령 북한이탈주민 복지욕구 및 제도 개선방안. *인문사회* 21, 11(6), 2295-2308.

...5TH GROUP: RETURNEES FROM THE U.S. AND OTHERS

- Isolated and/or depressed after retirement in the host countries
 - 2,000 from the U.S. are returning per year
- Have issues regarding healthcare, cultural adjustment and so on
 - Need learning for successful return migration
- Not welcomed?
 - generational/cultural conflicts

이현주, & 송정희. (2014). 미국 이민 한인 노인의 무력감, 자아존중감 및 우울. *한국산학기술학회 논문지*, 15(11), 6685-6693.

II. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

CRITICAL ISSUES ON INCLUSION OF OLDER MIGRANTS

ISSUES 1: PROBLEMS OF FEMINISATION OF MIGRATION AND ISSUES OF CARE

- Feminisation of Migration
 - Trend towards an increasing proportion of women amongst international migrant workers
- Most from 1~4 groups are women and related to “care”
- Many of them are still ‘offering care’ either in their families and in Korean labour market
 - Many are “women” and “care” either in private and public spheres.
 - Many crossed the border to form “multicultural families” and have cared the young and old.
 - Many are invited to support the care in ‘multicultural families’.
 - Many have worked marginally in Korea’s caregiving industry.

ISSUES 2: (LACK) OF MULTICULTURAL CARE FOR THEM

- Changes in the ethnic and cultural profiles of older people in Korea
 - elements such as race, ethnicity, language, gender, socio-economic status
- Impact on caregiving in a variety of ways
 - may influence the caregiver's perceptions of and reactions to the caregiving role
- “gerodiversity(Crowther & Austin, 2009)” competencies of the healthcare workers and service providers would critically matter(Lee, 2024-forthcoming).
 - Older (im)migrants in Korea often lack of access to healthcare and have a greater risk of social isolation(Han, 2023).

[CULTURAL COMPETENCE OF SPECIALISTS]

- Cultural competence
 - as the process by which individuals and systems respond respectfully and effectively to people of all cultures, languages, classes, race, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and other diversity factors in a manner that recognizes, affirms, and values the worth of individuals, families, and communities and protects and preserves the dignity of each
- Healthcare and other areas related
- Professional and para-professional workers



ISSUES 3: (LACK) OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND LEARNING PROVISION

- insights to the understanding of culturally sensitive policy-making on integration, health, and lifelong learning of older immigrants are needed (Zhu & Zhang, 2019)

Zhu, Y., & Zhang, W. (2019). Active learning for active ageing: Chinese senior immigrants' lifelong learning in Canada. *Educational gerontology, 45*(8), 506-518.

III. HOW IS KOREA READY FOR INCLUSION?

DISCUSSION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION OF OLDER (IM)MIGRANTS



KOREA'S LIFELONG LEARNING INFRASTRUCTURE (NILE, 2022)



17 Metropolitan and Provincial Lifelong Education Institutes

Lifelong education institutes survey the needs of metropolitan and provincial residents, study related policies, develops local lifelong education policies, operate lifelong learning information network, and promote cooperation between local educational institutes including lifelong learning cities.



188 Lifelong Learning Cities at Communities, Metropolitan Cities and Provinces

Local governments establish a base for lifelong learning (organization, budget, human resources, etc.) so that residents can receive lifelong education anywhere, anytime and support the provision of educational services residents demand by fully reflecting local conditions, characteristics and demands.

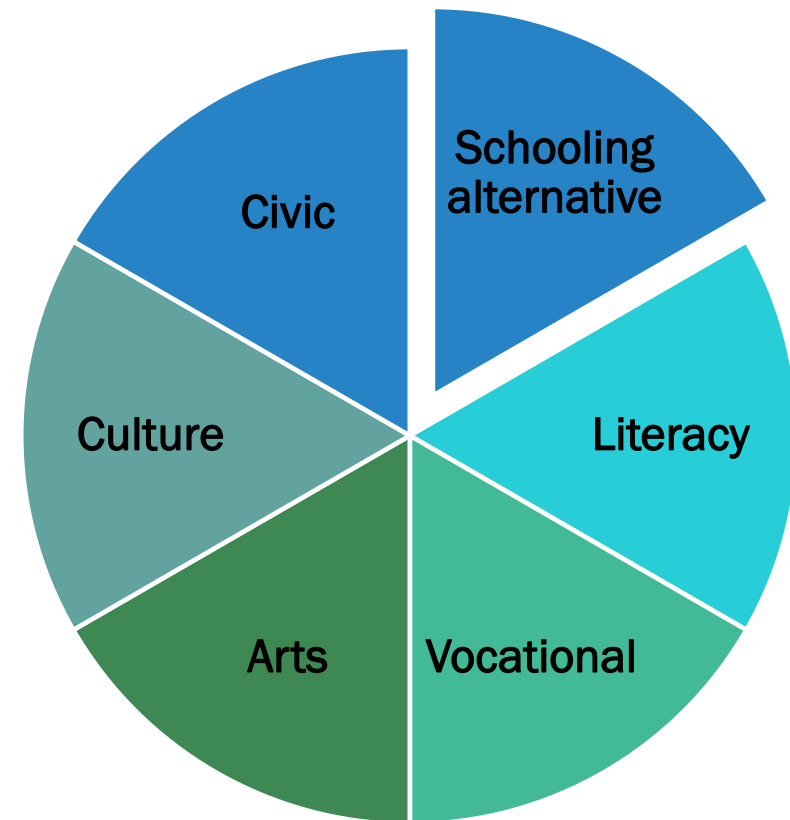


Lifelong Learning Centers at Towns and Neighborhoods

Lifelong learning centers are operated in towns and neighborhoods to guarantee the right to learn at short distances so that anyone can participate in learning anytime, anywhere.

AREAS OF LIFELONG LEARNING IN KOREA

- ...encompasses educational activities that can be classified into 6 areas:
 - supplementary schooling, adult literacy education, vocational education, liberal arts, culture, and civic participation education.



[IMMIGRANTS' CULTURAL LIFE VS. 'EYESORE']



- Provision of culturally meaningful activities for older migrants
 - play a crucial role in maintaining and developing cultural identity among older (im)migrants (Kim, Dattilo, Heo, 2011).

Kim, J., Dattilo, J., & Heo, J. (2011). Taekwondo participation as serious leisure for life satisfaction and health. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 43(4), 545-559.

LIFELONG LEARNING

- the value of the unequivocal promotion of community-based non-formal lifelong learning opportunities for developing inclusive, equitable and caring active ageing societies (Narushima et al., 2018).
- “Older adults are often excluded from adult learning statistics as they are assumed to be the post-work generation” (Zhu & Zhang, 2019).
- “Lifelong learning has not been fully integrated into active aging discourse” (Zhu & Zhang, 2019).

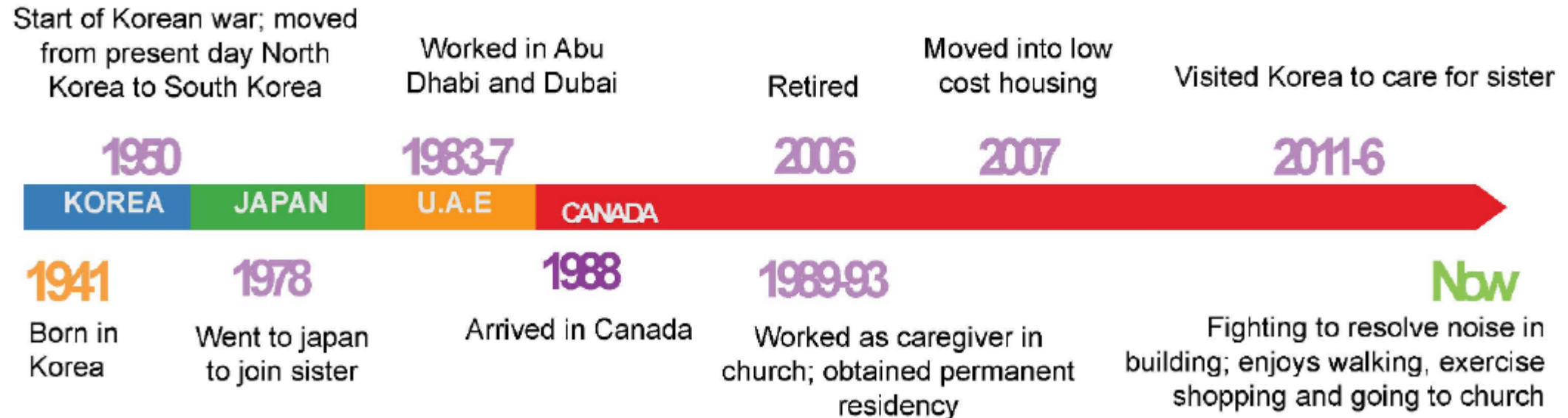
Narushima, M., Liu, J., & Diestelkamp, N. (2018). Lifelong learning in active ageing discourse: Its conserving effect on wellbeing, health and vulnerability. *Ageing and Society*, 38(4), 651–675.

CANADIAN CASE: SUPPORT OF LIFELONG LEARNING FOR DIVERSE SENIORS (CURRENT) 30/34

The screenshot shows a website titled "Find a Program" with a search interface. At the top, there are filters for eligibility: "Preparing for Canada", "Temporary Resident", "Permanent Resident", and "Citizen". Below these are filters for "Seniors" and a search bar with the text "Search Programs". A "Clear filters" button is also present. The main content area displays ten program cards in a two-column grid. Each card includes a title, a brief description, and a "Learn More" link.

Program Title	Target Audience	Description
Better at Home	Seniors	Older adults maintain their independence and achieve healthy aging through our non-medical services that assist them with day-to-day activities. Our services are offered in the communities of Vanouve...
Chinese Meals on Wheels	Seniors	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Multi-Level Care Society supports seniors to enhance their quality of life by promoting healthy eating. We have been partnering with Burnaby Meals on Wheels to meet the nutritional need...
Community Groups	Community Engagement, Family, Seniors	Families, women and seniors expand their social networks, increase their sense of belonging, and enhance their community integration through our interactive group activities. Our groups offer opportun...
Digital Literacy Exchange Program	Community Engagement, Seniors	Newcomers enhance their digital literacy skills to use computers, tablets and smartphones, as well as build their confidence to access the internet safely through our interactive classes
Integrated Community Services for Seniors (ICSS) Pilot Project	Seniors	This information hub for seniors is a project designed to support Chinese-speaking seniors to age at home by connecting them to culturally appropriate health and social services in Richmond. Through o...
Prescribing Wellness for Older Adults	Seniors	Older adults in Vancouver experience greater community inclusion, enhanced emotional well-being, and improved health outcomes through our culturally-appropriate services that bridge them to activities...
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Adult Day Programs	Seniors	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Multi-Level Care Society supports seniors to stay healthy and happy in the community, which prevents premature hospitalization and/or institutionalization.
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Assisted Living Residences	Seniors	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Multi-Level Care Society offers assisted living services to support seniors who are relatively independent but require a little extra assistance. Assisted living offers a combination of...
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Senior Academy	Community Engagement, Seniors	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Senior Academy aims to engage immigrant seniors in a wide range of activities to increase social connectedness, improve knowledge and skills that impact their physical and mental well...
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Simon K.Y. Lee Seniors Care Home	Seniors	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Multi-Level Care Society manages the Simon K.Y. Lee Seniors Care Home, which is named in honour of its key supporter, Mr. Simon K.Y. Lee. This long-term care facility offers culturally...

CANADIAN PROJECT "LEARNING FROM THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF AGING IMMIGRANTS"(2017)



Brotman, S., Ferrer, I., & Koehn, S. (2020). Situating the life story narratives of aging immigrants within a structural context: the intersectional life course perspective as research praxis. *Qualitative Research*, 20(4), 465-484.

CANADIAN PROJECT “LEARNING FROM THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF AGING IMMIGRANTS”(2020)

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Community engagement



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A STUDY IN INCHEON, KOREA (HAN, 2024, FORTHCOMING)

- Survey on the use of long-term care services by migrant elderly people in Incheon (Han, 2024)
 - As of 2021, 60+ immigrants 13,658, accounting for 2.02% of the total population aged 60 or older in Incheon. (age 50~59 immigrants, 17,572)
 - Older (im)migrants in Korea often have poorer physical and mental health than non-migrant elderly people due to various environmental factors (Han, 2023)

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