2024 KFAS-Stanford Sustainable Democracy Roundtable
Student Participants Recruitment

The KFAS-Stanford Sustainable Democracy Roundtable (SDRT) is a series of closed sessions where leading scholars and experts, along with next generation leaders, diagnose the current state of liberal democracy, its threats, and possible prescriptions for democratic prosperity.

Spanning over three years from 2023 to 2025, the Roundtable aims to create a necessary platform and opportunity for scholars and future generation leaders of various disciplines and ranks to identify core issues and propose creative solutions to democratic malaise, including but not limited to deepening inequality, polarization, and populism.

The Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies is looking for a cohort of next generation leaders to participate in the Roundtable. Student participants will have the unique opportunity to freely share their perspectives on the opportunities and threats to liberal democracy and network with like-minded participants.

Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) is a non-profit foundation established in 1974 by Chey Jong-hyon, the late Founder and former Chairperson of SK Group, with the goal of nurturing world-leading scholars who will contribute to Korea's national development. In this endeavor, KFAS has three pillars: scholarship and fellowship; knowledge-sharing; and international exchange programs.

1. Application Instructions

- **Who are ideal candidates?**

  1) Are completing their undergraduate or graduate (master's) education in Korea

  2) Have interest in and speak on the current situation of European democracy

  3) Are able to commit to the program in its entirety

  4) Demonstrate an aptitude to communicate fluently in English

- **Application Deadlines:** 11:59 pm on March 8, 2024

- **How can I apply?**

  Please prepare the following documents, and submit to pms@kfas.or.kr.

  1) Application* (attachment)

  2) Agreement on the Collection and Usage of Personal Information* (attachment)

  3) Certificate of enrollment and/or graduate certificate*

  4) Graduate and/or undergraduate transcript*

  5) English proficiency test scores*

  6) Certificate of qualification

  required

- **Inquiries: (email)** pms@kfas.or.kr

2. Participant Benefits

1) Certificate of Participation by KFAS

2) Opportunity to participate in the publication of the 2024 SDRT Report (Korean)

3) Additional points given when selecting for 2025 SDRT student participants (location, undecided)

4) Opportunity to attend annual events/conferences at the KFAS

5) Opportunity to participate in the fully-funded post-SDRT activity (online contents creation such as short-form content, card-news)

6) Opportunity to participate in the 50th anniversary conference as a panelist (selected based on your performance during preparatory sessions)

3. About Program

- **Period: Tuesday, June 18~Friday, June 21**

  ※ June 18~20 SDRT / June 21 KFAS 50th anniversary conference

- **Venue:** KFAS (Seoul) / SKMS Institute (Icheon)

- **Detailed program**

  ### 1) Preparatory sessions: April~June @KFAS (Seoul)

  ※ Program below is subject to change

No.	Date	Type	Contents
1	**Thurs., April 4**	OT	Orientation and Mentoring by 2023 SDRT Participants
2	**Thurs, April 11**	Lecture	Meta-analysis on Democracy (Research Trend)
3	**Thurs., May 9**	Seminar	Group Seminar on Democracy (I)
4	**Thurs., May 23**	Seminar	Group Seminar on Democracy (II)
5	**Fri., June 7**	Rehearsal	Roundtable Rehearsal (Mock Roundtable)

  ### 2) On-site program: June 18 -20 @SKMS (Icheon) + June 21 @KFAS

  ※ Program below is subject to change

Date	Contents	Venue
June 18 (Tue.)	Reception & Welcoming Dinner	SKMS
June 19 (Wed.)	Session 1 **Institutions**	SKMS
	Session 2 **Media and Democracy**	
	Session 3 **Performance: Economic / Social Sides of Democracy**	
June 20 (Thur.)	**Student Session**	
	Session 4 **Leadership: Strongman Politics and Democracy**	
June 21 (Fri.)	Session 1 **US Presidential Election and its Global Implications**	KFAS
	Session 2 **Exporting Democracy**	

3) Post-program activities

Activity	Duration	Details
Creating online contents	July – August 2024 (2 months)	Creating Short-form Contents of SDRT Activities (Videos, short card-news etc.)
2024 SDRT report (Korean)	Nov – Dec 2024 (2 months)	Translating 2024 SDRT English Report into Korean Summarizing Student Session

※ The activities above are **optional**.

4. FAQs

Is there an interview process during the application process?

Yes. In-person interviews will be held. We will contact applicable candidates individually to set up the interview.

Is English proficiency required?

Yes. The official language of the Roundtable is English. Therefore, in order to fully maximize your participation, English fluency is necessary. If English is your mother tongue, you do not have to submit English proficiency test scores.

What is the tentative program timeline?

Date	Schedule	Location
Feb. 5–March 8	Application submission	Online submission
March 18-22	Interview	KFAS (Seoul)
April-June	Preparatory sessions	KFAS (Seoul)
June 18-21	SDRT	SKMS (Icheon), KFAS (Seoul)

Dates and time of the Interview and preparatory sessions are open to change. We will confirm the dates and time once the participants are selected.

What are preparatory sessions?

Preparatory sessions are pre-training activities through which you can better understand the program as well as roles to play throughout the program, learn more about democracy, and build rapport with other participants. It takes place once in two weeks, but specific dates and time are subject to change depending on participants' availability.

What is expected of Student Participants?
- Full participation in all activities including preparatory sessions
- Active and meaningful participation during discussions.
- Completion of all assignments.

What are the costs for participation?

All expenses, including meals, accommodation, transportation (except for in-Seoul transportation) during the duration of the Roundtable, as well as administrative and financial support for the post-SDRT activity, will be covered by KFAS. Personal expenses outside of the official program are not covered.