



OPEN LECTURE — AND — COMMUNITY TALK



YONSEI UNIVERSITY
UNDERWOOD INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



Incheon
Metropolitan City



인천경제자유구역
Incheon Free Economic Zone



Professor Michael Hope

*Assistant Professor of History
Underwood International College
Yonsei University*

THE KOREAN PENINSULA & THE MONGOL EMPIRE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

In 1258 Prince Wonjong (r. 1260-1274) of Koryo agreed to travel to China and submit to the Mongol emperor, Khubilai Khan. The Koryo were just one of many dynasties and principalities subjugated by the Mongols, yet the trend amongst modern historians has been to view Korea as an exceptional case, both in terms of the duration of its resistance and its subsequent treatment at the hands of the Mongols. The Koryo were, after all, permitted to retain their own monarchy, their own court and bureaucracy and so there were relatively few signs that the Koryo had lost their independence. Yet a comparison of the Korean Peninsula with other Mongol vassals in West Asia, Eastern Europe and even Central Asia suggests that Korea was far from unique in this regard. This lecture will draw on examples from Tibet, Anatolia (modern Turkey) and Russia to overcome some of the myths and stereotypes surrounding Mongol rule in Korean literature, film and popular culture. It is hoped that this topic will facilitate discussion about Korea's role in larger regional and world systems in a historical context.

*FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

6:30-8:30
PM

NOV.
23

G-TOWER 1F
SONGDO, INCHEON



REGISTER ONLINE:
ifezglobal@korea.kr