

Changes in the Occupational Safety and Health Policy for 40

SYMPOSIUM

Years in South Korea : Focusing on the role of policy actors and contextual factors in policy agenda setting and formulation

Forty years have passed since South Korea Occupational Safety and Health Act(KOSHAct) was enacted. There has been many changes in the KOSHAct and related policy. This symposium was organized to explore and discuss how and why the KOSHAct and the related policy in South Korea has been changed over the four decades since 1981. In the presentation 1, through the review of changes in the recognized occupational diseases of Korea, lessons from the system change perspective shall be addressed. In the presentation 2, through the review of changes of in the perspective of seeing the causes and responsibilities of industrial accidents in accident investigation process, how to make the regulation change shall be addressed. In this symposium, the audience shall have some implication on the process for making new OSHAct policy by reflecting the relationship between the major safety accidents & occupational diseases/outrages and policy making in Korea.

Analysis of changes in OSHAct etc. related to contract in South Korea

Taesun Kang (Semyung University, Korea, Republic of)

The Corporate Killing Movement in South Korea: A critical realist analysis of social structure and collective agency

Myoung-hee Kim (Research Institute of Public Health, National Medical Center, Korea, Republic of)

Changes of 30 years in the recognized occupational diseases of Korea, Lessons from the system change perspective

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MODERATOR



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Mijin Park (Phamacist, MPH, Ph.D) is the research professor of Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Graduate School of Public Health, Seoul National University. She had worked at the various sized company as a industrial hygienist, the leader of Environmental Health and Safety team and the director of Corporate Social Responsibility. She has conducted research on chemical management policies. She served on various national committees, such as Occupational Disease Determination Committee, Occupational Exposure Assessment Steering Committee, Epidemiological Investigation Evaluation Steering Committee and Chemical Substance Evaluation Working Committee.

SPEAKERS



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Taesun Kang has been assistance professor of Health and Safety Engineering at the Semyung University, Jecheon, Chung-cheong bukdo, South Korea since 2018. He has worked as an OSH expert in civil society research institute and government. He worked for 5 years at a research institute established by victims of occupational diseases(WIOEH), 1 year at the National Institute of Agricultural Science(RDA), 1 year at the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency(KOSHA), 5 years as a OSH inspector at the Ministry of Employment and Labor(MOEL) and 5 years as a special professor at the Ajou University. He is mainly interested in OSH policy and noise exposure assessment. He had studied at Seoul National University(SNU), Agricultural Biology(BS,1997), SNU School of Public Health, Environmental Health(MPH, 1999) and Health (ScD, 2014). He is one of the academic directors of KIIHA.

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Domyung Paek

Domyung Paek has been Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Health, Seoul, Korea, since 1992, where he served as Department Chair, Vice Dean, and Dean, as well as director of residency training program. Over the last 30 years, he had witnessed and also participated in many aspects of societal changes of Korea, including health and safety. Starting from a small idea of introducing Material Safety Data Sheet to Korea in 1992, 'the right to know' initiatives trickled into the 'Mediation Committee' activities for 'Samsung Semiconductor Leukemia' cases (2014), despite the allegations of no known use of carcinogens at the workplace by the company, and also the total 'Asbestos Ban', together with compensation schemes for environmental victims of asbestos related diseases (2009) in Korea. He had been the investigation committee chair for the 'Humidifier Disinfectant Lung Injury' (2013) and still stands as the expert witness at the court for the 'humidifier disinfectant victims. He had studied at Seoul National University, College of Medicine (MD, 1981), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (MSc, 1986), and Harvard School of Public Health (ScD, 1990). He has been the Collegium Ramazzini Fellow since 2008.