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The **University of Cambridge Department of East Asian Studies** is pleased to announce the following lecture in its series of East Asian seminars.

This seminar starts at **5:00PM** and will take place in **Rooms 8 & 9** in the Faculty of Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (formerly Oriental Studies), Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA, unless otherwise indicated.

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On the Notion of the “Politics of Culture” in the Study of Contemporary Local Korea

Prof. Kwang Ok Kim, Seoul National University
Monday, 6th February 2012, Rooms 8 and 9, 5:00pm

Based on my fieldwork in local city of Andong, I will attempt an ethnographic presentation of how people of different social backgrounds compete and compromise their historical memories and cultural tradition in order to construct their cultural community in the era of post-modern globalization. Through an analysis of political manipulation of cultures in the field of political elections, the study tries to search for a possible relevant theoretical frame for a study of politics in such society as Korea that has a long history of civilization.

Dr. Kwang Ok Kim, currently Professor of Anthropology at Seoul National University, obtained his doctorate in social anthropology from the University of Oxford. He served as Director of Center for Social Sciences, and Founding Director of Institute of China Studies, Seoul National University and the President of Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology. Interested in politics of culture, history, and ritual, he has done extensive anthropological fieldwork in Korea, Mainland China, and Taiwan.

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