**The Analects of Dasan: A Korean Syncretic Reading**

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With extensive research and creative interpretations, Dasan’s *Noneo gogeu**m ju* (Old and New Commentaries of the Analects) has been evaluated in the academia of Korean Studies as a crystallization of his studies on the Confucian classics. Dasan (Jeong Yak-yong: 1762-1836) attempted through this book to synthesize and overcome the lengthy scholarly tradition of the classical studies of the Analects, leading it not only to represent one of the greatest achievements of Korean Confucianism but also demonstrate an innovative prospect for the progress of Confucian philosophy, positioning it as one of the ground-breaking works in all Confucian legacies in East Asia. In this lecture, Dr. Hongkyung Kim will talk about his recent publication of *The Analects of Dasan* (vol. 1-4), a translation with commentary of Dasan’s *Noneo gogeu**m ju*.

Dr. Hongkyung Kim's research concerns the history of thoughts and religion in East Asia and Korea, with a focus on Confucianism and Daoism. He earned his Ph.D. from Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, South Korea. In addition to numerous articles and book chapters, Dr. Hongkyung Kim has published seven single-authored books: *The Analects of Dasan: A Korean Syncretic Reading*, Volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Oxford University Press, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021), *The Old Master: A Syncretic Reading of Laozi from the Mawangdui Text A Onward* (SUNY Press, 2013), *De dao jing* (Deulnyeok, 2003) and *Confucian Thought of the School of the Official Academy during the Early Joseon* (Hangil-sa, 1996). Dr. Hongkyung Kim participated in a research project on the ancient archaeological texts excavated in China and served as the managing editor for the Wonhyo Translation Project. He also serves as Director of the Center for Korean Studies at Stony Brook since 2012.