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**Topic:** Exploring and Integrating English Language Learners’ Funds of Knowledge by Jungmin Kwon, Columbia University, USA

**Venue:** Rm. 602, Myungshingwan, Main Campus, Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul, South Korea

**Date/Time:** June 18 (Saturday), 3:00 - 5:00PM

**Order:**

- 2:00 - 2:50pm ~ Networking (greet and meet) & onsite registration
- 3:00 - 5:00pm ~ Workshop
- 5:01 - 6:00pm ~ Coffee and chat (a coffee shop around the venue)

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**Abstract**

English language learners, regardless of their age, English proficiency, and sociocultural backgrounds, bring their own cultural knowledge and stories rooted in their prior experiences. In other words, they bring funds of knowledge, the experience and culture unique to their households (Moll, Amanti, Neff & Gonzalez, 1992). It is important for educators to understand students’ funds of knowledge to motivate their writing practices and communicative activities. It allows students “to see themselves as participants in, rather than observers of, the construction of knowledge” (Penrose & Geisler, 1994, p.517). The workshop will delve into the ways in which educators can explore, utilize, and connect students’ funds of knowledge with the ESL/EFL lessons.

The workshop will be highly interactive with examples and group exercises. Attendees will engage in discussion regarding ways to explore students’ linguistic and cultural resources and connect them with English language teaching. The workshop will particularly discuss examples of exploring students’ knowledge of community and home for their speaking and writing practices.

**Biography**

Jungmin Kwon is a doctoral student in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Teachers College, Columbia University, USA. She has taught ESL/EFL courses in Korea and the US. She completed her Master’s degree in American Studies from Brown University as a Fulbright scholar. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Sogang University, Korea. Her research interests include literacy and multicultural education. Jungmin can be contacted at jk3710@tc.columbia.edu

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Directions:
1. Get out of exit 10 at the Sookmyung subway station and turn left (going behind the exit).
2. Pass the tunnel.
3. Cross the street ahead to Bakery "Tours les Jours."
4. Walk straight going to Sookmyung Women's University.
5. Turn right at the main entrance of the main campus.
6. Go straight, turn left and walk until you see Myungshingwan.