

Changrok Soh (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: May 26, 1961, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Working languages: English

Current position/function

Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University

Member, United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

Member, United Nations Human Rights Council Working Group on Communications

Director, Korea University Human Rights Center

President, Human Asia (Human Rights NGO)

Main professional activities

Chairperson, Korea Academic Council on the United Nations System, 2018–present

Chairperson, Korean Academic Association of Human Rights Studies, 2019–present

Member of the Advisory Group, National Human Rights Commission of Korea, 2019–present

Vice Chairperson, APEC Study Association, 2017–present

Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Self-Evaluation Committee, 2010–present

Advisory Group Member, Sentencing Commission of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea, 2017–present

Member of Central Committee, The National Unification Advisory Council, 2015–present

Commissioner, The Deliberation Committee on Compensation and Support for Abduction Victims, Prime Minister's Office, 2013–present

Educational background

Ph.D. in International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1992

MALD (Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy), The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1987

B.A. in Political Science, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, 1984

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Promoting human rights in a new digital era

- Hosted multiple international seminars and contributed to the Committee's work on addressing new and emerging technological threats to the right of privacy.

Protecting the most vulnerable

- Has been active for years for the protection of the human rights of migrant workers and refugees as a founder and representative of Human Asia (NGO).

Domestic and regional contributions

- Led multiple community development projects vis-à-vis human rights-based development and emergency aid.
- Provided educational and training programs to support and train future leaders of the human rights movement in Asia.

- Has been at the forefront of the regional academic movement analyzing evolving human rights concerns through international United Nations-based protection mechanisms.

List of most recent publications in the field

“New Frontiers of Profits and Risk: The Fourth Industrial Revolution’s Impact on Business and Human Rights”, *New Political Economy* (2020)

“The Main Challenges Related to Protecting Human Rights in the Internet.” In *Human Rights, Digital Society, and the Law: A Research Companion* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2019)

“Business and Human Rights Case Study of Korean Companies Operating Overseas: Challenges and a New National Action Plan”, *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 40 (2018)

“Flashpoints That Do Not Ignite? Nonviolence and the 2016–2017 South Korean Impeachment Protests”, *Korea Observer*, Vol. 49 (2018)