

The New Wave of Korean Multiculturalism

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Abstract. South Korea had advocated *a single race* or *racial purism* till the late 90's, and showed a closed and negative attitude toward foreigners. However, South Koreans evolving attitude to foreigners from the 2000s is an interesting fact that they raised the slogan of *multiculturalism*. Furthermore the multiculturalism in South Korea is now widely applicable over the government, academia and ordinary citizens.

Some studies explain the backgrounds of multiculturalism at the demographical or economical point of view, and they disregard an important existing factor which is the social point of view. This paper discusses the social situation of South Korea, such as the citizen activity and administrative solidarity relations which caused South Korea's Multiculturalism Policy.