

International Symposium

The Impact and Challenges of the Minerva Model: Insights from Cases in Korea and Japan

Founded in 2012, Minerva University has gained international attention for its innovative initiatives, such as the “city as campus” approach—where students study while moving across global cities—and its small, online, active learning classes. Two major features characterize the Minerva model. The first is the combination of general education (transferable competencies) with major education (discipline-specific knowledge and skills). The second is the integration of online instruction with experiential learning, including city-based projects and communal residential life. This Minerva model has been adopted not only in undergraduate and graduate programs but also in high schools and corporate training, and its influence has spread to many countries.

In this symposium, we will examine several cases from Korea and Japan to explore the impact of the Minerva model and the challenges it faces. As a preliminary step, we will also consider what students actually learn at Minerva University and how they interpret and apply these experiences in their post-graduation lives.

Together with participants, we hope this symposium will provide an opportunity to discuss the Minerva model from multiple perspectives.

Date

December 20, 2025 (SAT)

10:00 – 12:00 (Korea) 9:00 – 11:00 (Taiwan)

Format

Online (via Zoom Meeting) with simultaneous interpretation
(Japanese and English)

Speakers



Steve Justice

Dean of School of Innovation Foundations, Taejae University



Hanmo Jeong

Lecturer, Institute for the Advancement of Higher Education, Hokkaido University



Kohei Tanaka

Assistant Professor, Institute for the Advancement of Higher Education, Hokkaido University



Kayo Matsushita

Professor, Graduate School of Education, Kyoto University



Insung Jung

Visiting Research Fellow, Seoul National University

Programs

Keynote

- **Steve Justice:** “Key Competencies as the Foundation of Innovative Higher Education”

Presentations

- **Hanmo Jeong** :“Competency-Based Education in Korean Universities: Current Status and Challenges”
- **Kohei Tanaka** :“Trajectories of Student Learning and Growth at Minerva University: Insights from a Longitudinal Interview Study”
- **Kayo Matsushita:** “The Impact of the Minerva Model: The Case of Japan”

Designated Discussant: Insung Jung

Chair / Moderator: Tomohiro Ishida (Associate Professor, Faculty of Music, Aichi University of the Arts)

Registration & Inquiries

Please register or contact us by **Thursday, December 18**, using the webpage or the following QR Code: <https://forms.gle/zmy6jx9ANhReZa377>



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