***Suicide Prevention and Intervention in Different Cultural Settings: Adaptation of Interventions at STAR-Center for Korean Youth at Risk for Suicide***

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South Korea has the highest suicide rate among the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, and suicide is the leading cause of death in Korean youth. The first part of the talk will present data on the socio-cultural factors that influence suicidal behavior in Korean youth. Regarding social and cultural factors, we will focus on recent changes in academic and family environments of Korean society. The second part of the talk will introduce the programs of Mood and Anxiety clinic of Youth (MAY) at Seoul National University Hospital. The clinic is modeled after the STAR-Center and provides treatment to youth with depression, anxiety disorders, and suicidal risk. We will share our experience with regard to cultural considerations in developing youth suicide prevention and intervention programs.