Plenary Session II

The Recent Development of Information Technology and Cyber Youth Culture

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Abstract:
Information technology has been extended greatly and becomes a hot issue domestically as well as internationally, particularly in South Korea in the last decade. Its rapid development in a relatively short period of time would change many aspects of the society by bringing advantage or disadvantages, and detrimental influences in values and behavioral patterns of Korean youth. This paper deals with the recent development of information technology and cyber youth culture such as the Internet. I argue that the cyber youth culture may bring along positive influence and negative influences to young people. Finally, recent countermeasures and policies dealing with these undesirable influences in Korea will be discussed.
Biography

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