

Abstract:

The aim of this thesis is to explore the funeral rites in Korea with concentration on rites changes in the 20. and 21. century. The first chapter focuses on the ritual and rites of passage generally, whereas the second chapter reflects funeral rites from the view of religious traditions, like Shamanism, Buddhism and Confucianism. The third chapter observes the introduction of Christianity in Korea, Korean social modernization and its influence on contemporary Korean funeral services.