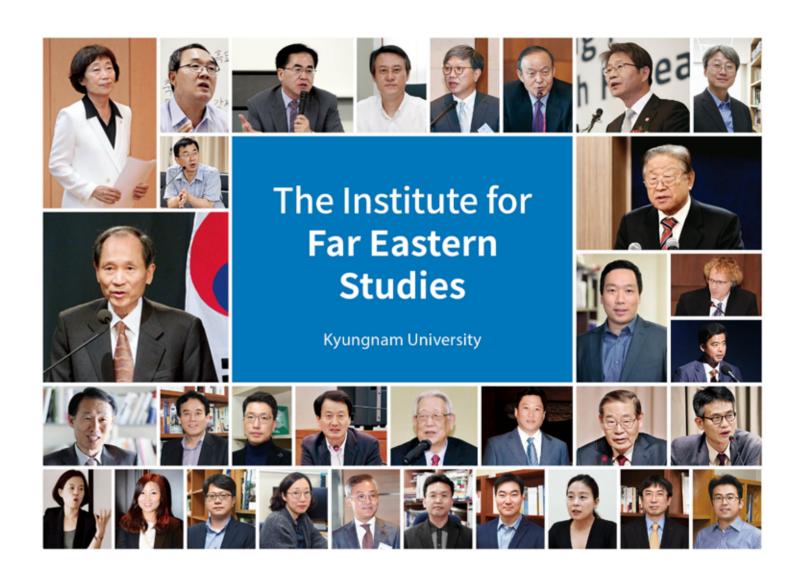
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"IFES's mission to promote peace on the Korean Peninsula, the region, and the world continues, as do our efforts to support scholarship and advance positive change for the improvement of inter-Korean relations and the promotion of Korean reunification."

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Several decades ago, the Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University was established as an independent, nonpartisan, academic-oriented think tank specializing in the study and analysis of the economies and societies of the (former) communist bloc states and the Third World, including China and North Korea, as well as the relations among state and non-state actors in Northeast Asia. Since our humble beginning and still today, our mandate is to promote peace and Korean unification thorough scholarly activities that examine the history and current affairs of the Korean Peninsula and the region. We continue to promote research and programs that improve our understanding of North Korea, promote reconciliation between the two Koreas, further peace in the region, and foster local and international networks to play cooperative roles in realizing these endeavors.

The past two years (2016–2017) has proved quite successful. We nurtured our longtime and newfound partnerships with institutions and associations in a variety of ways. Several international conferences were held—and well received by the public—as were frequent strategic dialogues with our overseas partners. A steady flow of publications in the form of online essays, reports, journals and books offered timely analysis on contemporary topics and current issues, including Korea's relations since the nation's division, global governance, North Korean economy, and regional arms race and security, among others. IFES continued to host numerous seminars featuring distinguished international experts and rising new scholars, providing them a platform to share their insights and views. Through our close relationship with the University of North Korean Studies, we furthered efforts to establish North Korean studies as an academic field.

In the future, IFES will remain steadfast in carrying out our mission and goals to foster peace, reconciliation, and unification of Korea, paying close attention to the current affairs and developments in the region, as well as promote new research trends and perspectives to enhance our core work and cooperation with institutional partners in Korea and abroad.

Jae Kyu Park

President, Kyungnam University
Founder of IFES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University is a research-oriented think tank with a unique approach. Founded in 1972, this comprehensive institution works to promote peace and Korean unification through scholarly contributions focusing on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia.

Although the institute fundamentally deals with international relations, and its effects on Korea, we are also concerned about promoting a better understanding of North Korean society and environment. We are eclectic in our research activities and committed to excellence.

IFES IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- · Research projects on issues concerning North Korea, the unification of Korea, and East Asian affairs;
- · Organizing and sponsoring seminars, workshops, conferences, and lectures by Korean and foreign scholars;
- · Publishing original and translated works in Korean and foreign languages; and
- Providing research and library facilities for scholars and students working in Asian Studies and regional and international affairs.



Peace Building
Unification Building

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Kyung-Jin Lee Director of Korea-China **Exchange Cooperation**



Vice President

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Jung Kim Director of Planning



Affairs





ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND EAST ASIAN SECURITY (Seoul, Korea)

April 2016

Organized by IFES and College of International Studies, Tamkang University



This conference examined the
East Asian security for South
Korea and Taiwan. Participants
presented views of China-Taiwan
relations, domestic policies of
Korea and Taiwan, and security
dilemma. Taiwanese scholars
discussed Taiwan-South America

and China-Taiwan relations, while Korean participants provided information on the DPRK-US relationship, issues surrounding the Gaeseong Industrial Complex, among other topics.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES), Kaocheng Wang (Dean, CIS, Tamkang University), Ching-Shan Hu (Professor, Graduate Institute of Asian Studies, Tamkang University), Mandy Hsiao-chuan Liao (Professor, Graduate Institute of China Studies, Tamkang University), Francisco Luis Perez Exposito (Professor, Graduate Institute of the Americas, Tamkang University), Keun-Sik Kim (Professor, Department of Political Science, Kyungnam University),

Eul-Chul Lim (Professor, IFES), Chiu-Ching Kuo (Professor, Graduate Institute of European Studies, Tamkang University),

Da-Jung Li (Director, Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Strategic Studies, Tamkang University),

Juo-Yu Lin (Professor, Dapartment of Diplomacy and International Relations, Tamkang University),

Kwan-Sei Lee (Chair Professor, Kyungnam University), Dong Yub Kim (Professor, IFES)

THE COLD WAR AND THE TWO KOREAS

(Washington, D.C., US)

April 2016

Organized by IFES and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Sponsored by University of North Korean Studies



The Wilson Center's History
and Public Policy Program and
Kyungnam University celebrated
their ten-year partnership by
convening a day-long workshop
on "The Cold War and the Two
Koreas." Bringing together
scholars from the U.S., South

Korea, and Europe, the workshop showcased groundbreaking new research on the foreign policies and domestic politics of the two Koreas since 1945. During the sessions, discussions covered various topics, including the relations between China and North Korea, U.S.-Korea military relations, North Korea's relations with the communist bloc from the 1950s through the 1970s, among others.

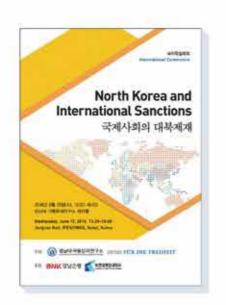
Participants: Christian Ostermann (Director, the History and Public Policy Program, Wilson Center), Joun-yung Sun (Kyungnam University), Gregg Brazinsky (George Washington University), Yafeng Xia (Long Island University), William Steuck (University of Georgia), Charles Kraus (Wilson Center/George Washington University), Seuk-ryul Hong (Sungshin Women's University), Sang-yoon Ma (Catholic University of Korea), Liana Kang-Schmitz (Political Scientist), James Person (Wilson Center), Mitchell Lerner (Ohio State University), Bernd Schaefer (George Washington University), Benjamin Young (George Washington University), Jong-Dae Shin (UNKS)

NORTH KOREA AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS

(Seoul, Korea)

June 2016

Organized by IFES and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) for Freedom Korea Office Sponsored by Kyongnam Bank

















This international conference looked at aspects of sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular in the aftermath of the UN Security Council resolution 2270 announcement. Participants also provided their assessments of Pyongyang's responses and developments in the country since the newest sanctions resolution and following the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. Panelists discussed issues such as the process of crafting, imposing, and implementing international sanctions; assessed North Korea's past behavior and political responses to sanctions; and explored possible impacts of the sanctions on DPRK society and economic development by uncovering the 'ground reality' inside the country and along the border regions.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES), Lars-André Richter (Representative, FNF), Hyungseok Kim (Vice Minister of Unification, ROK), Joun-yung Sun (Chair Professor, Kyungnam University), William J. Newcomb (Visiting Scholar, US-Korea Institute, Johns Hopkins SAIS), Dmitry V. Kiku (Member, UN Panel of Experts), Neil Watts (Member, UN Panel of Experts), Beom Chul Shin (Director General of the Policy Planning Bureau, MOFA, ROK), Su-Hoon Lee (Professor, Kyungnam University), Keyu Gong (Deputy Director, Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies), Mijin Kang (Team Chief & Reporter, Daily NK), Yong Suk Lee (The SK Center Fellow, Stanford University), Christopher Green (PhD Candidate, Leiden University; Co-editor, SinoNK), Eul-Chul Lim (Professor, Kyungnam University)

THE 2016 ASIA-PACIFIC NUCLEAR HISTORY INSTITUTE

(Paju, Korea)

November 2016

Organized by IFES and the Woodrow Wilson International Center



The continued proliferation of nuclear weapons is one of the most pressing security issues of our time. A deeper knowledge of the past can improve how we approach the nuclear challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Asia-Pacific Nuclear History

Institute (APNHI) is an intensive, one-week immersion course in the international history of nuclear weapons in the Asia-Pacific region. This course, led by world-class historians and leading experts, provided in-depth instruction and discussion on the evolution of nuclear technology, the origins and development of deterrence and extended deterrence theory, regional nonproliferation issues, and nuclear strategy.

The Asia-Pacific Nuclear History Institute is an initiative of the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP), a global network of individuals and institutions engaged in the study of international nuclear history through archival documents, oral history interviews, and other empirical sources.



Participants: Joun-yung Sun (Kyungnam University), Jong-Dae Shin (UNKS), Leopoldo Nuti (Roma Tre University), Christian Ostermann (Wilson Center), David Holloway (Stanford University), Marty Sherwin (George Mason University), Joseph Pilat (Los Alamos National

Laboratory), Sayuri Romei (Roma Tre University), James Person (Wilson Center), Hyung-sub Choi (Seoul National University of S&T), Lyong Choi (Kyungnam University), James Lee (University of California, Los Angeles), Hyunji Rim (Johns Hopkins SAIS), Alex Lee (University of California, Irvine), Dani Nedal (Georgetown University), Yogesh Joshi (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Elisabeth Roehrlich (University of Vienna), Hsiao-ting Lin (Hoover Institution), Rabia Akhtar (University of Lahore CSSPR), Vaishnavi Tannir (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Debak Das (Cornell University), Pratama Yudha Pradheksa (Virginia Tech), Charissa Ai Ling Lee (National University of Malaysia), Jiwhan Hwang (University of Seoul), Akira Kurosaki (Fukushima University), Masakatsu Ota (Kyodo News), Daekwon Son (Peking University), Beenish Altaf (Strategic Vision Institute), Tianjiao Jiang (Fudan University), Anna-Mart van Wyk (Monash University South Africa), Nicola Leveringhaus (King's College London), Rustam Khan (University of Hong Kong), Yeon-jung Ji (Harvard Belfer Center), Toshihiro Higuchi (Georgetown University), Selim Sazak (Brown University)



MOBILE NORTH KOREANS IN A GLOBAL AGE: TRAJECTORIES OF DISPLACEMENT, (RE)SETTLEMENT, AND BORDERCROSSING

(Seoul, Korea)

December 2016

Organized by IFES Sponsored by Kyongnam Bank









This conference examined phases of migration of North Koreans, examining their post-Korean division practices, understandings, and movement in countries like the UK, Japan, and China, as well as shed light on the predicaments of North Korean defectors in China, forced migration in Southeast Asia, and their work integration in South Korea, with scholarly debate about the very nature of the concept and term 'North Korean refugee'. The conference included an artistic special session, which featured a special talk by an artist and visual representation of the integration of North Korean defectors in South Korea.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES), Mel Gurtov (Professor Emeritus, Portland State University), Soo-Jung Lee (Professor, Duksung Women's University), Kaori Yamamoto (Professor, Aichi Prefectural University), Xinzi Quan (Professor, Yanbian University), Hyun-Mee Kim (Professor, Yonsei University), Eun-Lee Joung (Professor, Gyeongsang National University), Christopher Green (PhD Candidate, Leiden University), Dean Ouellette (Professor, Kyungnam University), Su-Yeon Yun (Visual Artist), Carla P. Freeman (Director, Foreign Policy Institute, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University), Sriprapha Petcharamesree (Professor, Mahidol University), Eric Bidet (Professor, Université du Maine, Le Mans), Young-Hoon Song (Professor, Kangwon National University), Ki-Seon Chung (Senior Research Fellow, IOM-MRTC), Hwa-Soon Kim (Researcher, Hanshin University), Pill-Kyu Hwang (Lawyer, Human Rights Law Foundation Gonggam)

DOING BUSINESS IN NORTH KOREA:MODERNIZATION AND NEW CONSUMERISM

(Seoul, Korea)

June 2017

Organized by IFES and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) for Freedom Korea Office







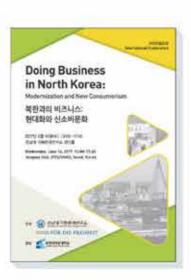












This half-day international conference—the third in this conference series—brought together an eclectic group of international businesspeople, nonprofit personnel, consultants, newsmen, and scholars to share their on-the-ground experience and diverse insights on the socioeconomic developments unfolding in North Korea today. Within the context of North Korea's drive for economic modernization and the country's growing consumerism, the conference participants looked at the current business and investment activities inside the DPRK, as well as the burgeoning entrepreneurship, service industries, enterprise management, product advertising, consumer trends, domestic banking, and the government's emphasis on localization.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES), Lars-André Richter (Representative, FNF), Dean Ouellette (Associate Professor, IFES), Chad O'Carroll (Managing Director, NK News), Andray Abrahamian (Director of Research, Choson Exchange), *Paul Tjia (Director, GPI Consultancy), Tony Michell (Managing Director, Korea Associates Business Consultancy), Michael Spavor (Founder, Paektu Cultural Exchange), Wen Cui (Professor, Yanbian University), Eul-Chul Lim (Professor, IFES)

*presentation in absentia

THE NORTH KOREA-CHINA RELATIONSHIP: EVOLUTION, INTERDEPENDENCE, AND THE FRONTIER

(Seoul, Korea)

November 2017

Organized by IFES and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) for Freedom Korea Office Sponsored by Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)







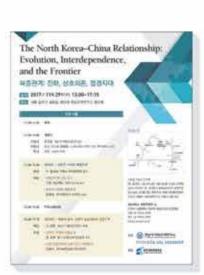






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In light of developments surrounding the Korean Peninsula, this half-day conference brought together experts to examine aspects of the China–North Korea relationship in the Kim Jong Un era. Specifically, the panelists discussed the evolution of the Sino-DPRK political relations over the last six years and assessed its current status, as well as explored the economic ties between China and North Korea, with an emphasis on the growing interdependence along the border regions and impact of political and socioeconomic developments on existing activities, interfaces, and policies in order to forecast prospects for the future.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES), Lars-André Richter (Head of Office, FNF), John Delury (Professor, Yonsei University), Adam Cathcart (Lecturer, University of Leeds), Jaeho Hwang (Dean, Division of International Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies), Dean Ouellette (Associate Professor, IFES), Yan Yuye (Associate Professor, Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance), Eunlee Joung (Senior Researcher, Exim Bank)

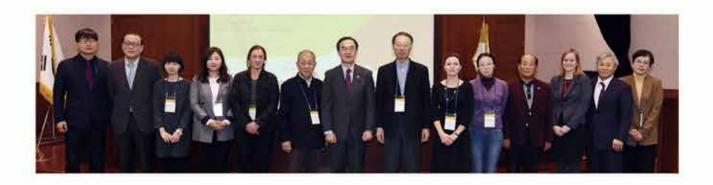
NORTH KOREA IN TRANSITION: PERSPECTIVES ON DIVISION, 'POPULAR' CULTURE, AND EVERYDAY LIFE

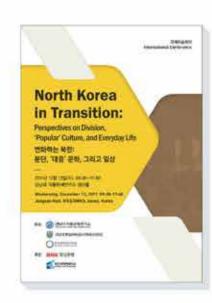
(Seoul, Korea)

December 2017

Organized by IFES, Kyungnam University / Kyungnam University-Unification Education Leading University Project Team / Korea Culture & Tourism Institute Sponsored by Kyongnam Bank and University of North Korean Studies







Putting long-held stereotypes aside and remembering that North Korea is a place where people live out their lives, this conference employed the prism of 'culture' to widen the spectrum in reading the transformations in North Korea and its society. Participants asked basic questions about the Cold War and the trauma of division that is deeply set on the Korean Peninsula; provided examples of the 'culture of division' in East Asia and the implications of these divisions; discussed the role and dynamics of popular culture in post-socialist countries; explored the existence of culture exclusively created by and for the North Korean people; and contemplated the possibilities for North Korean society, where change is made within and by the culture and daily lives of the people.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES, Kyungnam University), Myoung-Gyon Cho (Minister of Unification, ROK), Chua Beng-Huat (National University of Singapore), Jungmin Seo (Yonsei University), Jung-Hwan Cheon (Sungkyunkwan University), Kyung Hee Cho (Institute for East Asian Studies, Sungkonghoe University), Yi-hung Liu (University of Hawaii), Gwang-Seok Yeon (University of North Korean Studies), Eunlee Joung (Korea Exim Bank), Jiwoon Baik (Seoul National University), Kab Woo Koo (University of North Korean Studies), Moonyoung Lee (The Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University), Ingrid Miethe (University of Giessen), Luo Xiaming (University of Shanghai), Jiyeon Lee (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies), Myun Kim (Korea Culture & Tourism Institute), Youn Mi Jang (Sogang University), Kyung-Sup Chang (Seoul National University), Jeong-ah Cho (Korea Institute for National Unification), Soochul Kim (Hanyang University), Sandra Fahy (Sophia University), Hyeonseong Jo (Korea Culture & Tourism Institute), Soo-Jung Lee (Duksung Women's University), Kelly Hur (Kyungnam University)



DISCUSSION WITH JAPAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (JIIA) (Tokyo, JAPAN)



24 March 2016

Participants

Masao Okonogi (Keio University), Nishino Junya (Keio University), Izumi Hajime (University of Shizuoka), Hisashi Hirai (Ritsumeikan University)

JIIA: Yoshiji Nogami, Nobutaka Maekawa, Tomoki Imura

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Sung Kyung Kim, Eul-Chul Lim, Dong Yub Kim, Cheol-Wun Jang

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY KOREAN STUDIES, KEIO UNIVERSITY: A NEW TURNING POINT OF THE KIM JONG-UN REGIME (Tokyo, JAPAN)



25 March 2016

Participants

Yoshihide Soeya (Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at Keio), Hisashi Hirai (Ritsumeikan University), Nishino Junya (Keio University), Shunji Hiraiwa (Kansai Kakuin University), Hidaya Kurata (National Defense Academy)

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Eul-Chul Lim, Dong Yub Kim ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH
NORTHEASTERN ASIAN STUDIES COLLEGE,
JILIN UNIVERSITY: CHINA'S ONE BELT, ONE ROAD
STRATEGY AND COOPERATION AND
PROSPECTS IN NORTHEAST ASIA (Changchun, CHINA)



1 June 2016

Participants

Zhao Lei (Party School of the Central Committee of the CPC), Hong-Tack Chun (KDI), Hun Joo Park (KDI)

Jilin University: Yu Xiao, Tan Hong-Mei, Zhang Hui-Zhi, Wang Sheng, Jin Mei-Hua

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, In-Duk Kang, Eul-Chul Lim, Sang-Man Lee, Dong Yub Kim, Jung Kim

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH INSTITUTE OF KOREAN PENINSULA STUDIES, YANBIAN UNIVERSITY: CHINA'S ONE BELT, ONE ROAD STRATEGY AND COOPERATION AND PROSPECTS IN NORTHEAST ASIA (Yanji, CHINA)



2 June 2016

Participants

Hong-Tack Chun (KDI), Tae-Jong Kim (KDI)

Yanbian University: Paio Chan-kui, Xuan Dong-Yi, Jin Hua-Lin, Li Zhong-Lin, Cui Wen, An Guo-Shan, Xu Yu-lan, Lin Jin-Xu

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Sang-Man Lee, Dong Yub Kim, Jung Kim ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH YANBIAN UNIVERSITY: CURRENT STATUS, ISSUES, AND PROSPECTS OF NORTHEAST ASIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE COOPERATION (Yanji, CHINA)



28 September 2016

Participants

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Kyungnam University: Seung-Cheol Lee, Seon-Wook Choi, Kye-Sung Ko, Dong-Seok Jang

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Sung Kyung Kim, Dean Ouellette, Min-Kyung Kim

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN STUDIES, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CASS): SECURITY DILEMMA IN NORTHEAST ASIA AND STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA, US, AND KOREA (Beijing, CHINA)

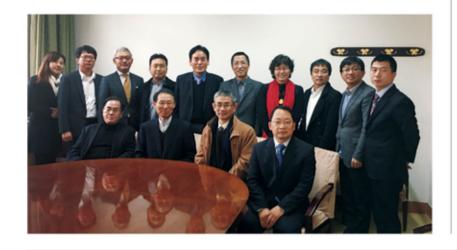


2 November 2016

Participants

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES OF THE PARTY SCHOOL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPC: SECURITY DILEMMA IN NORTHEAST ASIA AND STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA, US, AND KOREA (Beijing, CHINA)



3 November 2016

Participants

IISS, Party School of the Central Committee of the CPC: Liu Jian-Fei, Gao Zu-Gui, Li Yun-Long, Liang Ya-Bin

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Sang-Man Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Cheol-Wun Jang, Ji-Eun Kim, Dong Yub Kim

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH SHANGHAI INSTITUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SIIS): SECURITY DILEMMA IN NORTHEAST ASIA AND STRATEGIC COOPERATION AMONG CHINA, US, AND JAPAN (Shanghai, CHINA)



4 November 2016

Participants

SIIS: Shao Yu-Qun, Wu Chun-Si, Gong Keyu

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Sang-Man Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Cheol-Wun Jang, Ji-Eun Kim, Dong Yub Kim

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH CENTER FOR CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF FUDAN UNIVERSITY (CCRNC-FUDAN): ONE BELT, ONE ROAD AND COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES





4 November 2016

Participants

Jiu Fa-Hua (University of Shanghai for Science and Technology), Cui Zhi-Ying (Tongji University) Wang Lian-He (Shanghai International Studies University)

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Sang-Man Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Cheol-Wun Jang, Ji-Eun Kim, Dong Yub Kim

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS ON KOREAN PENINSULA ISSUES AND RESEARCHERS IN JAPAN: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR THE KOREAN PENINSULA IN 2017 (Tokyo, JAPAN)



1 February 2017

Participants

Masao Okonogi (Keio University), Sakai Takashi (Public Security Intelligence Agency), Matsui Sadao (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Hisashi Hirai (Ritsumeikan University), Tetsuo Murooka (National Defense Academy), Nishino Junya (Keio University), Choi Hyun-Soo (Korea Foundation), Kim Seon-Yoon (Resident Officer of the Ambassador to Japan) Wan-Kyu Choi (University of North Korean Studies)

IFES: In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Dong Yub Kim, Cheol-Wun Jang

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH JAPAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (JIIA) (Tokyo, JAPAN)



3 February 2017

Participants

Hidaya Kurata (National Defense Academy), Yasuyo Sakata (Kanda University of International Studies), Kyoichi Wakayama (Director, Japanese Secretariat of Japan-China Joint Study)

JIIA: Yoshiji Nogami, Shingo Yamagami, Goichi Ai, Seiichiro Takagi, Hirofumi Tosaki, Tomoki Iimura

IFES: In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Dong Yub Kim, Cheol-Wun Jang

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR NORTHEAST ASIA (ERINA) AND JAPAN ECONOMIC FOUNDATION (JEF) (Tokyo, JAPAN)



3 February 2017

Participants

Kazumasa Kusaka (President of JEF), Masayuki Kinoshita (Chairman of East Asia Trade Research Board), Hiroyuki Wakabayashi (President of East Asia Trade Research Board), Lee Chan-Woo (Teikyo University), Atsushi Ijuin (JCER), Mimura Mitsuhiro (ERINA), Pak Je-Hun (ERINA), Toru Fujita (FUJITA East Asia Research Institute), Hitoshi Kiribe (Director of Korea Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), Hideshi Todaka (Director, General Coordination Division, METI), Yosuke Asai (Director, Office of Research and Planning, METI), Hajime Tonoki (Mitsui & Co.), Shuichiro Murakami (Mitsui & Co.), Masato Isaki (Sumitomo Corporation Group), Shingo Sadakawa (Sumitomo Corporation Group) IFES: In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Dong Yub Kim, Cheol-Wun Jang

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH EASTERN LIAONING UNIVERSITY (ELU): CURRENT STATUS, TASKS, AND PROSPECTS OF TOURISM EXCHANGES IN NORTHEAST ASIA (Dandong, CHINA)



16 February 2017

Participants

Fang Xiu-Yu (Fudan University), Kye-Sung Ko (Kyungnam University), Dong-Seok Jang (Kyungnam University)

ELU: Man Hai-Feng, Zhang Dong-Ming, Sun Hong-Bo, Hu Guo-Hong, Zheng Liao-Ji, Sui Li-Li

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, Kwan-Sei Lee, Dean Ouellette, Sang-Man Lee, Eul-Chul Lim, Cheol-Wun Jang, Sooyeon Lee

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF FUDAN UNIVERSITY: COMMON DESTINY AND THE FUTURE OF NORTHEAST ASIA

(Shanghai, CHINA)



26 April 2017

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SEMINAR WITH SCHOOL OF HISTORY, NANJING UNIVERSITY: SECURITY DILEMMA AND METHOD TO OVERCOME FOR NORTHEAST ASIA (Nanjing, CHINA)



27 April 2017

Participants

Paul Hanale (Director of Carnegie-Tsinghua Center), You Ji (Macau University), Huang Xiao-Ming (Victoria University of Wellington), Daljit Singh (Singapore Institute of Southeast Asian Studies), Ja Ian Chong (National University of Singapore), David Arase (Nanjing-Johns Hopkins Center)

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DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS FROM CHINA INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: CURRENT STATUS OF NORTHEAST ASIA AND THE NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ISSUE (Beijing, CHINA)



27 October 2017

Participants

CIIS: Rong Ying, Yu Shao-hua, Wei Wei, Sun Wen-Zhu, Liu Chang

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SEMINAR WITH MINZU UNIVERSITY OF CHINA: THE PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECT OF CHINA-KOREA RELATIONS (Beijing, CHINA)



28 October 2017

Participants

Minzu University of China:

Zhou Ji-Zhong, Yang Sheng-Min, Liu Ming-Xin, Huang Youfu, Cai Feng-Lin, Qi Jin-Yu

CASS: Li Wen, Li Hua-Zi, Dong Xiang-Rong, Li Cheng-Ri, Li Yong-Chun, Wang Shao-Ling, Li Tian-Guo,

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SYMPOSIUM WITH CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY KOREAN STUDIES, KEIO UNIVERSITY (Tokyo, JAPAN)



8 November 2017

Participants

Hirofumi Tosaki (JIIA), Kohtaro Ito (CIGS), Nishino Junya (Keio University), Hisashi Hirai (Ritsumeikan University), Hiraiwa Shunji (NanZan University)

IFES: Dae-Kyu Yoon, In-Duk Kang, Kwan-Sei Lee, Jung Kim, Eul-Chul Lim, Dong Yub Kim, Cheol-Wun Jang



UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO.58: NUCLEAR ISSUES ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN NORTH KOREA AFTER U.N. SACTIONS (Seoul, KOREA)



April 2016



Moderator: Minsoon Song (University of North Korean Studies)

Presenters: Dong-Sun Lee (Korea University), Dong-Ryul Lee (Dongduk Women's University), Ihn-Hwi Park (Ewha Womans University)

Panels: Jong-Kun Choi (Yonsei University), Jeaho Hwang (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies), Kab Woo Koo (University of North Korean Studies)





November 2016



Moderator: Dae-Kyu Yoon (President of IFES)

Keynote Speaker: Minsoon Song (University of North Korean Studies)

Presenters: Dong-Sun Lee (Korea University), Choo-Suk Suh (KIDA), Eul-Chul Lim (IFES)

Panels: Sang-Yoon Ma (The Catholic University of Korea), Son-Taek Wang (YTN), Seong-Chang Cheong (Sejong Institute)





UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO.60: 2017-2018 TURBULANT SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA: EVALUATION AND PROSPECT (Seoul, KOREA)



December 2016



Moderator: Kwan-Sei Lee (IFES)

Panels: Yeon-Chul Kim (Inje University),
Moon-Soo Yang (University of North
Korean Studies), Dong Yub Kim (IFES),
Keun Lee (Seoul National University),
Hee-Ok Lee (Sungkyunkwan University),
Chang-Soo Kim (Ministry of Unification)





IFES SAMCHEONG COLLOQUIUM NO.26: IMPLICATION AND PROSPECTS OF THE 7TH CONGRESS OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA (Seoul, KOREA)

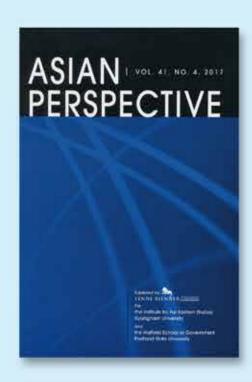
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PUBLICATIONS

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE



Asian Perspective is a quarterly peer-reviewed social sciences journal of world/comparative politics that focuses on the political economy and international affairs of East Asia. Published since 1977, the journal presents critical analysis of the global, regional, and transnational issues affecting Northeast Asia, bringing cogent, thought-provoking examination of the significant developments in Asia and the world and promotes a healthy exchange of ideas among scholars, students, and policymakers. It is listed on the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) and Elsevier's SCOPUS, among other indexes. Since 2011 the journal has been published by Lynne Rienner Publishers. Beginning in 2019, the journal will carry the imprimatur of Johns Hopkins University Press.

SPECIAL ISSUES 2016-2017

40:3 (Jul-Sep)

The Tumen River Triangle as the Borderland of Northeast Asia

Guest editor: Hyun-Gwi Park

40:4 (Oct-Dec)

The Political Economy of China—Latin America Investment Relations

Guest editor: Jean-Marc F. Blanchard

41:1 (Jan-Mar)

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Guest editors: Michael A. Morris and Xiaobo Hu



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32:1 Reorganization of the Middle Eastern Order in an Era of Confusion Guest editors: Nam-Sik in and Kangsuk Kim

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SPECIAL ISSUES & ARTICLES 2016-2017

19:1 Special Issue on Integration of the Inter-Korean Mind

North-South Contact Zone and Integration Theory of Minds: A Theory Proposal for "Geology of Mind"

Contributors: Woo Young Lee (University of North Korean Studies) and Kab Woo Koo (University of North Korean Studies)

19:2 Special Issue on Integration of the Inter-Korean Mind

Change of Class-System and Working-Class' Ideological Identity after Marketization in North Korea

Contributor: Cheol Gee Yoon (Seoul National University of Education)

20:1 Special Issue on Integration of the Inter-Korean Mind

A Comparison of Values between South Korean and North Korean Refugees, for the Unification of Mind: Centering on the Values of Materialism-Postmaterialism Contributor: Soon Mi Choi (University of North Korean Studies)

20:2 Special Issue on Integration of the Inter-Korean Mind

Cultural Politics of "Psychology of North Korean Refugees": Articulation of Division Politics and Neoliberal Governmentality

Contributor: Soo-Jung Lee (Duksung Women's University)



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Focus on Korean Peninsula publishes short analytical essays that are more policyoriented, dealing with current events and timely issues affecting the Korean Peninsula and providing in-depth analysis on the affairs of the two Koreas and relations among neighboring countries. Recent issues have covered themes dealing with inter-Korean relations, the economic situation in North Korea, neighboring states' roles and cooperation for the promotion of Korean unification, and social changes in North Korean society, inter alia.

KOREAN PENINSULA REPORT: 2017 POLITICAL SITUATION AND OUTLOOK



Since its establishment in 1972 IFES has strived to be a leader in research on peace and the unification of Korea. As part of our commitment to such leadership, the institute has published the *Korean Peninsula Report* every year since 2011. This annual publication aims to provide timely and accurate analyses of the ever-changing state of affairs on the peninsula and in the region, along with cogent policy recommendations.

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Issues and Analysis, one of IFES's online publications, expresses a diversity of analytical views on the political, security, economic, and social trends and developments in East Asia—covering such issues as the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership, missile defense-systems deployment, China's economic rise, human rights in North Korea, nuclear proliferation, ROK-Japan relations, and more—with a particular focus on those that directly affect the Korean Peninsula. As part of our goal to present penetrating and well-timed analysis to a wider global readership, these analytical essays, written primarily in Korean, are translated into English, Chinese, and Japanese and circulated electronically. All essays appear in pdf format and can be downloaded from the IFES website.



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NK Brief seeks to report up-to-date information on the social, political, and economic developments and trends in North Korea, covering such things as government policy measures, technological advancements, enterprise management, SEZs, food quality and security, farming techniques, tourism, forest restoration, societal problems, and more. Issued weekly, this one-page online publication is disseminated electronically to those who register, with past briefs available to all in pdf format on the IFES website.



BOOKS



70 YEARS OF DIVISION: INTER-KOREAN RELATIONS

Sunin Books

2016

in Korean

Special Project on 70 Years of Division

Editor: IFES



70 YEARS OF DIVISION: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Sunin Books

2016

in Korean

Special Project on 70 Years of Division

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70 YEARS OF DIVISION:SOCIETY AND CULTURE OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA

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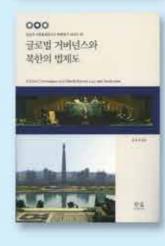
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Special Project on 70 Years of Division

Editor: IFES







THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NORTH KOREAN SANCTIONS

RPS Publishers

2016

in Korean

Editor: IFES

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND NORTH KOREAN POLITICS AND ECONOMY

Hanul Books

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North Korean Studies Series

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GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND NORTH KOREAN LAW AND INSTITUTION

Hanul Books

2016

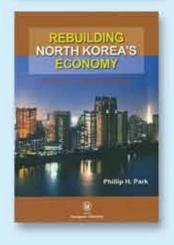
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GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSITION

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REBUILDING NORTH KOREA'S ECONOMY: POLITICS AND POLICY

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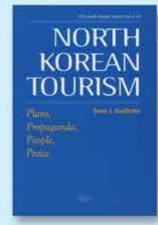
2016

in English

Explorations in Korean Studies

Author: Phillip H. Park





NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ARMS, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Editor: IFES

NORTH KOREAN TOURISM: PLANS, PROPAGANDA, PEOPLE, PEACE

IFES

2017

in English

North Korean Studies Series

Author: Dean J. Ouellette



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SSPK



The Summer Studies Program in Korea (SSPK) is a program set up to support scholars who live and work outside Korea but wish to conduct field research in the country for several weeks and up-to two months with a research topic relevant to the institute's agenda. Applications are accepted year round. Scholars selected are provided room and board, access to the library and facilities, and are expected to devote themselves full-time to their research. Near the completion of their stay, scholars are given an opportunity to discuss their research and present their findings in a special lecture to IFES researchers and staff.



May - July 2016

Yangmo Ku (Assistant Professor, Norwich University, USA); The Politics of Economic Reform in Communist States: North Korea, Cuba and Vietnam in Comparative Perspective

Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein (PhD Student, University of Pennsylvania, USA); Reading North Korean Strategic Thinking through Propaganda Works



June - August 2017

Yangmo Ku (Assistant Professor, Norwich University, USA); The Choi Soon-sil Gate and the Park Gun-hye Administration's Foreign Policy Blunders

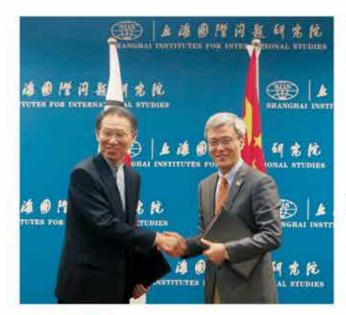
Edward Goldring (PhD Student, University of Missouri); How Political Factors Impact the Effectiveness of Foreign Aid on the Subnational-level, Using North Korea as a Case Study

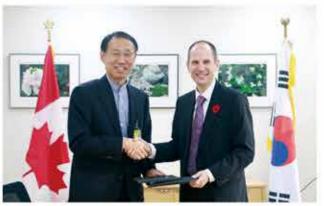
B.G. Muhn (Professor of Art, Georgetown University); Passion, Paradox, and Propaganda: Exploring North Korean Art and Culture through Chosonhwa

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND EXCHANGES



May 2016
Signing of MOU for academic exchange with Telkom University, Indonesia





November 2017
Renewing of MOU with Embassy of Canada to Korea

November 2016

Signing of MOU with Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS SEMINARS



February 2016

Seminar No. 104

Gong Keyu (Deputy Director, Center for Asian-Pacific Studies, SIIS) TOPIC: North Korea's 4th Nuclear Test and

April 2016

Seminar No. 105

China's Perspective

Hak-Jae Kim (Free University of Berlin)

TOPIC:Two Cold Wars, Two Peace
Comparison of Reconciliation, Cooperation
and Systemization of Peace in Europe and

Northeast Asia

May 2016

Seminar No. 106

Sergel O. Kurbanov (Saint Petersburg State University)

TOPIC: 1. 2012-2016: North Korean Society and the Prospects of Unification of the Korean Peninsula

Comparing the Soviet Union with North
Korean Society—Possibility of Internal
Reform in North Korea

May 2016

Seminar No. 107

Suh Sung (Ritsumeikan University) TOPIC: What is Joseon and Korean people to me?

June 2016

Seminar No. 108

Yangmo Ku (Norwich University)

TOPIC: The Politics of Economic Reform in

Communist Countries - A Comparative Study
on the Case of North Korea, Cuba,

July 2016

and Vietnam

Seminar No. 109

Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein

(Pennsylvania University)

TOPIC: The Role of the People's Unit in the 1960s in North Korea

August 2016

Seminar No. 110

- Mimi Miryung Kim (Free University of Brussels)
- Dong Xiangrong (National Institute of International Strategy, CASS)

 TOPIC: Peace on the Korean Peninsula: The Views of China and the EU

August 2016

Seminar No. 111

Klaus Larres (University of North Carolina)
TOPIC: The China Factor in Transatlantic
Relations: Do Germany and the U.S. Pursue
Very Different Policies Toward Beijing?

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Seminar No. 112

John Everard (Former British Ambassador to DPRK)

TOPIC: North Korea: What Next?

November 2016

Seminar No. 113

Jin Qiangyi (Director of the Center for North and South Korea Studies of Yanbian University)

TOPIC: China-Korea Relations in the Structure of Competition Strategy Between US-China

November 2016

Seminar No. 114

Yinhong Shi (Director of the Center on American Studies at Renmin University) TOPIC: Unification of the Korean Peninsula from China's Perspective

May 2017

Seminar No. 115

Robert S. Litwak (Vice President, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) TOPIC: Preventing North Korea's Nuclear Breakout

May 2017

Seminar No. 116

Odd Aren Westad (Professor, Harvard University)

TOPIC: On the Historical and Contemporary Relationship between Korea and China)

June 2017

Seminar No. 117

Ken Gause (Director of the International Affairs Group, CNA Center for Strategic Studies) TOPIC: How North Korean Leadership Decides During a Crisis

June 2017

Present

Seminar No. 118

Yangmo Ku (Assistant Professor, Norwich University) TOPIC: Korea's Foreign Policy: Past and

August 2017

Seminar No. 119

B.G. Muhn (Professor of Art, Georgetown University)

TOPIC: Cultural Awareness of North Korea Through Art Works

November 2017

Seminar No. 120

Karl-Heinz Paqué (Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom)

TOPIC: Economic Integration: Challenge

TOPIC: Economic Integration: Challenges for Unified Germany

December 2017

Seminar No. 121

Special Guest

TOPIC: Special Speech

December 2017

Seminar No. 122

Kamiya Matake (Professor of the National Defense Academy of Japan) TOPIC: The Future of Regional Order and Cooperation of Korea-Japan in East Asia











Korea Global Forum 2018

The Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University and the Ministry of Unification of the Republic of Korea will hold the 2018 Korea Global Forum (KFG).

The KGF is an international forum held annually with the support of the Ministry of Unification. The forum has been held since 2010 with the goal of supporting policies for and garnering international consensus on Korean unification, while also exploring policy alternatives to enhance peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula. The KGF is attended by senior government officials, together with numerous experts from Korea and abroad.

Kyungnam University is no stranger to hosting the forum, having successfully organized (together with the Ministry of Unification) the 2015 KGF that saw conferences held in Seoul, Washington DC, and Brussels.

This year marks the ninth year of the forum. The 2018 KGF features several conferences including a two-day event in Seoul under the theme *The 65th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula*, which brings together prominent experts, officials, and scholars to reflect on the division of Korea and to seek cooperative approaches to foster peace and prosperity in the region. In addition to the Seoul event, academic conferences are to be held in the United States, China, Japan, Germany, and Kazakhstan.

Date	Event	Venue
May 18	Kazakhstan Conference	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University Almaty, Kazakhstan
May 31	Japan Conference	Mita Campus, Keio University Tokyo, Japan
June 27–28	Seoul Conference	Shilla Hotel Seoul, Korea
July	North Korea and Unification Forum	University of North Korean Studies Seoul, Korea
September	China Conference	Renmin University Beijing, China
October	Germany Conference	Berlin, Germany
November	US Conference	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Washington DC, USA