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The Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES) of Kyungnam University was established as an independent nonpartisan research institute specializing in the study and analysis of economies and societies of the (former) communist countries and the Third World, including China and North Korea, and relations among actors in Northeast Asia, inter alia. For over four decades its mandate has been to promote peace and the unification of Korea through scholarly contributions that examine the critical history and current affairs of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. Through its commitment to promoting research and programs that improve our understanding of North Korea and how to enhance peace on the Korean Peninsula, IFES has continued its mission, working closely with its local and international partners and associates to search for ways in which we as a global community can best address the myriad complex challenges that Korea, Asia, and the world face.

For IFES, the past two years were challenging, dynamic, and extremely productive. In terms of milestones and major events, IFES was selected as organizer of the Korea Global Forum 2015—the well-known annual series of high-level forums sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Unification. The year was particularly productive, as the institute conducted more international conferences than ever before, furthered its goal to invigorate international academic exchanges and activities at the institute-to-institute level, increased the number of its quality online and print publications (in several languages), and together with our partner the University of North Korean Studies broadened efforts to establish North Korean studies as an academic field in its own right.

Going forward, we intend to remain focused on our mission and goals, paying close attention to regional and global events and research trends so to strategically enhance our core work and facilitate cooperation with institutional partners both at home, in Asia, Europe, and North America.

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 the unification of Korea 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 international affairs.

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Administration
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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

IFES hosts international conferences as part of its efforts to expand understanding of North Korea and issues surrounding the Korean Peninsula, and to promote peace and stability in the region and the world. Our international academic conferences have long provided a venue and channel for domestic and foreign experts and scholars to share new research, exchange informed opinions, stimulate meaningful debate, and inspire public discourse.



NORTH KOREA’S DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING—GENDER, AGRICULTURE, AND TOURISM PERSPECTIVES (Seoul, Korea)

June 2014
Organized in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) for Freedom Korea Office



This half-day international conference explored areas and ways to promote and expand international cooperation in knowledge sharing for North Korea to build related capacity for economic development, including in its special economic zones (SEZs), with a key focus on women’s participation, agricultural improvement, and tourism development, assessing a variety of relevant past and ongoing undertakings and accomplishments to identify local needs and preferences, cogent lessons, new opportunities, and future directions.

Participants: Lars-André Richter (FNF), Dae-Kyu Yoon (IFES), Miryang Youn (Ministry of Unification), Keum Sook Choe (Korea Women’s Development Institute), Hae Soon Kim (Chung-Ang University), Nils Weisensee (Choson Exchange), Gwi-Ok Kim (Hansung University), Young Ju Cho (Dongguk University), Tae Jin Kwon (Korea Rural Economic Institute), Linda Lewis (American Friends Service Committee), Jusung Lee (World Vision), Sang Cheol Lim (Sangji University), Moon-Soo Yang (UNKS), Sang Jin Shim (Kyonggi University), Eul-chul Lim (IFES), Gareth Johnson (Young Pioneer Tours), Troy Collings (Young Pioneer Tours), Bong-Hee Lee (Gangwon Development Research Institute), Yongseok Shin (Korea Culture & Tourism Institute)



IFES-WWICS WASHINGTON FORUM ON KOREA (Washington D.C., USA)

December 2014
Organized in cooperation with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars



This afternoon event broached issues pertaining to United Nations’ actions on North Korean human rights, marketization and social change in the DPRK, and the challenges and problems of media reporting on North Korea.

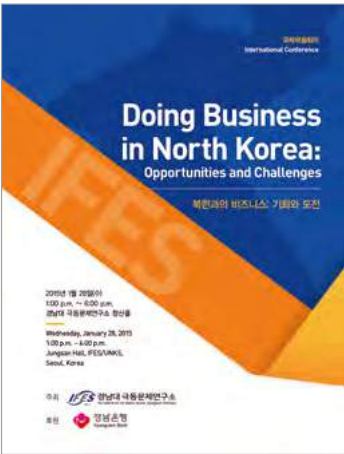
Participants: Joun-Yung Sun (IFES/UNKS), Choi Jinwook (KINU), James Person (WWICS), Paul Eckert (Thomson Reuters)

DOING BUSINESS IN NORTH KOREA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

(Seoul, Korea)

January 2015

Organized by IFES and co-sponsored
by Kyongnam Bank and UNKS



IFES kicked off the calendar year with the first of its new international conferences series *Doing Business in North Korea*—a fresh agenda we look to focus on over the coming years. For foreign enterprises, making investments and business collaborations in the DPRK can be a risky proposition. By drawing upon the practical experiences of people in the business sector—international businesspersons, consultants, lawyers, NGO personnel, and domestic scholars—the conference sought to deliver recommendations to help prepare and promote engagement with the international community that can assist in mov-

ing the country and its people toward a brighter future. Presentations covered an array of topics, including adventure capitalism, the future of small-scale business and potential for microcredit, current trends in the country’s trade and commerce, international and bilateral sanctions against DPRK enterprises, case studies in distribution and logistics, recent government policy initiatives (including on ‘special economic zones’ and ‘economic development parks’), options for joint venture partnerships in industries such as garments and information technologies, and personal experiences in actual business operations and relationship building with counterparts in the tourism and manufacturing sectors, inter alia. Takeaways from the conference included discerning perspectives on some of the potentially more promising SEZs in the country; the leadership’s pragmatic attitude yet need to take further action toward making economic improvements, including legal reforms and adherence to international norms, to attract foreign investment; doing one’s due diligence before investing, and the utter importance of finding the right partners and building the relationship for sustainability and success. Undoubtedly, the country’s future economic development will require an emphasis on building enterprise-to-enterprise relationships with foreign commercial entities in diverse sectors based on legal regimes, commercial viability, transparency, and mutual benefits. Nearly 400 people attended this inaugural event.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (IFES), Sang Man Lee (Chung-Ang University), Tony Michell (KABC), Andray Abrahamian (Choson Exchange), Paul Tjia (GPI Consultancy), Jae Hee Yook (Acheon Global Corp.), Soo-Suk Ko (JoongAng Ilbo), Dean Ouellette (Kyungnam University), Yang-Ho Hong (Kaesong Industrial District Management Committee), T. James Min (DP-DHL), Simon Cockerell (Koryo Tours), Mark Kim (Sunyang Shoe Co.), Eun Min Kwon (Kim & Chang), Young Hoon Lee (SK Research Institute for SUPLEX Management), Eul-Chul Lim (IFES)

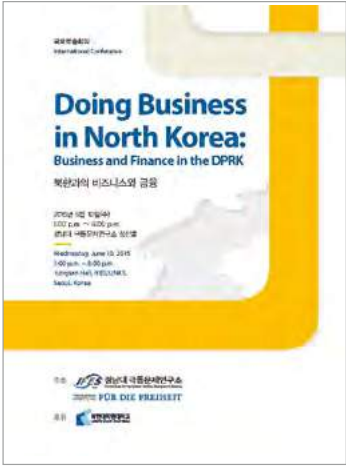
DOING BUSINESS IN NORTH KOREA:
BUSINESS AND FINANCE IN THE DPRK (Seoul, Korea)

June 2015
Organized in cooperation with the
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for
Freedom Korea Office



IFES continued its look at the DPRK business environment by examining business and finance in North Korea through its *Doing Business in North Korea* international conferences series. Scholars and experts explored various recent developments and complicated issues including the following: the reality of ‘grassroots capitalism’ and ‘private’ and ‘semi-private’ business and finance in the country as well as the growth of the ‘*donju*’ (nouveau riche) class and the types of entrepreneurial activities and public-private partnerships they engage in; the DPRK government’s recent economic and financial reform measures as signs of the regime adjusting to the new market realities; the international community’s experience with providing financial services and household credit to North Korean farmers and technical assistance in financial management to banking officials through the UN’s international agencies (i.e., IFAD); lessons and tasks for making small-scale business and finance work as meaningful engagement to improve the lives of the North Korean people and facilitate positive economic and social change; and the overall sanctions environment, regulatory constraints, and proactive risk-management stance and due diligence needed for foreign profitmaking firms and international non-profit organizations alike to engage in any type of business or future initiatives with the country.

This second conference in the series was once again well attended, drawing nearly 300 people to the event—despite the ROK government measures surrounding the prevention of the spread of MERS.



Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (IFES), Lars-André Richter (FNF), Yong-pyo Hong (Ministry of Unification), Joo-Hyun Kim (Hyundai Research Institute), Andrei Lankov (Kookmin University), Mitsuhiro Mimura (ERINA), Eul-chul Lim (IFES), James Pearson (Reuters), InJoo Yoon (Korea Maritime Institute), Eunlee Jeong (Gyeongsang University), Sang-woo Nam (KDI School), Cui Wen (Yanbian University), Ganesh Thapa (IFAD), William J. Newcomb (Johns Hopkins University), Hyunchul Ha (KDB), Randy Martin (Mercy Corps), Deok Ryong Yoon (KIEP)

NORTH KOREA’S ‘JANGMADANG’ NEW GENERATION: WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT IS THEIR IMPETUS FOR CHANGE?

June 2015
Organized by IFES and sponsored
by the National Endowment for
Democracy (NED) and University of
North Korean Studies



Mainstream perspectives have tended to cast North Korean society and culture in a conventional domain, largely paying attention to the DPRK regime and its unique political power. This conference explored alternative perspectives focused on the country's 'new generation'. Invited academics and civil society experts came together to evaluate the roles of North Korean 'new generation' and the '*jangmadang*' (informal markets) in the context of North Korea's transformation, examine the experiences of other transition economies with regard to their new generation, and identify potential opportunities for the international community to engage with this demographic of DPRK society. The conference received more attention than anticipated with over 200 people (non-participants) attending the event—again in the wake of the MERS-prevention measures. The numerous questions raised by the audience revealed a high-level genuine interest in the topics.

Participants: Dae-Kyu Yoon (IFES), Hye-young Won (National Assembly), Ok-Nim Chung (NK Refugees Foundation), Sung-Kyung Kim (UNKS), In Ho Park (Daily NK), Sokeel Park (LiNK), Gwi-nam Noh (NEA Micro-Social Institute), Soo-Jung Lee (Duksung Women's University), Dong-wan Kang (Dong-A University), Mimi Miryung Kim (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Eric Fish (Asia Society), Eun-Ha Yoo (Hanshin University), Jong-woon Lee (Far East University), Dong Hoon Ko (PUST), Gianluca Spezza (UCLan), Seung-Joo Cha (Jeonju National University of Education), Dean Ouellette (Kyungnam University)



KOREA GLOBAL FORUM 2015, SEOUL: 70 YEARS OF DIVISION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA (Seoul, Korea)

June – July 2015

Organized by IFES and hosted and sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Unification



Since 2010, the ROK Ministry of Unification has been inviting government officials and private sector experts from relevant countries to participate in a track 1.5 international multilateral consultative body known as the Korea Global Forum. The purpose of the forum is to build international consensus for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. For 2015, IFES was specially selected by the ministry as the forum's organizer, and this year saw a series of conferences hosted in Seoul, Brussels, and Washington DC.

Under the theme *70 Years of Division: Past, Present and Future on the Korean Peninsula*, the showcase forum in Seoul brought together active and former government officials and prominent academics from around the globe to reflect on what the division of Korea has meant to Korea as a nation and to the world as a whole, and contemplate the future of the peninsula in the context of the changing regional dynamics of East Asia and the ongoing initiatives of the Korean government toward enhancing regional peace and

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prosperity, including the government’s vision of a unified Korea and efforts toward laying a foundation for unification through its Trust Building Process on the Korean Peninsula, among other policy initiatives.

Participants to the event engaged in candid open- and close-door discussions over two days. The analysis made in and insights gained through these formats proved helpful to experts and officials as they look to build consensus on viable, cooperative approaches which can work to foster peace and prosperity on the peninsula and in the region.

High-profile speakers included Jae Kyu Park, former ROK Minister of Unification and current President of Kyungnam University, who spoke of how at the seventieth anniversary of the nation’s liberation and division, an opportunity presents itself to fashion a new vision of inter-Korean relations to overcome the longstanding division of the peninsula, and emphasized the necessity of removing the distrust in the relationship in order to create a framework for reconciliation and cooperation between the two rival Koreas. Chul-ki Ju, Senior Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security of the ROK, commented on how the incumbent South Korean administration has worked to construct its ‘trust building process’ with North Korea, laying a foundation for peaceful unification. Former high-ranking US diplomat Christopher R. Hill (now Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies of the University of Denver) emphasized the importance of respecting the nuances surrounding the issue of Korean unification and noted the complexity and unpredictability of the nuclear negotiations process to date, further underscoring the need to handle the North Korea issue with a “multi-layered approach”—keeping the door open to dialogue while putting in place suitable defense systems to deal with the DPRK missile and nuclear weapons threats. And Yong-Pyo Hong, ROK Minister of Unification, called for actively promoting cultural and history exchanges between the two Koreas, explaining that peace depends not on relative peace and goodwill alone, but must be based on firm security for the welfare of all people on the Korean Peninsula and on a foundation of mutual trust. In the aggregate, the comments of these and other former and current officials at the inaugural conference revealed the aspirations and interests of several parties, and exposed the huge geopolitical, economic, and social challenges that lie ahead as South Korea and its neighbors refocus efforts to improve stability in the region, and build consensus for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.



Opening Ceremony	Jae Kyu Park (President, Kyungnam University)
	Chul-ki Ju (Senior Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, ROK)
Keynote Address	Christopher Hill (Dean, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver)
	Yong-Pyo Hong (Minister, Ministry of Unification, ROK)
Session I	The Future of the Korean Peninsula and the East Asian Order
	Moderator: Joun-yung Sun (Chair Professor, Kyungnam University)
	Presentation: Frank Jannuzi (President and CEO, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation)
	Alexander Zhebin (Director, Center for Korean Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)
	Discussion: John Everard (Former British Ambassador to North Korea)
	Junya Nishino (Professor, Keio University)
	James Person (Deputy Director, History and Public Policy Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)
Session II	A Unified Korea and International Cooperation
	Moderator: Su-Hoon Lee (Professor, Kyungnam University)
	Presentation: Hae Sung Chun (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Unification, ROK)
	Rudiger Frank (Professor, University of Vienna)
	Francoise Nicolas (Director, Center for Asian Studies, France Institute of International Relations)
	Christian Wagner (Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs)
	Discussion: Leszek Buszynski (Professor, National Security College, Australian National University)
	Bilahari Kausikan (Ambassador-at-Large and Policy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore)
	Vasily Mikheev (Vice President, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences)
	Su Hao (Director, Center for Strategic and Conflict Management, China Foreign Affairs University)



KOREA GLOBAL FORUM 2015, BRUSSELS: 70 YEARS OF DIVISION: THE ROLE OF THE EU FOR THE FUTURE OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA – LEARNING AFTER 25 YEARS OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION (European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium)

October 2015
Organized by IFES and hosted and sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Unification



This second KGF 2015 saw a high-level panel discussion and expert roundtable debate take place at the European Parliament building in Brussels, Belgium. Experts from Europe and Korea presented and discussed views on a variety of related issues including the EU integration experience, importance in addressing security issues, and perspectives on the roles of economic engagement and capacity building in the Korean integration process.

Active European political figures provided some of the opening and keynote addresses, including Members of European Parliament Urmas Paet (EE, ALDE; former minister of foreign affairs of Estonia) and Nirj Deva (UK, ECR), the latter being the current Chair of the EP Delegation for Relations with the Korean Peninsula. ROK Minister of Unification Yong-Pyo Hong also spoke during the event’s keynote session. One highlight came from Mr. Deva’s speech, as he concluded that it is high time that the EU take a more active role working jointly with South Korea to foster the peace on the peninsula.



Opening Ceremony	Urmaz Paet (MEP [EE, ALDE] and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia) Dae-Kyu Yoon (Director, IFES, Kyungnam University, ROK)
Congratulatory Remarks	Chong-ghee Ahn (Ambassador, Mission of the ROK to the Kingdom of Belgium and European Union)
Keynote Address	Solving the Issues of the Korean Peninsula: A Korean Perspective Yong-Pyo Hong (Minister, Ministry of Unification, ROK) Solving the Issues of the Korean Peninsula: An EU Perspective Nirj Deva (MEP [UK, ECR] and Chair of the EP Delegation for Relations with the Korean Peninsula)
Commentator	Characteristics and the Prospects for the Kim Jong Un Regime Kwan-Sei Lee (Chair Professor, Kyungnam University, ROK)
Session 1	The EU Integration Experience and Security Issues: Lessons for Korean Unification Moderator: Fraser Cameron (Director, EU-Asia Centre, BE) Applicability of the Helsinki Process to the Korean Peninsula John Everard (Former British Ambassador to North Korea, UK) German Unification and EU Integration: Implications for Korean Integration Hanns Gunther Hilpert (Head of Research Division Asia, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, DE) Wilfried von Bredow (Professor [ret.], Philipps-Universitat Marburg, DE) Tereza Novotna (FNRS Post-Doctoral Researcher, Universite Libre de Bruxelles, BE) Policy Options for North Korea and Korean Unification Eul-Chul Lim (Professor, Kyungnam University, ROK)

Session 2

The Role of Economic Engagement and Capacity Building of the DPRK: EU and Other Perspectives
Moderator: Hosuk Lee-Makiyama (Director of European Centre for International Political Economy, BE)
North Korean Perspective on Economic Engagement
Michael P. Spavor (Founder and Consultant, Paektu Cultural Exchange, UK)
EU Perspective on Capacity Building
Rudiger Frank (Professor, University of Vienna, AT)
The Kim Jong Un Regime and Tourism
Dean Ouellette (Professor, Kyungnam University, ROK)
North Korea's New Generation and Perspective for Social Change
Sung Kyung Kim (Professor, University of North Korean Studies, ROK)



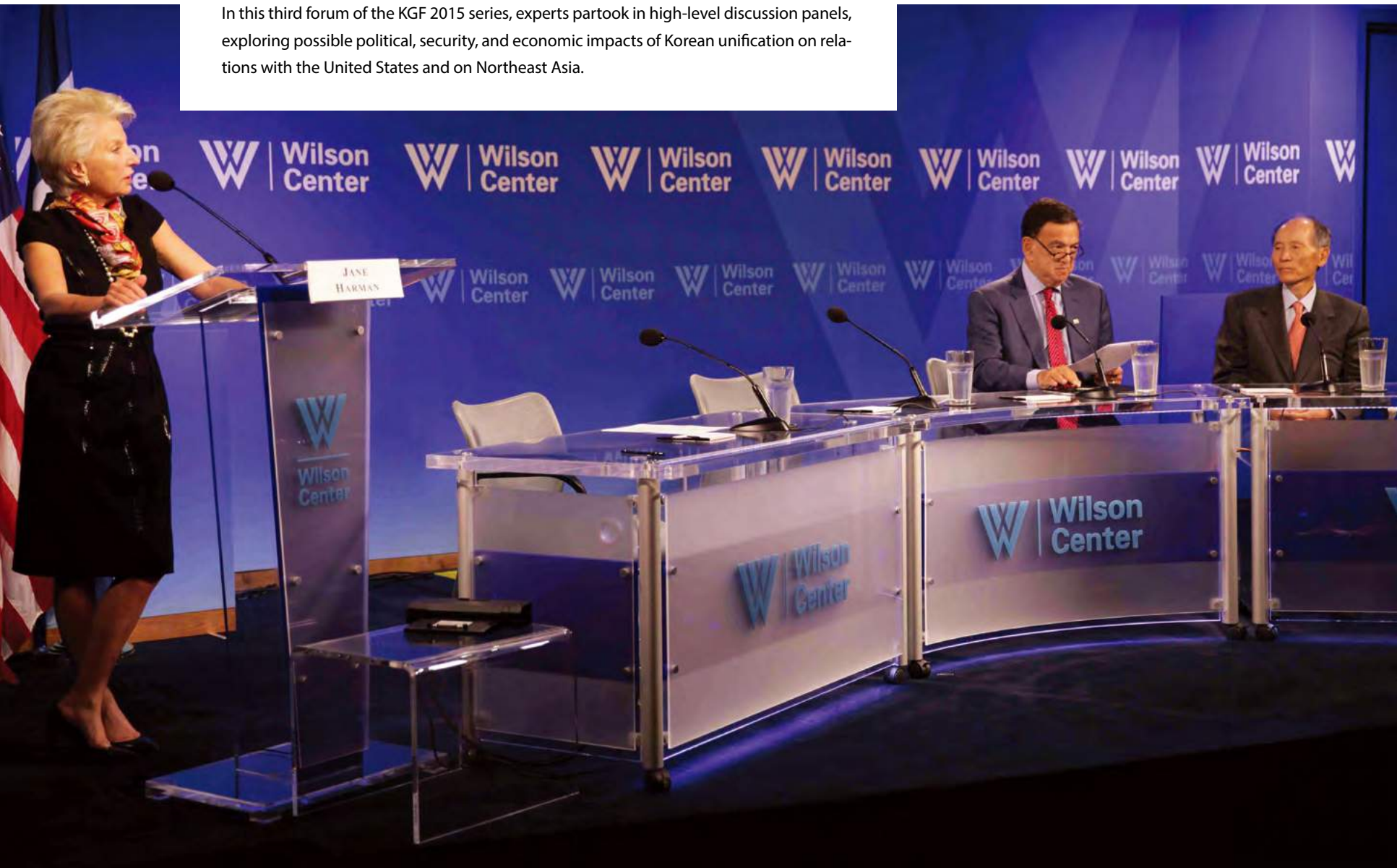
KOREA GLOBAL FORUM 2015, WASHINGTON DC: UNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, FUTURE OF NORTHEAST ASIA, AND KOREA-US COOPERATION

(Washington D.C., USA)

November 2015

Organized by IFES and hosted and sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Unification, with the cooperation of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

In this third forum of the KGF 2015 series, experts partook in high-level discussion panels, exploring possible political, security, and economic impacts of Korean unification on relations with the United States and on Northeast Asia.



- Opening Ceremony** Welcoming Remarks – Jane Harman (Director, President and CEO, Wilson Center)
Opening Remarks – Jae Kyu Park (President, Kyungnam University)
Keynote Address – Governor Bill Richardson (former Governor of New Mexico, US)
- Special Session** Speaker: Hae-sung Chun (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Unification, ROK)
- Discussion Panel 1** **The United States and Korean Unification**
Moderator: Amb. Stapleton Roy (Wilson Center)
Speakers: Peter Beck (Executive Director, International Student Conferences),
Sang-Yoon Ma (Professor, Catholic University of Korea),
Dean Ouellette (Professor, Kyungnam University),
Balbina Hwang (Professor, American University)
- Luncheon Speech** Amb. Sung Kim (Special Representative for North Korea Policy, US Department of State)
- Discussion Panel 2** **Northeast Asia and Korean Unification**
Moderator: Robert Daly (Director, Kissinger Institute for US and China)
Speakers: Amb. Stapleton Roy (Wilson Center),
Narushige Michishita (Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies [GRIPS]),
Joon Hyung Kim (Professor, Handong Global University),
Chang Hoon Cha (Professor, Pusan National University)

**IFES-RESEARCH CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES OF
WASEDA UNIVERSITY JOINT SEMINAR** (Tokyo, Japan)



June 2014
Organized by Waseda University

WORKSHOP ON NUCLEAR HISTORY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC
(Seoul, Korea)



August 2015
Organized in cooperation with the
Woodrow Wilson International Center for
Scholars

**IFES-YANBIAN UNIVERSITY-GLOBAL STRATEGIC RESEARCH
CENTER OF CASS JOINT SEMINAR** (Beijing, China)



August 2015
Organized by the Chinese Academy of
Social Sciences

**IFES-KDI SCHOOL-LIAONING ACADEMY OF SOCIAL
SCIENCES JOINT SEMINAR** (Shenyang, China)



October 2015
Organized by the KDI School

DOMESTIC CONFERENCES

During the past two years IFES hosted a number of domestic conferences, closed-door seminars, periodic workshops, monthly seminars, and colloquiums, providing various mediums for intellectual debate, discussion, and exchange of ideas between scholars, practitioners, and working-level experts.



CONFERENCE TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF NORTH KOREAN LIFE, UNKS (Seoul, Korea)



January 2014

Organized in cooperation with the
Institute for the Study of North Korean Life
(INKL) of UNKS

POLICY DEBATE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA: CHANGES OF DIPLOMACY IN EAST ASIA AND KOREA'S DIPLOMATIC RESPONSE (Seoul, Korea)



July 2014

Organized in cooperation with the
Graduate School of International Studies
and Asia-Pacific Research Center at
Hanyang University; sponsored by the
Hankyoreh and the National Research
Foundation of Korea

**CONFERENCE ON THE TRANSITION OF NORTH KOREA
AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND
PROSPECTS FOR NORTH KOREA’S TRANSITION** (Seoul, Korea)



October 2014
Organized by IFES; sponsored by the
National Research Foundation of Korea

**CONFERENCE ON NORTH KOREA’S NEW GENERATION:
THE AXIS OF REGIME PROTECTION OR REGIME CHANGE?**
(Seoul, Korea)



December 2014
Organized in cooperation with the North
Korean Social and Cultural Association

**CONFERENCE ON NORTH KOREA’S TRANSITION AND THE
‘MARKET NEW GENERATION’** (Changwon, Korea)



October 2014
Organized by IFES; sponsored by the ROK
Ministry of Unification

**CONFERENCE ON BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH
KOREA: ETHNICITY, IDEOLOGY, AND CULTURE** (Seoul, Korea)



February 2015
Organized in cooperation with the North
Korean Social and Culture Association

UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM

IFES has held the Unification Strategy Forum, which collectively discusses issues pertaining to North Korea, the unification of the Korean Peninsula, and East Asian security. The forum aims to support policymaking and policy action through cooperation with the government. It also contributes to policy development via participation of former officials. Since the forum first began, over fifty have been held and corresponding reports issued each time.



UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO. 54:
TURBULENT NORTHEAST ASIA AND PARK
GEUN-HYE'S NORTHEAST ASIA DIPLOMACY
(Seoul, Korea)

February 2014



UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO. 55:
EVALUATION OF CHANGES IN THE KIM JONG-
UN POWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTION OF
FUTURE POLICY (Seoul, Korea)

April 2014



UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO. 56:
THE TERMINAL HIGH-ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE
SYSTEM (THAAD) AND SECURITY ON THE
KOREAN PENINSULA (Seoul, Korea)

November 2014



UNIFICATION STRATEGY FORUM NO. 57:
CHALLENGES IN NORTH-SOUTH KOREAN
RELATIONS AND FINDING SOLUTIONS
(Seoul, Korea)

May 2015

IFES COLLOQUIUM

IFES Colloquium provides invited lecturers a venue to present and exchange views with IFES researchers and staff on a range of topics of current interest.



IFES COLLOQUIUM NO. 21: NATIONAL INTERESTS OF MULTI-AGENT DYNAMICS?: DRIVING FORCES BEHIND POSTWAR JAPANESE AND GERMAN POLICIES ON APOLOGY/COMPENSATION (Seoul, Korea)

July 2014

speaker – Yangmo Ku (Norwich University, USA)

IFES COLLOQUIUM NO. 22: DPRK TRIP REPORT (Seoul, Korea)

November 2014

speaker – Dean Ouellette (Kyungnam University, Korea)

IFES COLLOQUIUM NO. 23: RECENT NORTH KOREA-RUSSIA ECONOMIC COOPERATION—EVALUATION AND PROSPECTS (Seoul, Korea)

December 2014

speaker – Tae-Rim Lee (Sejong Law Firm, Korea)

IFES COLLOQUIUM NO. 24: POWER TRANSITION IN EAST ASIA (Seoul, Korea)

April 2015

speaker – Bilahari Kausikan (Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore)

IFES COLLOQUIUM NO. 25: POLITICAL SITUATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND NORTH KOREA: ANALYSIS, EVALUATION, AND PROSPECTS (Seoul, Korea)

June 2015



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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 edited by IFES in cooperation with the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University, USA, and 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.

SPECIAL ISSUES 2014 – 2015

The Sino-Japanese Dispute over the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands: Dangers and Opportunities

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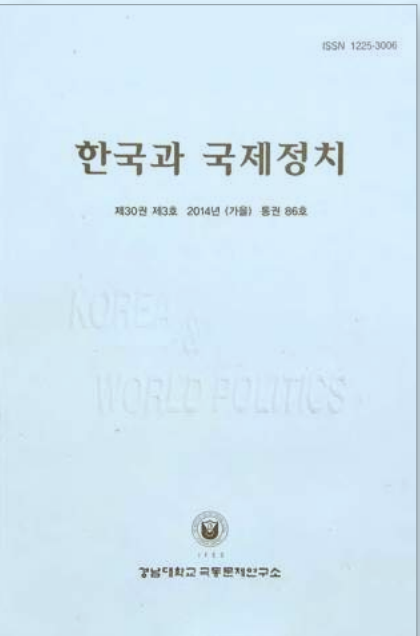
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North Korea under the Kim Jong-un Regime: Evaluation and Prospects

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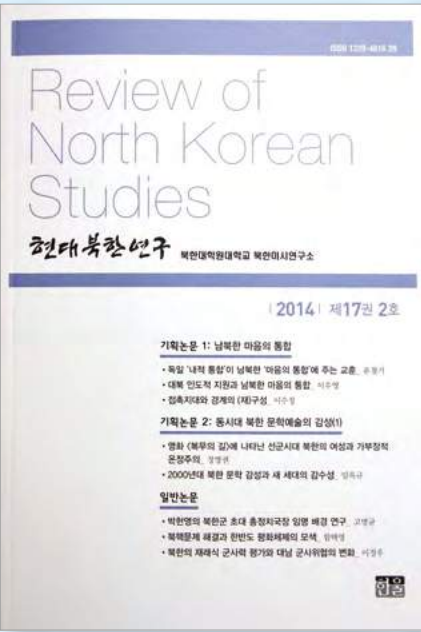
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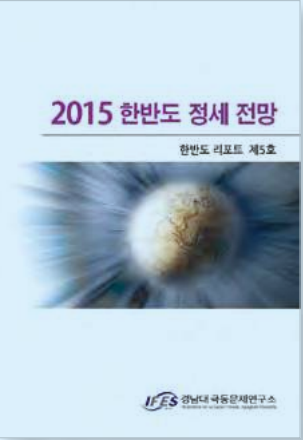
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Focus on Korean Peninsula publishes short analytical essays that are more policy-oriented, dealing with current events and timely issues affecting the Korean Peninsula and providing in-depth analysis on the affairs of the two Koreas and relations among neighboring countries. Published bi-monthly since May 2009, as of July 2014 this periodical has become a quarterly publication. 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: 2015 POLITICAL SITUATION AND OUTLOOK



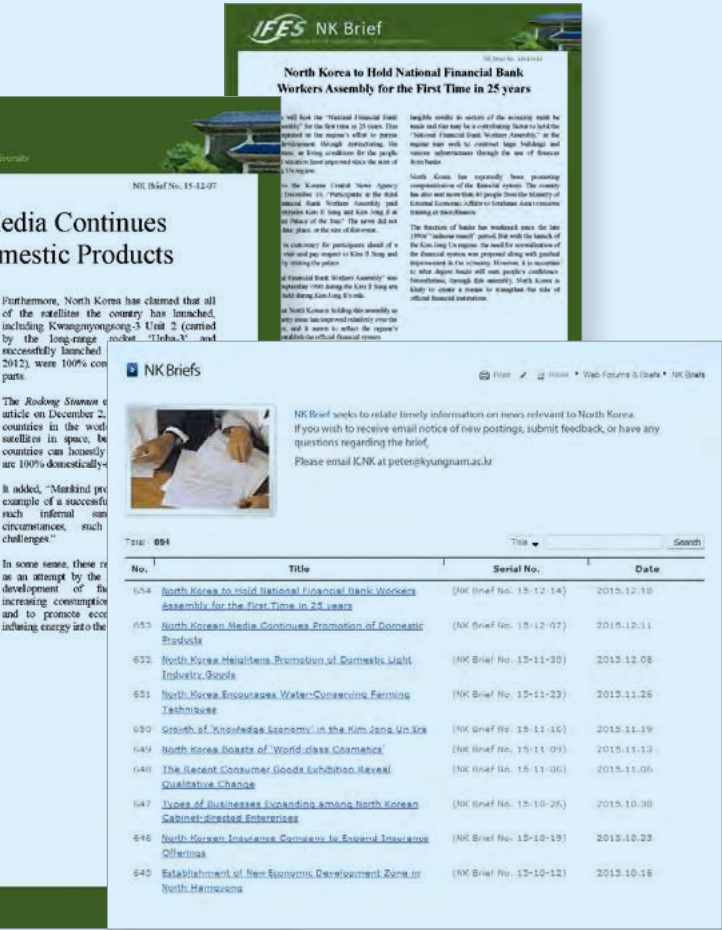
Since its establishment in 1972 IFES has strived to be a leader in research on peace and the unification of Korea. As part of our commitment to such leadership, the institute has published the *Korean Peninsula Report* every year since 2011. This annual publication aims to provide timely and accurate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



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 retrieved at the IFES website.



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.

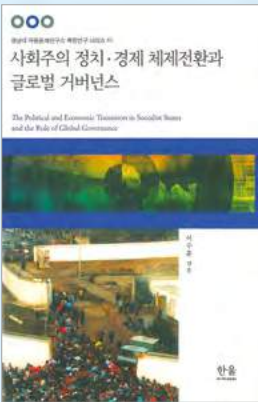


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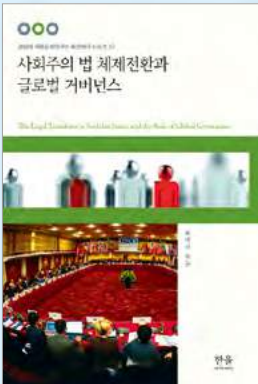
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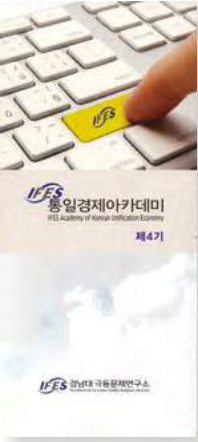
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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

IFES ACADEMY OF KOREAN UNIFICATION ECONOMY



IFES Academy of Korean Unification Economy allows business people and entrepreneurs to acquire practical knowledge about North Korea through once-a-week evening seminars, where experts and participants also share relevant knowledge and experience. This ten-week program, held during the Spring and Fall university semesters, has become a valuable means of acquiring fundamental, up-to-date, and useful information on key issues and developments. The academy was first launched in 1999 as the IFES Academy of Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation. It was given its current name in 2014 after careful assessment and revision of its program. Seminars cover topics such as economic development and reform, political power, marketization, cross-border trade and business, inter-Korean relations and cooperation, surrounding states' economic policies and strategies, sanctions, development of SEZs, foreign and domestic investment, and so forth. The academy sees 40 to 50 registered participants per session.



HANMA UNIFICATION LEADERSHIP



Hanma Unification Leadership program caters to the undergraduate and graduate students of Kyungnam University—IFES's parent institution—providing them an opportunity to deepen their understanding of North Korea and gain perspective on unification issues and society. Held every summer, the program has operated nearly 20 times since it began in 1987. Lectures for the recent programs covered aspects of Korean history, North Korean culture, division politics, and role of the youth in reunification, among other topics. Approximately 40 to 50 students participate in the program each summer.



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 from several weeks to up-to two months and that is relevant to the institute's agenda. Applications are accepted year round. Scholars are selected based on merit. Those selected are provided room and board, access to the library and its 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 setting to IFES researchers and staff.

May – August 2014

Yangmo Ku (Norwich University, USA); Project Research – National Interests or Multi-Agent Dynamics? Driving Forces behind Postwar Japanese and German Policies on Apology/Compensation

Quan Xinzi (Yanbian University, China); Project Research – Identity of Cross Border Race: Korean Chinese in Korea

Li Meihua (Yanbian University, China); Project Research – Transnational Mobility and the Patterns of Separated Families of Chinese Koreans

May – August 2015

B.G. Muhn (Georgetown University, USA); Project Research – Passion, Paradox, and Propaganda: Exploring North Korean Art and Culture through Chosonhwa

Kevin Gray (University of Sussex, UK); Project Research – Political Economy of Reform in North Korea



STRATEGIC DIALOGUES

The IFES's Strategic Dialogues seek to create robust discourse with foreign institutions and partners on issues of mutual interest, maximize synergies between institutions, and bolster expert networks.



June 2014

JAPAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Tokyo, Japan)

Closed-door panel discussions with the East Asia Trade Research Association and Association of Korean Peninsula Affairs; topics discussed – state of North Korean politics, military, and economy; Japan's right of collective self-defence

September 2014

CHINA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Beijing, China)

Closed-door seminars and discussions with several institutions including the National Institute of International Strategy of CASS, China Institute of International Studies, China Foreign Affairs University, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), and Center for the Korean Peninsular Studies of the China University of Political Science and Law; topics – regional cooperation in Northeast Asia and the Korean Peninsula, regional multilateral security structure, recent changes in the security and diplomatic environment surrounding the Korean Peninsula



October 2014

TAIWAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Taipei, Taiwan)

Meeting and closed-door discussions with experts from the leading institutes of Tamkang University and National Chengchi University; topics – Chinese politics, cross-strait relations, unification, inter alia



January 2015

CHINA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Shanghai, China)

Meetings and discussions with the Center for Korean Studies at Fudan University and the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies at Shanghai Institutes of International Studies; topics – Korea-China relations, Sino-US relations, Sino-Japan relations, Sino-DPRK relations



February 2015

JAPAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Tokyo & Niigata, Japan)

Discussions with the Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA) and various Japanese experts of Korean Peninsular affairs; topics – Korean Peninsular affairs, situation in North Korea, Tumen River Region development



October 2015

CHINA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (Dandong, China)

Meetings and discussions with Liaoning Academy of Social Sciences; topics – recent changes in North Korea, Sino-DPRK border trade, inter alia



ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND EXCHANGES



April 2014

Signing of MOU with the KDI School of Public Policy and Management (Korea)



April 2014

Signing of MOU with College of Economics and Management of Yanbian University (China)



September 2014

Signing of MOU with the Asia-Pacific and Global Strategy Research Center of CASS (China)



October 2014

Signing of MOU with the Continental Research Institute of Tamkang University (Taiwan)



March 2015

Signing of MOU with Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA) (Japan)



April 2015

Signing of MOU with Korea Peninsula Institute of Eastern Liaoning University (China)



November 2015

Signing of MOU with Embassy of Canada in Korea

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS SEMINARS



August 2014
Seminar No. 92
Hirai Hisashi (Kyodo News of Japan); topic
– Present Conditions of North Korea-Japan
Negotiations after the Inauguration of the
New Abe Government



September 2014
Seminar No. 93
Lutz Rathenow (Research Officer in Saxony for
German Stasi, Germany); topic – The State of
Security of the GDR: Ways to Deal with the Past



October 2014
Seminar No. 94
Wakabayashi Hiroyuki (Association of Study
on East Asia Commerce and Trade, Japan);
topic – The Change and Prospect of Recent
North Korea-Japan Relations



October 2014
Seminar No. 95
Yoo Byeong-Ho (North Korea-China Exchange
Center, Dalian University, China); topic –
Investigation on the Leadership of Kim Jong-Un



November 2014
Seminar No. 96
Kim Miryung (Free University of Brussels,
Belgium); topic – North Korea Policy of the EU



March 2015
Seminar No. 97
Mimura Mitsuhiro (Economic Research
Institute for Northeast Asia [ERINA]); topic –
Recent Economic Trends in the Tumen River
Basin and North Korean Development



April 2015
Seminar No. 98
Bang Su-Ok (Fudan University, China); topic
– New Foreign Policy Ideology and South
Korean Policy in the Xi Jinping Era



May 2015
Seminar No. 100
Francis Fukuyama (Stanford University); topic
– US-China Relations and the Unification of
the Korean Peninsula



September 2015
Seminar No. 102
Stefan Wolle (DDR Museum, Germany); topic
– The View of Germany on the Anniversary of
the German Unification



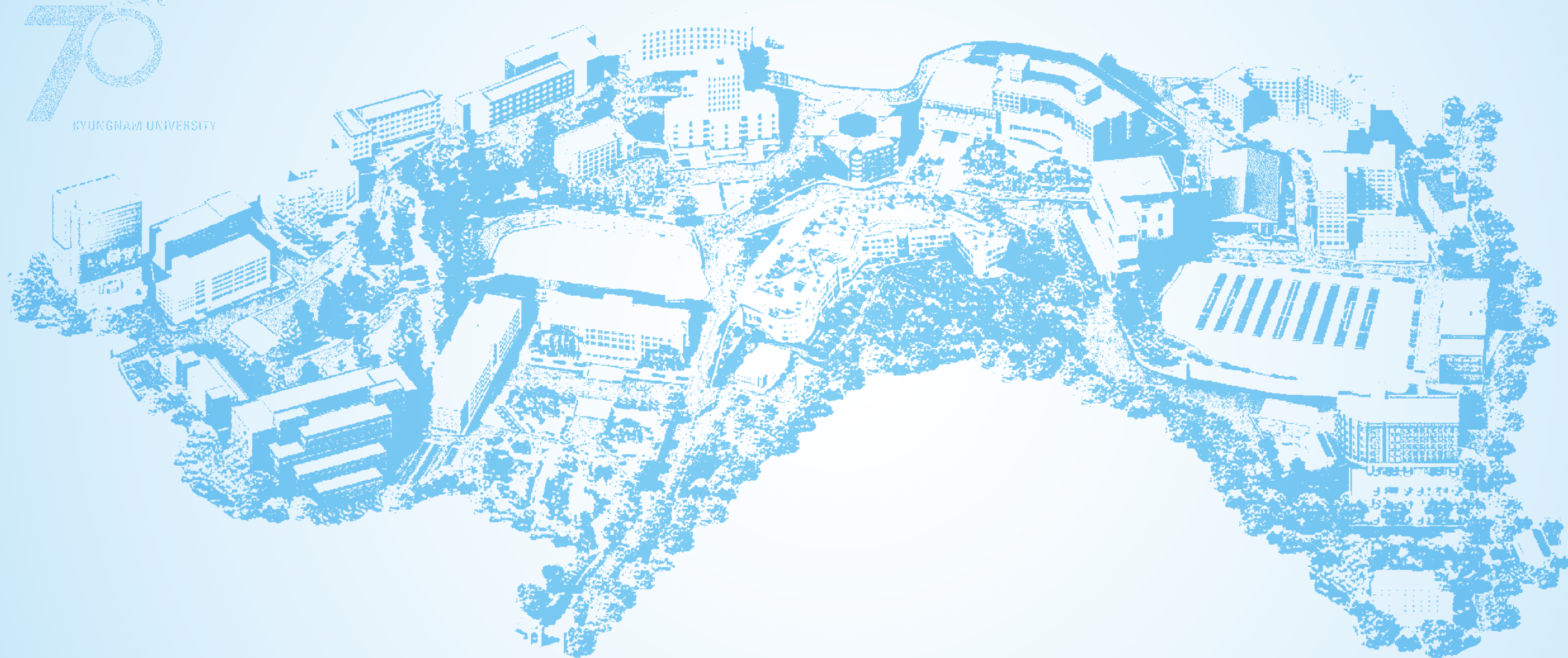
April 2015
Seminar No. 99
Ulrich Neiman (Friedrich Naumann Foundation,
Germany); topic – The Euro Crisis



June 2015
Seminar No. 101
Moon Beom-Gang (Georgetown University);
topic – Pyongyang: Through the Lens of
Contemporary Fine Arts



October 2015
Seminar No. 103
Wang Sheng (Jilin University, China); topic
– China Strategy toward South Korea in the
Context of Geopolitical Return





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