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Kyungnam University jointly held the '2022 Peace Forum' as a webinar with Soka University of Japan and the Chinese Culture University of Taiwan



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1. Academic Activities

- November 8, 2022, IFES-WWICS Colloquium Sponsored by Ministry of Unification

Held under the title, "Avoiding Meltdowns and Blackouts: Confidence-building in Inter-Korean Engagement in Nuclear Safety and Energy Development," this expert discussion explored key opportunities and challenges in inter-Korean energy engagement on the Korean Peninsula.

The first session, "Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Safety on the Korean Peninsula," featured presentations from nuclear experts Man-Sung Yim (KAIST), Ho-Ki Kim (Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety and Technology), and Francesca Giovannini (Nuclear Management Project, Harvard Kennedy School). The second session, "Nuclear Nonproliferation and Its Implications for the Future," featured presentations from renowned nuclear and nonproliferation specialists Siegfried Hecker (Texas A&M University) and Jeffrey Lewis (East Asia Nonproliferation Project, Middlebury Institute of International Studies).

- November 18, 2022, '2022 Peace Forum' Co-hosted by Kyungnam University, Soka University, and Chinese Culture University

This forum was held under the title "U.S.-China Strategic Competition and Its Impact: Perspectives from Korea, Japan, and Taiwan." In the first session, "U.S.-China Competition and Its Impact on East Asia: A Korean Perspective," Professor Young Joon Choi (IFES) presented, with Professors Minoru Koide (Soka University) and Huang Longyang (Chinese Culture University) providing discussion. The second session featured a presentation from Soka University professor Ulv Hanssen on "The Positive Consequences of Great Power Détente: The Case of the Normalization of North Korea-Sweden Relations in 1973," which

was then discussed by Professors Dong-Yub Kim (UNKS) and Wei Chia-yin (Chinese Culture University). In the third session, Professor Wang Shun-wen (Chinese Culture University) made a presentation titled "U.S.-China Competition and Its Impact on East Asia: A Narrative Analysis of Leaders," with Amb. Shin Bong-Gil (Distinguished Professor, UNKS) and Professor Wolf Hansen (Soka University) providing discussion.

■ November 25, 2022, The Seminar on Exploring the Development Directions for North Korean Administration Research

In this seminar, paper presentations exploring the development of research on North Korean administration were provided by Young Joon Choi (Professor, IFES: "The Current Status and Development Plan of North Korean Administration Research"), Gilho Jeong (former Chairman, North Korean Social Administration Research Institute: "Results, Retrospectives, and Prospects of Research Activities on North Korean Administration"), and Jiho Ahn (Senior Researcher, Goyang Institute of Municipal Affairs: "Seeking to Improve the Research Environment of North Korean Administration"). Professors Heon Joo Jung (Yonsei University), Yujin Choi (Ewha Woman's University), and Hee-Jae Lee (Changwon University) participated in the panel discussions.

2. Publications

■ November 9, 2022, Publication of "Research on the Current Status of North Korean Administration, and Development Plan" (Professor Young Joon Choi)

This study analyzes 826 academic papers considered suitable to North Korean administration studies that were listed in the (Korean) National Research Foundation's Korean Citation Index (KCI) as of August 2022. The study evaluates the reasons for

public administration scholars' lack of research on North Korean administration, and suggests ways to develop this research area.

- November 9, 2022, Publication of "Significance, Evaluation and Prospects of the 20th Party Congress of the Communist Party of China (10.16.-22.)"

In this publication, China experts Lee Sang-man (IFES), Cho Hyun-Tae (National Interest Office, Institute for National Security Strategy), Jae-woo Joo (China Market Research Institute, KOTRA), Yunmi Chang (Dongseo University), and Young Hee Chang (Sungkyunkwan University) take a sectoral approach to evaluating the recently held 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and provide forecasts of its impacts.

- November 30, 2022, Publication of "Understanding North Korean Socialist Psychology" (Professor Hyung-Jong Lee)

This book analyzes the changes and limitations in North Korea's rendering of socialist psychology from Korean liberation in 1945 to 2000. The author points out that North Korean socialist psychology has strong ideological characteristics reconstructed around Juche ideology, and predicts its gradual decline in favor of a more modern form of psychology as seen in the West.

3. The 14th Academy of Unification Economy

Under the banner title, "Searching for New Inter-Korean Relations in an Era of Economic Security," the 14th Academy of Unification Economy held lectures from September to December. As lecturers, experts such as Bae Young-Ja (Professor, Konkuk University), Lee Wang-Hui (Professor, Ajou University), Kim Kye-Hwan (Director, Industrial and Trade Research Division, Industrial Research Institute), and Mansoo Jee (Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Finance) shared their expertise with the academy participants.

4. Notice

- 2022 Korean Online Open Course (K-MOOC, www.kmooc.kr),
October to December

(1) History Perception and Reconciliation in East Asia (Professors Sang-Man Lee and Jin-Goo Cho)

(2) War and Peace (Professors Byong-Chul Lee, Jaewook Chung, and Sang Bum Kim)

(3) Global Issues and Global Citizenship (Professors Seohwa Park and Miri Moon)

- Information materials from US-based NK Pro (www.nknews.org/pro)
made available from November

Since November, materials from the US-based 'NK Pro' have been made available to IFES/UNKS faculty, staff, students, and registered membership holders who visit the institute's library.

- Purchase of educational materials (DVDs) such as North Korean textbooks published in 2015~2016

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