

## OVERVIEW OF THE SEMINAR

World is fluctuating with various confrontations and conflicts. Russia's armed invasion against Ukraine, against initial expectation, is still ongoing. On top of it, Israel-Hamas war has broken out shocking the whole world. It is no exaggeration to say that these confrontations and wars have been having serious effects across the world. This reminds us of the close interconnection of global world. Likewise, inter-Korean issues can never be overlooked in any region of the world. It is not just regional but global geo-political factor which can impact the whole world including Europe devastatingly with North Korea's nuclear activities.

Korea, the only remaining divided country in the world, is held back by the nuclear issue. Without solving this issue, it is impossible to have stable and permanent peace in North East Asia and further it will remain as globally grave instability factor. South Korean government, facing directly North Korean nuclear threats, is continuing efforts to bring North Korea into dialogue and achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula. In addition, the leaders of the U.S., Japan and South Korea presented a united front on the occasion of their historical trilateral summit at Camp David last August. They said, "We reaffirm our commitment to the complete denuclearization of North Korea in accordance with relevant UN resolutions and urge North Korea to abandon its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Against this backdrop, it would be meaningful to hear of what is going on the Korean peninsula including South Korea's strategy and plan to bring peace to the peninsula, major power's stances and EU's role. In addition, it could be a timely occasion to hear of the meaning of the spirit and principle of Camp David summit. For this purpose, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea Bonn Office would like to hold a seminar in cooperation with Academy of International Affairs NRW and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung under the theme, 'What are the challenges and opportunities in inter-Korean relation?' Please don't hesitate to join us, which will make this seminar more meaningful.

Seminar on the future of inter-Korean relations

# What are the challenges and opportunities in inter-Korean relations?

Monday, 20 November 2023, 10:00-13:10

Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn  
(Ahrstr. 45, 53175 Bonn)



# PROGRAM

**Moderator:** Dr. Katja Freistein, Academy of International Affairs NRW

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**09:30-10:00** Registration

**10:00-10:10** Welcoming Remarks & Greetings

- » Seungjae Huh, Consul General of Embassy of Republic of Korea, Bonn Office
- » Prof. Dr. Frank Rövekamp, Director of the East Asia Institute of the Ludwigshafen University of Applied Sciences

## SESSION 1

**10:10-11:30** PRESENTATION

- » **Evaluation on North Korea's nuclear development & ROK's new policy of Inter-Korean relations** by Dr. Uk YANG, Asan Institute
- » **Perspectives and strategies of neighboring powers on Korean peninsula after Camp David summit** by Prof. Sukhoon HONG, Changwon National University
- » **Perspectives of relations between North Korea, China and Russia after Camp David summit** by Prof. Daekwon SON, Sogang University

Discussion

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**11:30-11:50** Recess

## SESSION 2

**11:50-13:10** PRESENTATION

- » **Inter-Korean relations from EU perspective** by Dr. Heekyoung CHANG, University of Duisburg-Essen
- » **North Korea and the rules-based international society: practices, problems and perspectives** by Prof. Remco BREUKER, Leiden University

Discussion and Q&A

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**Discussants**

- » Prof. Dr. Frank Rövekamp, *East Asia Institute of the Ludwigshafen University of Applied Sciences*
- » Prof. Dr. Hannes Mosler, *Institute of East Asian Studies and Institute of Political Science*
- » Ms. Minjee Kim, *Ruhr University*

*All the audience are kindly invited to lunch after the seminar*

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