

OVERVIEW OF THE SEMINAR

Korea - the only remaining divided nation in the world, held back by the nuclear issue. It seems like a task so far out of our grasp. Yet can South Korea and North Korea, as Germany did, actually achieve unification? With the adoption of the Panmunjeom Declaration by the leaders of the South and the North in 2018 and the Singapore Declaration between the leaders of the North and the US, there was an unprecedented level of hope. However, when the 2019 Hanoi Summit between the North and the US ended without yielding any concrete results, followed by provocations such as the demolishing of the Inter-Korean Liaison Office, inter-Korean relations once again fell into a stalemate. It was like a repetition of the cycle of great hopes followed by setbacks.

Against this backdrop, how do the Korean people feel about unification? And how do academics in Germany view the Korean government's policy towards the North? With the intensifying competition between the US and China since 2017, what role can powerful nations - such as the EU, the US, and China - play for the sake of North-South reconciliation and bringing lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula? Could the end-of-war declaration recently proposed by President Moon be the key to establishing a peace regime on the Korean Peninsula?

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Bonn Office will convene a seminar on 29 November 2021 (Monday) dealing with Denuclearization and the Establishment of Peace on the Korean Peninsula at Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn. It will be attended by researchers from the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU), outstanding scholars from leading universities in Germany and Belgium, as well as figures from the media. Your participation would be deeply appreciated. In this way, we hope that you may gain an even deeper understanding of the issue of Korean unification and its meaning for Northeast Asia and, indeed, the international landscape.



Seminar

Can Unification be achieved on the Korean Peninsula?

Date: 29 Nov. 2021 (Mon) 15:00~17:45

Venue: Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn (Ahrstr. 45, 53175 Bonn)

Language: English

Mode: Hybrid



PROGRAM

- 14:30-15:00** Registration
- 15:00-15:05** Opening Address by Yu-hwan Koh, President of Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU) - read by Dr. Sang Sin Lee
- 15:05-15:10** Welcome Address by Seungjae Huh, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Bonn Office
- 15:10-15:15** Congratulatory Remarks by Prof. Dr. Tilman Mayer, President, International Club La Redoute, Professor for Political Theory, History of Ideas and Contemporary History at the Institute of Political Science and Sociology, University of Bonn

Moderator: Prof. Sukhee Han

Professor and Director of Center for International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul,
Director of Kim Dae-Jung Presidential Library and Museum

SESSION 1: South Korea's Perception and Policy on North Korea and Unification

- 15:15-15:35** PRESENTATION
- "South Korea's Political Psychology toward Unification and North Korea" by Dr. Sang Sin Lee, Director/Research Fellow, KINU
- "Challenges and Opportunities of South Korea's Policy toward North Korea" by Prof. Dr. Hannes Mosler, Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) and Institute of Political Science (IFP)
- 15:35-15:55** DISCUSSION
- Alexander Freund, Managing Editor of Science, Business and Environment Department, DW (Deutsche Welle)
- 15:55-16:15** Coffee Break

SESSION 2: The Key Powers' Role in Korean Unification under US-China Competition

- 16:15-16:35** PRESENTATION
- "Peace and Prosperity in East Asia under US-China Strategic Competition" by Dr. Jae-Young Lee, Deputy Director/ Research Fellow, KINU
- "Korean Reconciliation and Unification: What role for Europe?" by Dr. Ramon Pacheco Pardo, KF-VUB Korea Chair, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Professor in International Relations, King's College London
- 16:35-16:55** DISCUSSION
- Prof. Dr. Maximilian Mayer, Junior-Professor, International Relations and Global Politics of Technology, University of Bonn
- Dr. Hee Kyoung Chang, Lecturer, Institute of Political Science(IFP), University of Duisburg-Essen

SESSION 3: Discussion

- 16:55-17:40** Q&A
- 17:40-17:45** End of Seminar

Dinner

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Registration

The event is a hybrid conference with onsite and online participation. Onsite participation at Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn is by invitation only. For online participation, please register here: <https://bit.ly/3o7Hdnp>

